

September 2020



PURPLE RIBBON VIRTUAL CELEBRATION OCT. 1, 2020!

The Purple Ribbon Celebration is DCADV's annual awareness event held each October during National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This year, members from our community, survivors, service providers, advocates and friends will gather virtually to celebrate our partnership and shared work to prevent and end domestic violence. We will also hear from the Vision of Peace, Spirit of Advocacy, and Corporate Citizenship Award Winners!

Visit www.dcadv.org/pre for more information and to purchase your tickets. Tickets are \$25 or add on a yearly membership for \$50.



CHECK OUT THE PURPLE RIBBON BASKET RAFFLE AT WWW.DCADV.ORG/PRE!

We have reading baskets, arts & crafts, games galore, fun stuff for kids, hair products and movie night, just to name a few! Take a look at the different items, buy your chances, and let us know which items you have selected. Good luck!

The online basket auction will run until Oct. 15th. Winners will be notified on Oct. 16th. Share with your friends and family!



A NOTE FROM SUE



Dear Friends:

These past six months of COVID19 have revealed painful inequities in our health, economic and social networks. What we are witnessing is a call for change, at the very foundation of our communities.

As we collectively grieve those we have lost to the virus, we are also shaken by the sheer number of families who are now struggling to feed their children. Long lines at food banks have revealed the breadth of poverty in America. Over 38 million Americans live below the poverty line; this crushing statistic has become all too real during this pandemic. The virus has ripped through a fragile community safety net, leaving many to wonder if they will soon be homeless. There have been federal assistance plans, but these are stop gap, temporary, and they fail to get to the root of economic justice.

Economic justice – what exactly does that mean? It means wages that are livable and fair, housing that is affordable and safe, employment practices that value the employees as much as the profit. This is not the language of some sort of propaganda or socialist movement, rather this is the American dream. We have been raised on this dream: work hard, save money, buy a house, put your kids through school, retire well. But, our economic structures have made this dream a reality for only a few.

The virus has also revealed health inequities. People of Color have been disproportionately impacted by COVID19, exposing long-term inequities in social determinants of health, such as poverty, discrimination and access to healthcare. This is not an accident, but the heartbreaking outcome of years of racial and social injustice.

What does all of this have to do with domestic violence? Everything. Domestic violence is rooted in power imbalances and social inequities. Intimate Partner Violence is not an accident, it is the painful outcome of racism, sexism, gender bias, poverty, and broken families.

What can we do to address intimate partner violence? We can prevent it. We do this by first acknowledging it exists and then getting involved. Everyone can play a part in preventing intimate partner violence. We engage as we can, with earnestness and the belief that if we make racial and social justice a priority then we can make a genuine change.

In closing, as we all continue to respond to COVID19, I want to acknowledge the courage and perseverance of all of the victims and survivors, domestic violence advocates, victim services agencies, court personnel, system partners, first responders – thank you for your commitment, your giving spirit and bravery during this extraordinary health crisis. Be safe!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sue Ryan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sue Ryan
Executive Director
DCADV

VISION OF PEACE

We are pleased to announce the recipient of this year's Vision of Peace Award:
Marki B. Mosley!

The Vision of Peace Award is presented by DCADV to individuals who have demonstrated leadership and sustained commitment in their efforts to end domestic violence. Awardees are recognized for their significant contributions in the areas of policy, services, or social change advocacy that have led to enhanced safety for victims/survivors of domestic violence and increased offender accountability. These contributions may include changes in laws or policies, increased resources and support for domestic violence services, program innovations, greater public awareness, or efforts toward primary prevention and social change.

SPIRIT OF ADVOCACY

We are pleased to announce the recipient of this year's Spirit of Advocacy Award:
Sherri R. Akil!

The Spirit of Advocacy Award is presented by DCADV to advocates whose work with and on behalf of victims of domestic violence is infused with the core principles of empowerment advocacy. These principles include a deep sense of empathy for those who are abused, a willingness to challenge existing systems, a belief in the strength and enduring capacity of the human spirit, and a commitment to social change at both the individual and societal level. Advocates are the "voice" for those who cannot always speak for themselves. This award honors those voices.

CORPORATE CITIZENSHIP

We are pleased to announce the recipient of this year's Corporate Citizenship Award:
Hakuna Hospitality Group!

The Corporate Citizenship award is presented to an employer that has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to preventing domestic violence and/or supporting First State victims and survivors. This may include, but are not limited to, training its human resource staff to support victims, holding fundraising events to support domestic violence programs, a bank that is flexible in its requirements when providing loans to victims of domestic violence, or a business that donates products or services to support local domestic violence shelters.

Join us on Oct. 1 as we hear from our award winners!

Visit www.dcadv.org/pre for tickets.

ADVOCACY & POLICY UPDATE

Racial Equity and Social Justice Policy Advocacy

Delaware legislators and justice leaders are focusing attention on racial disparity within law enforcement and our state institutions. In June, [Senate Bill 260](#) was passed and created a Law Enforcement Accountability Task Force and the African American Task Force. DCADV has advocated for members of our service community to be part of the Task Forces and the debate. We believe that survivors experiences and concerns need to be part of this study. The work of these Task Forces will result in the development of important recommendations for law enforcement and state institutions, but that can only happen if we all weigh in and engage in these important discussions.

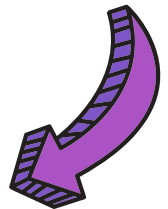
DCADV and member programs will be tracking the progress of these Task Forces and advocating for improvements and change. We hope that you will as well. It will take all of our voices. To learn more about the work of the Task Forces, go to the [General Assembly](#) webpage. You can view live and previously recorded meetings at the [General Assembly's YouTube Channel](#).

Over the next few months DCADV will share information about the work of the Task Forces, but we will also be seeking your thoughts and input as we explore ways to create a more equitable and just Delaware.

PREVENTION UPDATE

DCADV's Prevention Team offers insight and information about the connection between economic justice and domestic/sexual violence prevention. Check out the link below for an educational piece from DCADV staff members Cierra Bryant, Nikki Kress, and Brooke Ophardt.

[How can economic justice efforts lead to the prevention of sexual and domestic violence?](#)



TRAINING & OUTREACH UPDATE

Upcoming Webinar on October 6th!

Stalking is a complex and dynamic crime that often escalates into more serious violence, including homicide. This webinar workshop will address the definition of stalking, highlighting the contextual elements, the dynamics and risks with a focus on the intersection of stalking and domestic violence, how technology is used by stalkers, and safety strategies. The webinar is designed for victims of stalking, advocates, attorneys, first responders and victim service providers.

Presenters:

- Sue Ryan, Executive Director, DCADV
- Brooke Ophardt, Training & Prevention Specialist, DCADV



JOIN US AS A MEMBER

Financial support from people like you helps us continue our good work!



We can't do our work without **YOU!** Now more than ever we need individuals to help support the mission and philosophy of the Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence and who want to help create a less violent world by becoming a supporting member through a tax-deductible contribution. Visit www.dcadv.org to join us now!

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Membership Benefits

Membership within a statewide coalition working to end domestic violence

Early notification and registration for DCADV events

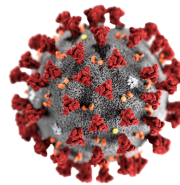
Discounted price for DCADV events, trainings, and conferences

Invitation to our Annual Meeting which is held in December of each year and name recognition in annual report.

Membership fee is 100% tax deductible and 100% of the fee directly supports the work of DCADV

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Want to know what the Coalition is up to? Follow us on Facebook and Twitter for the latest and greatest!



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You are not alone.



If you or someone you know is in a dangerous or unhealthy relationship, local domestic violence advocates are available to help **24/7** by phone.

We're here to help.

Domestic Violence Hotlines

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Kent & Sussex Counties: 302-422-8058

or en español 302-745-9874

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