Purple Ribbon 2026

Who are we?

Our Mission

The Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence is a statewide, nonprofit organization and coalition of organizations, groups and individuals that strives to promote conditions that prevent and eliminate domestic violence by educating its members and community partners; providing informational resources to the community; and advocating as a strong, unified voice for victims/survivors of domestic violence, children who are affected, domestic violence programs and victim service providers.

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What's on the agenda?

5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

- Check-in & Networking
- Music by Paul Sedacca
- Food and Drinks - *Dinner buffet opens at 6:00 p.m.*
- Basket Auction sales- *Auction closes at 6:45 p.m.*

7 p.m. – 7:40 p.m. *Dessert trays delivered to the tables at 7:00 p.m.*

- Welcome, *April Lyons-Alls, DCADV Board Chair*
- Acknowledgments, *Sue Ryan, DCADV Executive Director*
- Introduction of Corporate Citizenship award winner, *Blanche Creech*
- Corporate Citizenship Award winner, ***Delaware Womenade***
- Introduction of Spirit of Advocacy award winner, *Crystal Pitts*
- Spirit of Advocacy Award winner, ***Bettina Jones***
- Introduction of Vision of Peace award winner, *Mackenzie Sockriter*
- *Vision of Peace Award winner,* ***Ria Wallace***
- Closing Remarks, *Ann Altemus, PRE Planning Committee Chair*

7:40 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

- Did you win a Basket Auction prize? Check the list of winners and pick up your prize!
- Networking



Sue Ryan, Executive Director

Dear Friends:
Thank you for being part of Purple Ribbon 2026! This event is a heartfelt gathering of domestic violence advocates, community and system partners, member programs, funders, and individual supporters. It is an opportunity to come together as friends, colleagues, and fellow members to acknowledge our shared commitment to ending and preventing domestic violence.

DCADV extends enduring gratitude to domestic violence advocates, shelter staff, case managers, community health workers, therapists, first responders, victim services, and survivors. Thank you for your dedication, courage, hard work, and generosity.

DCADV deeply appreciates our member programs and community partners for their collaboration with the Coalition! We are also so very grateful to our individual supporters and to all who share our commitment to ending and preventing domestic violence.

Enjoy the evening!

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Delaware Womenade, Inc. is a grassroots local women's non-profit organization whose mission is to support women and their children who are victims and survivors of domestic violence. We also provide necessary funding for current and former foster youth within the Independent Living Program to become self-sufficient and live independently. We accomplish these efforts through monetary donations and contributions of much needed items.

Our support provides critically necessary funding throughout the year to empower these families to find their path forward towards growth and independence. Often these families arrive at a shelter with their belongings in trash bags. They are fleeing for their safety from the torment of domestic abuse.

During the year we meet often to raise awareness, funds, and in-kind contributions. Our fundraising events include tennis and pickleball socials, a Holiday Wish Drive, and the largest fundraiser, our Annual Games Day. Our hope is, through all these donations we will make a difference to this critical need in our area. Beyond our contributions, the true impact on the lives of those who need the help, and the commitment of our group, are immeasurable.

We partner with organizations such as People's Place, a non-profit organization in Milford DE. They operate three domestic violence shelters for women and children in Sussex and Kent Counties. Our partnership now includes their Independent Living Program.

Our mission is to inspire these families and youth, to transition into their next phase of growth and independence safely.

SPIRIT OF ADVOCACY 2026



Bettina Jones is a Licensed Masters Social Worker in the State of Delaware. She earned a Bachelor of Social Work from Shippensburg University. Bettina has been with the Delaware Department of Justice for over 36 years, where she is currently a Victim Service Specialist Supervisor with the Domestic Violence Unit.

Bettina has extensive experience serving children and adult victims in multiple court jurisdictions. Prior to joining the DOJ, Bettina was with Delaware Child Protective Services, the South Philadelphia Community Center, Philadelphia, PA and Dauphin Residencies, Inc., Harrisburg PA. Awards include being recognized as an Outstanding Professional by the Crime Victims' Rights Week Task Force (April 2020).

VISION OF PEACE 2026



Ria Wallace has dedicated much of her career to understanding intimate partner and family violence, bringing that knowledge into community supervision and highlighting the unique role Probation and Parole can play in accountability, intervention, and victim safety.

A Senior Probation and Parole Officer with the Delaware Department of Correction, Ria has served as a sworn law enforcement officer since 2012 and as a Kent County Domestic Violence Officer since 2014. Her work begins with an understanding that the people assigned to her caseload are more than a case number. Each person carries a history and a story that can never be captured in a file. Her ability to connect with probationers, justice-involved victims, and survivors allows her to approach each person with empathy, understanding, and a focus on rehabilitation and safety.

Ria has dedicated years to learning about victimology and the complexities of domestic violence from experts in Delaware and across the country. She has applied that knowledge to specialized, victim-centered supervision practices focused on meaningful intervention, behavior change, and preventing further harm.

That perspective has also carried into legislative and policy conversations. During Delaware's probation reform efforts in 2024 and 2025, surrounding Senate Bill 4 and later Senate Bill 8, Ria worked with legislators and Delaware's domestic violence community to help keep the safety of victims at the forefront as changes to probation policy and practice were considered.

She was later selected to serve on the Governor-elect's Care and Community Actions Policy Transition Committee, where she highlighted systemic needs in Delaware's response to domestic violence and recommended expanded training across the justice system in victimology, domestic violence dynamics, and evidence-based practices, with particular attention to how system responses and decisions can impact victim safety.

Sharing the role Probation and Parole can play in addressing domestic violence has become another meaningful part of her work. She has been invited to present at the Delaware Law Enforcement Domestic Violence Conference, the Annual Victim Advocates Conference, and Domestic Violence 101, where her passion comes through in the knowledge, experience, and perspective she shares. She has also had opportunities to guest speak with criminal justice students at Delaware State University, Wilmington University, and NOBLE's student chapter, bringing that perspective to future criminal justice professionals.

Her dedication extends beyond her caseload. Whether someone crosses her path by chance, is referred by someone who knows her work, or reaches out for help, she offers information, support, and resources to help them find safety. For Ria, this is not simply what she does for a living; it is part of how she moves through the world.

When Ria speaks about why she does this work, she describes it simply: to be a voice when a victim has lost their own, to provoke meaningful change in those who have caused harm, and to remain unwavering in her commitment to victim and public safety.



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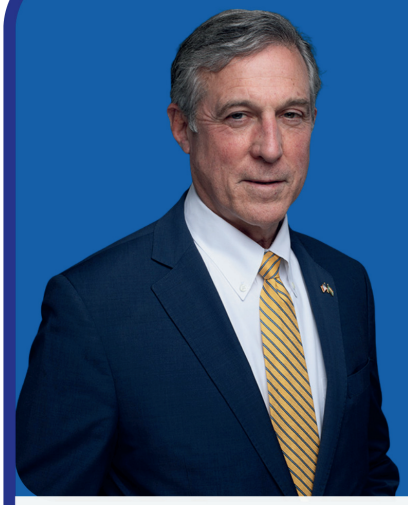
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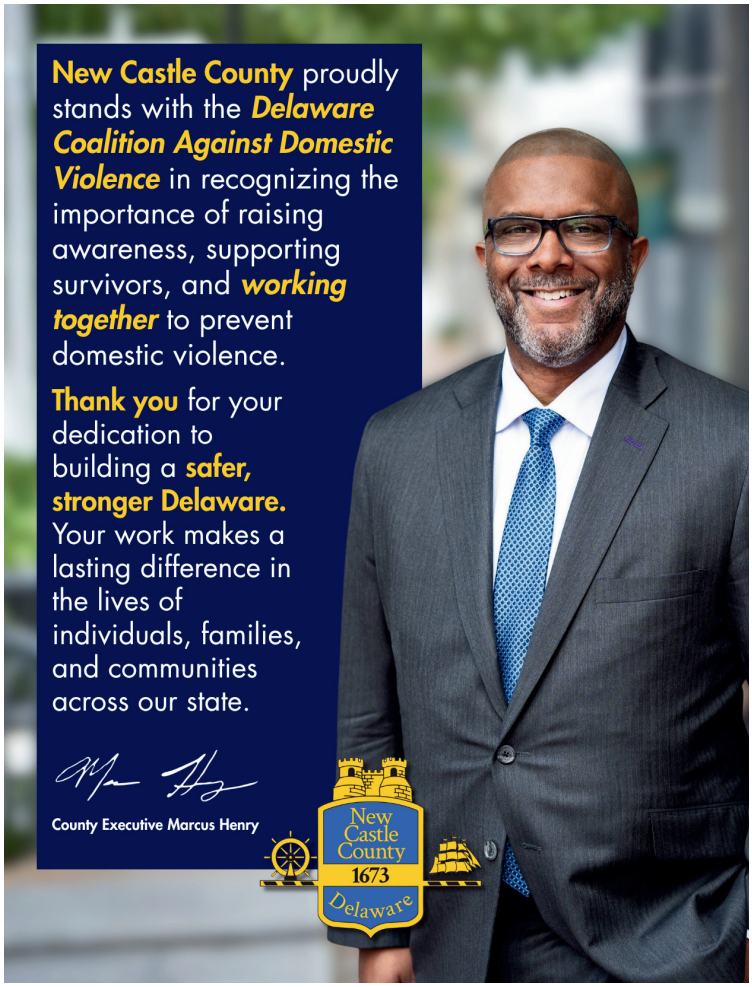
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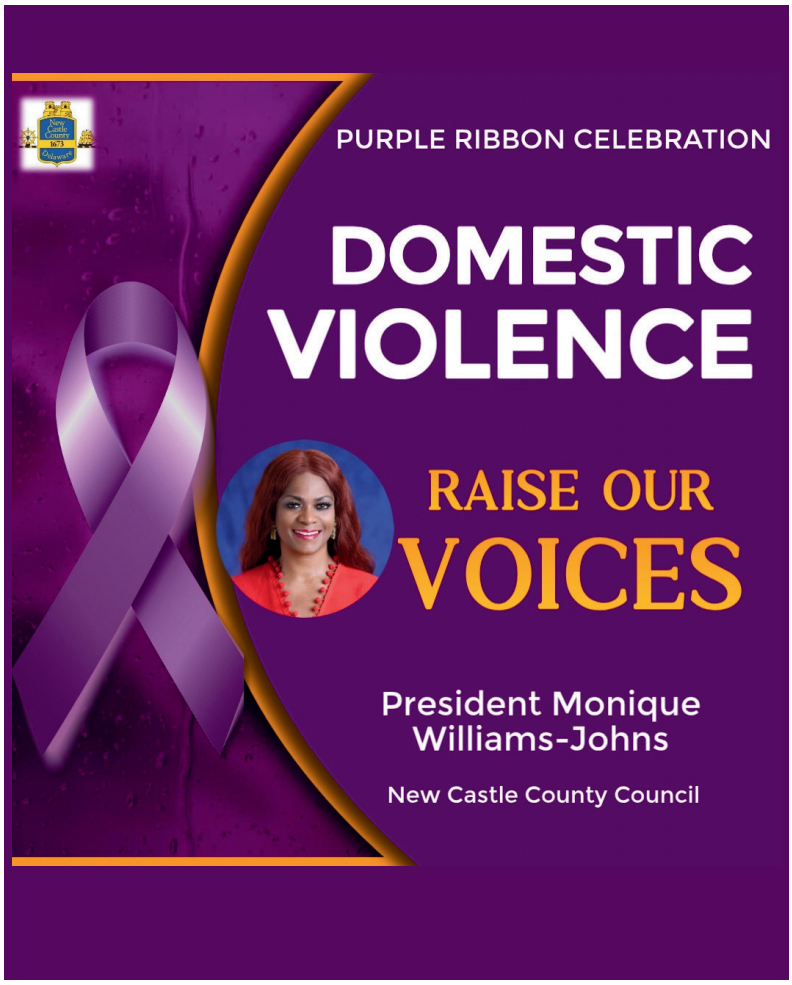
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Speaker Melissa Minor-Brown proudly recognizes the Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence (DCADV) for its leadership in supporting survivors, preventing domestic violence, and strengthening communities across Delaware.

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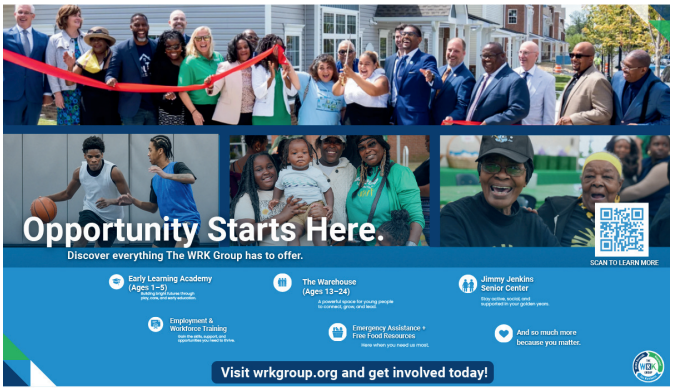
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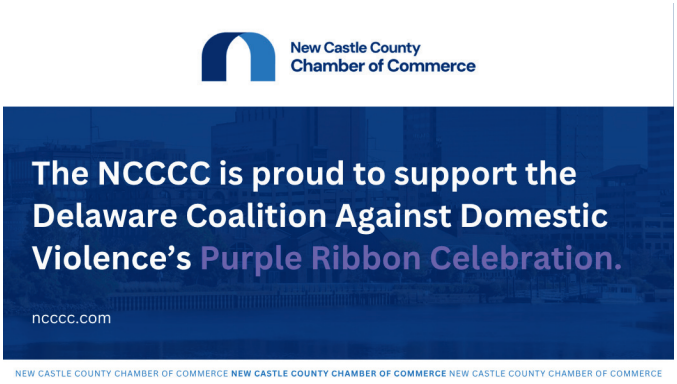


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