



**The
King
County
Coalition
Against
Domestic
Violence**
presents

October 12, 2000
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

the first annual
**Take Action
Against
Domestic Violence
Awards Reception**

Domestic Violence
Educational Campaign
Poster Search

Recognition
of Outstanding
Legislators

*presented jointly with the
Washington State Coalition
Against Domestic Violence*

Awards Reception

Welcome and Introduction

Merril Cousin, Executive Director,
King County Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Guest Speaker

Challenging Our Collective Vision

Mary Pontarolo, Executive Director,
Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Legislative Awards

Jointly presented by WSCADV & KCCADV

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State Senator Jeri Costa

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Kurt Colfelt, BF Day School

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Closing

Guest Speaker: Mary Pontarolo, M.Ed.

Mary Pontarolo has administered programs and directed agencies in the field of domestic violence for the past seventeen years. She has been the executive director of the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence since 1990 and was previously the director of New Beginnings for Battered Women and Their Children in Seattle for five years.

Ms. Pontarolo has been instrumental in the development of state-wide policy, curriculum, and legislative initiatives protecting the rights and safety of victims of domestic violence and their children.

Legislative Awards

The King County Coalition Against Domestic Violence joins with the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence to recognize outstanding legislative leadership in strengthening laws against domestic violence in the state of Washington and nationally.

State Senator Lorraine Wojahn, President Pro Tempore of Washington State Senate

27th district (Tacoma)

During her four terms in the Washington House of Representatives and six terms in the Washington Senate, Senator Wojahn has been a strong advocate for women and the prevention of domestic violence. She has served ten years on the Washington State Judicial Council and seven years on the Washington State Women's Council.

State Senator Jeri Costa

38th district (Everett and Marysville)

Senator Costa has served two terms in the Washington House of Representatives and is in her first term as a state Senator. A former executive director of Families and Friends of Violent Crime Victims, she teaches workshops on victim services, criminal justice, corrections, and nonprofit management issues. Senator Costa has played a strong leadership role on issues relating to women and domestic violence and sexual abuse throughout her tenure in the legislature.

State Representative Ida Ballasiotes

41st district (Mercer Island, Bellevue, Renton, Issaquah)

In her fourth term, Representative Ballasiotes co-chairs the House Criminal Justice and Corrections Committee. She has provided leadership on domestic violence and women's issues since coming to the Legislature in 1992.

U.S. Senator Patty Murray

Washington state

Now in her second term, Senator Murray is a leader on education and women's issues. She serves on the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee. Senator Murray has been a strong advocate for federal legislation aimed at improving the legal and economic status for survivors of domestic violence.

Domestic Violence Educational Campaign

Poster Search

Children's advocates from local domestic violence shelters visited classrooms to present information about domestic violence, including safety planning and how to recognize the difference between parents arguing and domestic violence. The advocates then invited students to create posters to educate the community about domestic violence. Matthew Greene's poster will appear as a public service announcement on public buses; both Matthew's and Curt Colfelt's posters have been printed as posters and postcards to be distributed throughout King County.

Matthew Greene

Matthew is 12 years old and is in the 6th grade at Evergreen School in Shoreline. When the poster was created last year, Matthew attended the Perkins School. His hobbies are baseball, writing, and drawing comics.

Curt Colfelt

Curt will be 11 in November and is a 5th grader at Broadview Thompson Elementary School. When he made the poster, Curt was a 4th-grade student at B.F. Day School. Curt's hobbies include soccer, snowboarding, and baseball.

Take Action Award Winners

(Quotations are from nomination materials.)

Youth

RESPECT Peer Educators

Thirty peer educators gave their time, energy, and caring to provide information about dating violence to other young people, making the first year of RESPECT (Relationship Equality & Safety: Peers Educating Community Teens) a great success. Sponsored by Youth Eastside Services, the peer educators facilitated interactive classroom presentations that focused on defining dating violence, dating violence statistics, gender roles, warning signs, how to help a friend, safety planning, and community resources. In addition to formal speaking opportunities, peer educators worked informally with other students, helping them recognize unhealthy relationships, or directly addressing those who they felt were treating their partners unfairly or disrespectfully.

"Each peer educator brought his or her unique skills, insight, and perspective to the program. These teens contributed, each in their own way, to RESPECT's first year of success. Their enthusiasm and commitment provide us with great hope for our dating violence prevention efforts."

Community

Greenwood Academy of Hair

For over three years, Carla Smith and students at the Greenwood Academy of Hair have been providing free haircuts, permanents, facials, pedicures, manicures, and other beauty services to residents of a local domestic violence shelter. Once every two to four months, the academy closes its doors to the public and opens its doors to domestic violence survivors, who look forward to the opportunity to receive services that may not otherwise be safe or affordable.

"Many [of the] women . . . are either in hiding or changing identity or on the run. Carla and her staff provide them with an entirely new look absolutely free of charge. She doesn't skimp on services. Whatever services she offers to paying customers she offers to the women. Speaking as a survivor, I am proud to know that there are people like Carla Smith and her staff."

Workplace

PEMCO Financial Services

To honor a co-worker who was murdered by her partner, and to raise awareness about domestic violence, PEMCO Financial Services employees came together to create the "At Bat Against Domestic Violence" softball tournament, an annual fundraising event for local domestic violence shelters. The event—which has included teams from police departments, PEMCO employees, domestic violence programs, and others—has grown from \$4,000 raised in 1995 to more than \$17,500 in 1999. To increase domestic violence awareness throughout the year, PEMCO has also displayed the Silent Witness and Painted Voice exhibits in its building, provided domestic violence information packets in its office restrooms, and included a domestic violence component in its training curriculum for the company's supervisors.

"This [tournament] has been extremely successful throughout the years as a result of the committee's hard work, commitment, and genuine interest in helping victims of domestic violence."

Faith

Dianne Juhl

Dianne Juhl has educated many faith groups about domestic violence. She organized a workshop for women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) to help them work with their churches to provide safety, support, and hope for domestic violence survivors. Dianne spearheaded strategic planning for the Northwest Washington Synod of the ELCA to obtain funding for workshops to train clergy. Currently President of the Board for the Center for the Prevention of Sexual and Domestic Violence, she speaks at workshops and churches, and has worked with several community-based domestic violence organizations. She has just begun a faith-based, peer support group for Christian women in the Seattle area who have been or are in abusive relationships.

"[Diane] has taken outstanding action to help end violence in our community. She has educated, informed, organized, and worked to prevent domestic violence in several ways and for many organizations. . . . Diane has shown a strong commitment to educating her faith community about domestic violence."

Public Policy

Roy Farrell, MD

Dr. Roy Farrell has worked closely with the state coalition in his position as chair of the Violence Prevention Committee of the Washington State Medical Association. Among Roy's efforts to improve the medical response to domestic violence are: promoting training videos that help medical personnel recognize abuse cues and interview patients effectively; developing a waiting room poster that informs women that their doctor is receptive to talking about this painful issue; and creating a packet for physicians including a pocket card with steps to identify and assess DV, patient brochures with resource information, and wallet cards for patients. Dr. Farrell also volunteers on the Board of Directors of a local domestic violence program.

"Roy's personal goal has been to raise the consciousness of physicians . . . that domestic violence is a public health issue of enormous magnitude. He has spent countless hours working to educate the medical community about how to identify and treat women and children who have been abused in their own homes."

Take Action Award Nominees

We were fortunate to receive many outstanding nominations. Though we cannot present an award to each nominee, we want to recognize and thank them for inspiring us all to do more to end domestic violence.

A young person
who has demonstrated a commitment to ending domestic violence.

Youth

Megan Stacey

Megan Stacey was nominated separately, as an outstanding member of the RESPECT team (see the description of RESPECT on page 5). Megan's ability to integrate her formal dating violence education and her personal life experiences, combined with her leadership and positive attitude, made her a tremendous asset to RESPECT.

An individual or organization
that has educated, informed, organized, or otherwise worked within the community to prevent domestic violence.

Community

Connie Burk

Connie Burk has worked nationally and in Canada in efforts to end domestic violence. In addition to her formal roles working with direct service organizations and delivering keynote addresses, Connie helps individuals, groups, and entire communities embrace complexities and resist the urge to be simplistic or reactionary.

Paula Johnson Burke

Since 1993, Paula Johnson Burke has been volunteering with children in the Community Advocacy Program at New Beginnings. Her work with children enables their mothers to attend support groups and receive other services—and provides the kids with much-needed support and attention.

Cori Gross

Cori Gross, with a grant from the Geraldine R Dodge Foundation, coordinated a network of animal welfare agencies and domestic violence shelters to provide care for the animals of women who want to leave their abusers. Cori has also created a step-by-step guide to establishing these partnerships in other communities.

Partners for a Healthier Community

Six major health systems (Evergreen Healthcare, Group Health and Children's at Eastside Hospital, Overlake Hospital Medical Center, the Providence Health System, Virginia Mason Medical Center, and Public Health of Seattle and King County) have joined with community service providers to train healthcare providers and human resources personnel, fund community programs, and support children who have lived with domestic violence.

Seattle Mariners

For three years, the Seattle Mariners have supported the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence "Refuse to Abuse" campaign, which focuses on men talking to men about making a commitment not to abuse women. The team's support includes TV and radio ads, full-page ads in the Mariners' magazine, and kickoff nights at the stadium.

Vashon Babysitting Coop

The Vashon Babysitting Coop, a group of 15 families who help each other with childcare, pitched in to help a woman and her child escape domestic violence. Susan Carleton, a member of the group, led the members in packing and loading a moving truck for the woman and her family so they could leave safely.

An individual or a faith organization
that has made an outstanding effort within their faith community to organize against domestic violence.

Faith

Nancy Murphy

Nancy Murphy left an abusive relationship more than ten years ago. Today, she is the executive director at Northwest Family Life Learning and Counseling Center (NWFL), appears on the radio weekly to talk about domestic violence, speaks about domestic violence at church and pastor conferences, and writes articles and a book about surviving domestic violence.

Planning Committee for The Community Seder for Survivors of Domestic Violence

Allison Iser of Eastside Domestic Violence Program, Michelle Lifton of Jewish Family Service, and Rabbi Lisa Gelber of the Herzl-Ner Tamid Conservative Congregation spearheaded the effort to create a Passover seder for survivors of domestic violence. The committee's work resulted in a special event, with seder materials especially meaningful for survivors.

An individual, company, or organization that has made special efforts in the workplace to educate employees about domestic violence or to protect workers from domestic violence.

A public official or private individual who has worked to influence public policy in a way that supports domestic violence survivors, holds perpetrators accountable, or educates the public about domestic violence.

Workplace

Beth Button

Beth Button is a legal advocate in Tukwila's City Attorney's Office. She has worked diligently to assist domestic violence survivors in the criminal justice system, to educate police and prosecution about DV, to address gaps in the system, and to work with the DV Task Force to improve the City's response to domestic violence.

Providence Health System- Puget Sound

Providence Health System has shown an ongoing commitment to the needs of battered women. Efforts include: training staff and providers on domestic violence identification and intervention; developing a formal DV protocol, as well as DV policies and procedures; donating space to local DV organizations; including in-depth DV training during all three years of the residency program.

Dr. Rebecca Ruud

Dr. Rebecca Ruud leads a multi-disciplinary team of physicians, support staff, patient educators, social service staff, and community advocates in developing a ten-step plan for instituting a domestic violence and abuse policy at Virginia Mason. The plan includes guidelines for identifying and intervening in cases of DV, providing resources and training, and developing a relationship with community and government entities.

Sheri Yeatts

Sheri Yeatts has been actively working to end domestic violence for approximately twenty years. Sheri is currently the Supervisor of the Domestic Violence Unit of the King County Prosecutor's Office. She has provided direct services, facilitated trainings, written grants, and established the protection order office through the King County Prosecutor's Office.

Public Policy

Sgt Kevin Fagerstrom

Sergeant Kevin Fagerstrom is supervisor of the Civil Unit with the King County Sheriff's Department, which is responsible for the service of DV protection orders for King County except Vashon Island. Sgt. Fagerstrom worked with Island Domestic Violence Outreach Services to create an effective process for Vashon deputies to serve protection orders.

Officers Phil Goguen & Donna Rorvik

Officers Phil Goguen and Donna Rorvik created DART—the Domestic Abuse Response Team, a program of the Kirkland Police Department's Family Violence Unit, through which volunteers assist domestic violence victims at the scene. Phil and Donna also developed a training program to educate Kirkland residents at the Citizen Police Academy and two local high schools about domestic abuse.

Sgt David Rekow

Sgt David Rekow has worked to strengthen the City of Tukwila's response to DV, and the law enforcement response to DV region-wide. He has established policies, created and found funding for a DV advocate position, initiated a Family Violence detective position in the department, established mandatory training for officers, and worked with others to train law enforcement personnel.

Judge David Steiner

Judge Steiner, current Presiding Judge of the King County District Court, led the effort to form three Domestic Violence Courts in King County. Within six months of launching the effort, the courts are in action, allowing the coordination of resources and information, and promising to significantly enhance the court's effectiveness in dealing with and intervening in domestic violence.

City of Tukwila DV Task Force

Since 1992, the task force has been addressing changes within City departments and in the Tukwila community at large. Besides hiring its first domestic violence legal advocate, its accomplishments include community education efforts such as outreach to apartment managers, Block Watch newsletters, Night Out Against Crime, and Crime Prevention month activities. The police department is very involved with the task force.

The Coalition thanks the following organizations and individuals for helping us recognize community members engaged in the effort to end domestic violence.

Take Action Awards

KCCADV Education Committee

Take Action Award Selection Committee members:

Merril Cousin, KCCADV

Lana DeSousa, Eastside Domestic Violence Program

JoJo Gaon, Asian/Pacific Islander Women & Family Safety Center

Tina Lemker, New Beginnings

Lupita Patterson, WSCADV

Nicole Welch, YWCA - East Cherry Branch

Jan White, Christopher Consulting/Abilities Awareness Access

Poster contest

Fashion Group International

Art Institute of Seattle

TDI

Poster Selection Committee members:

Lizbeth Ginsburg, New Beginnings

Shanon Ritscher, wesdesign

Darouny Syphachane, KCCADV Education Committee

Jackie Toombs, Fashion Group International

Reception

Photographer Adam Louie

Guitarist Mary Lord

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Special thanks to Tina Lemker for her leadership in coordinating this event.