



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

October 18, 2001  
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

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

Also featuring  
an award for  
outstanding  
statewide action

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

**Held at the Washington Park Arboretum in Seattle**

**Catering by Upper Crust**

# Awards Reception

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## **Welcome and Introduction**

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

## **Guest Speaker**

Pramila Jayapal, Author, activist and  
Board member of Chaya

## **Take Action Awards**

Youth – Wendy Cho Ripp & Frances Rae Francia

Community – Gary & Pam Keller

Workplace – Kibble & Prentice, Inc.

Faith – Project M.I.C.

Institutional – King County Domestic Violence Council

## **State-wide Award**

*Jointly presented by WSCADV & KCCADV*

Judith Leconte

## **Raffle Drawing**

## **Closing**

## Guest Speaker: Pramila Jayapal

Pramila Jayapal is a writer and activist. For the past ten years, she has been actively involved in international and domestic social justice issues, particularly with women's and children's issues. From 1991 to 1995, she was the Director of a program that funded critical health projects in Asia, Latin America and Africa. From 1995 to 1997, she was awarded a fellowship from The Institute of Current World Affairs to live in villages and towns across India and write about her perspectives on modern Indian society in the context of development and social justice. Currently, she is a consultant to nonprofit organizations and foundations working for social justice. She is also the author of the book, *Pilgrimage to India: A Woman Revisits Her Homeland* (Seal Press), as well as a frequent speaker at universities and community events on issues of globalization, development and community.

Ms. Jayapal is the Board Chair of Chaya, a community-based grassroots organization serving South Asian women in crisis. She is also on the Board of the Institute of Current World Affairs and an Honorary Advisor to the Positive Futures Network. In the wake of the terrorist attacks of September 11, she is coordinating a campaign to make Washington State a "Hate Free Zone."

## Take Action Award Winners

(Quotations are from nomination materials.)

### Gary and Pam Keller

Gary and Pam Keller responded to the tragic murder of Pam's sister and her family with a desire to keep others from the same fate. On June 29, 2000, Pam's sister Tracy Bakhtyari, her new husband Sean, and her children, Christina (age 14) and Johnathon (age 8) were murdered in their Richmond, Virginia home by Tracy's ex-husband. In an effort to heal and to educate others about domestic violence, the Kellers created the Washington Tragedy to Triumph Megathon. This challenging fundraiser included a cross-state bike ride, a swim across Lake Washington, and a climb up Mount Rainier. Additionally, they managed to raffle off a car and sell prints of a professional painting to raise more money. Their efforts, teamed with those of other family members and supporters, raised more than \$100,000 for Eastside Domestic Violence Program in Bellevue and New Beginnings for Battered Women and Their Children in Seattle. In addition, their efforts raised awareness about domestic violence throughout the state.

*"Gary, Pam, family, and friends have taken a terrible tragedy and turned it into an event that will touch thousands of people with domestic violence information and education, as well as provide needed funds for services to victims of domestic violence."*

### Wendy Cho Ripp, Frances Rae Francia

Asian Pacific-Islanders Against Domestic Violence Involving Community Education (AP ADVICE) is a youth-led teen peer advocate program begun by the Asian Counseling and Referral Service (ACRS) in February 2000. AP ADVICE educates and empowers young Asian & Pacific Islander women. In addition to training on dating violence, sexual assault, and group facilitation, teen advocates learn about the oppression of Asian & Pacific Islanders, gender roles, media portrayals, and the cultural barriers young AP-I women face in addressing these issues. Key leaders in the organization are Wendy Cho Ripp and Frances Rae Francia. In this second year of the program, Wendy and Frances initiated school presentations, coordinated participation in health classes and fairs, and trained new advocates. They continually promote the program to the community and create new ideas and curricula.

*"Frances Rae Francia and Wendy Cho Ripp have been instrumental leaders in developing and presenting dating violence information to peers and youths all over King County. . . . AP ADVICE is a successful youth leadership and education program due to the strong dedication and leadership of both Wendy and Frances."*

### Multi-level Interfaith Church Domestic Violence Project (Project M.I.C.)

The Multi-level Interfaith Church Domestic Violence Project (Project M.I.C.), headed by Bettie Williams-Watson, works on a broad base of issues including domestic violence, sexual assault, and chemical dependency. Project M.I.C. has helped hundreds of survivors and their friends receive information about domestic violence; offered individual and group counseling for women, men, and teens; worked with ministers to incorporate domestic violence awareness into their sermons; developed a clergy resource team to provide information about domestic violence and support to church leaders; and developed an emergency fund to provide assistance for abused women and their children. Additionally, Project M.I.C. organizes church-based domestic violence awareness events including panel discussions, candlelight vigils, and workshops. Project M.I.C. is sponsored by three small Church of Christ congregations.

*"The sheer amount of love, faith, and hard work that Bettie and her supporters have poured into Project M.I.C. is so evident in all of its successes. The work that has already been done has created an everlasting impact on African American churches and the community that supports them for years to come."*

Community

Youth

Faith

# Take Action Award Winners (continued)

Workplace

## **Kibble & Prentice, Inc.**

Kibble & Prentice, Inc., has been generous with its employees and resources, benefiting New Beginnings for Battered Women and Their Children, a local domestic violence agency. Key in the involvement have been Arlen Prentice, co-owner of the company, and his partner, Debra Prentice. The two began their involvement serving as honorary co-chairs of a major fundraising event for which Kibble & Prentice was a major corporate sponsor. Since that time, the company has offered pro-bono investment advice and donated the use of conference rooms to New Beginnings. Its Director of Marketing, Barbara Larimer, served as President of the New Beginnings Board of Directors for two years, and has served on several key committees. Through the efforts of Arlen and Debra Prentice, and their son Chris, who is also an employee of Kibble & Prentice, New Beginnings has secured high-level donor support and successfully completed a small capital campaign that paid off the emergency shelter's mortgage.

*"From personal involvement to information given to his employees, Mr. Prentice has enabled a broad base of awareness building activities, both within his workplace and for public events produced by New Beginnings."*

Institutional Change

## **Institutional: King County Domestic Violence Council**

The King County Domestic Violence Council brings together government agencies in King County to strengthen the response to domestic violence through a comprehensive and focused interdepartmental effort. The Council has been led by King County Prosecuting Attorney Norm Maleng, King County Executive Ron Sims, and King County Sheriff Dave Reichert since it began in early 2000. Most notably, in October 2000, the Council challenged each county department to do "Just One Thing" about domestic violence. The departments have responded with creativity and openness: sponsoring art programs that educate about domestic violence, implementing a personnel policy addressing domestic violence for County employees, developing a program to shelter victims' pets, training Parks and Recreation works to assist young people who are exposed to domestic violence, and much more.

*"With the professionalization of the domestic violence field, it is tempting for people to think that domestic violence is not only someone else's issue, but someone else's job. Dave Reichert, Ron Sims, and Norm Maleng have fostered an environment that asserts that we can and should all work to end domestic violence."*

## **For Outstanding State-wide Action. . .**

The King County Coalition Against Domestic Violence joins with the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence to recognize outstanding statewide efforts in the quest to end domestic violence.

### **Judith Leconte**

Over the last eight years, Judith Leconte has used her position as social work consultant in the Maternal and Infant Health section of the Washington State Department of Health, to raise awareness of domestic violence. Her wide-ranging efforts have included the creation of the Perinatal Partnership Against Domestic Violence, which has led to training resources, surveys, and publicity for the cause. Most recently, Judith has focussed efforts on the Asian Pacific Islander community, coordinating with community leaders to obtain a three-year grant that provides funding for improved domestic violence screening and intervention by maternity providers. Key to this process has been her collaboration and involvement with stakeholders and community clinics to broaden the potential benefits.

*"Judith's vision, persistence, and ability to collaborate with key leadership in the area of domestic violence has given Washington State a broad network of trainers, excellent curriculum materials, domestic violence training to over 2,000 maternity-related providers in 1999-2000, an active PPADV committee, and funding to develop best practices for working with the Asian/Pacific Islander community and clients in other community clinics."*

# 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.

## Youth

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

### **Martha Gayton**

Now in her senior year, Martha Gayton has shown great initiative as a domestic violence advocate among her peers at Roosevelt High School. She has taught other students how to avoid unhealthy dating relationships, domestic violence, and sexual abuse. Additionally, Martha has conducted information sessions at local community centers.

### **Beth Phillips**

For the past two years, Beth Phillips has been volunteering three hours a week at New Beginnings children's program, caring for the children while their mothers are in group sessions. Staff members at the program have been impressed by how dedicated and capable Beth is—and Beth's devotion has inspired her mother to volunteer at New Beginnings as well.

## Community

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

### **Isangmahal**

With a name that means "one love," Isangmahal uses strong, turbulent words and music to move their audiences to a greater understanding of domestic violence and sexual assault. Performing at numerous vigils and other events, the group's members are more than performers—they are hardworking community activists.

### **Terry Britten**

Terry Britten, manager at the Normandy Park Starbucks store, involved store employees and customers from the wider community in a Mother's Day effort to provide items needed by residents at the Domestic Abuse Women's Network shelter in South King County. The awareness and publicity this effort generated led to further donations from customers and their companies.

### **Joelene Willett**

Joelene Willett retired this year after twenty-one years in the field of domestic violence. She was particularly dedicated to her work with the Native American community, and she started a Native American women's support group which still meets. She continues to serve as a resource to those who are new in the field.

### **Rick Slater**

Rick Slater, who owns an automobile repair shop on Vashon Island, has provided tremendous support to domestic violence victims who need help with their vehicles. He assists them in repairing their cars, and he has even donated a car to a victim who was then able to move to a safe location.

### **Cathy Hoog**

A long-time advocate for victims of domestic violence, Cathy has been diligent in her efforts to ensure equal access to services and justice for Deaf women and men. She is one of the founders of ADWAS (Abused Deaf Women's Advocacy Services), and has been instrumental in the organization for more than fifteen years.

### **Asian Pacific Islander Women & Children Safety Center**

Along with providing the logistical support of housing, food, and transportation to survivors, the Safety Center leads the API community in providing culturally relevant domestic violence education and organizing efforts. APIWFSC works closely with other local organizations to better serve API survivors and their families.

### **Tera Oglesby**

Tera Oglesby brought her expertise as a Master Gardener to the Eastside Domestic Violence Program. With the assistance of other volunteers, nursery owners, and other donors around King County, Tera transformed an unused portion of the shelter yard into an organic garden, where residents can learn about organic gardening and reap the nurturing benefits.

## Faith

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

### **Rabbi Lisa Gelber**

Rabbi Lisa Gelber has worked to educate the Jewish community about domestic violence through articles and moderated forums. She created a Haggadah for women who have experienced domestic violence and used it to guide participants through a Seder designed to support and sustain survivors. Rabbi Gelber has also conducted weekly classes on healthy relationships for high school students.

### **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 has written articles and a book about domestic violence.

### **National Council for Jewish Women**

The Seattle Section of the National Council of Jewish Women has an ongoing relationship with New Beginnings. Their contributions, spearheaded by Goldie Silverman, include donations, the organization and distribution of “Welcome baskets” for Jewish women at the Transitional Housing Program, newsletter articles, and co-sponsorship of a seder for Jewish survivors.

## Workplace

**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.

### **King County DDES**

The King County Department of Development and Environment Services (DDES) is the first department within King County to write, finalize, and activate a workplace violence policy. The policy outlines detailed support for domestic violence survivors, and is in keeping with the department’s mission, vision, and values.

### **Betsy Sawyers**

Betsy Sawyers has prioritized domestic violence as a workplace issue. In addition to her active involvement with the King County Domestic Violence Council, she has been instrumental in assembling the appropriate people to develop a solid domestic violence policy for the county, and in preparing to train 13,000 King County employees on the new policy.

## Institutional Change

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

### **Lorraine Netherton**

Lorraine Netherton is providing vocal leadership for the Federal Way Domestic Violence Task Force. She is helping to ensure that victims’ voices are heard as the task force works to pass laws and local ordinances, cooperates with domestic violence programs, and educates the public.

### **Gregg Rodgers**

As president of the Washington Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AIA), Gregg Rodgers has actively advocated on the behalf of immigrant survivors of domestic violence. In particular, Gregg has corresponded with the INS to address inappropriate questioning of survivors by INS examiners and their demands for mental health evaluations where applications are based on abuse.

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

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

Tina Lemker

Lupita Patterson, WSCADV

Alisa Bierria, CARA

### **Reception**

Photographer: Lauren E. Sayoc

Band: Zazou

Coffee: Starbucks

Sculpture: Roosevelt Lewis

### **Raffle Donors**

Boatyard Inn

Center for the Prevention of Domestic & Sexual Violence

Flying Fish Restaurant

Beruke Giday

Cathy Hoog

The Inn at Langley

Seattle Storm

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Van Gelder's Retreat

Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence