



The  
King  
County  
Coalition  
Against  
Domestic  
Violence  
*presents*

October 30, 2002  
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

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

Also featuring  
an award for  
outstanding  
academic achievement

*presented jointly with the  
University of Washington  
Women's Center*

**Held at the World Trade Center of Seattle**

# Awards Reception

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## **Welcome and Introduction**

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

## **Guest Speaker**

Marilyn J. Smith, Executive Director,  
Abused Deaf Women's Advocacy Services

## **Take Action Awards**

Community – Isangmahal  
Youth – Martha Gaytan  
Institutional Change – Velma Veloria  
Workplace – Overlake Hospital Medical Center  
Faith – Rabbis Jonathan and Beth Singer

## **Academic Award**

*Jointly presented by the U.W. Women's Center & KCCADV*  
Gabriela Villareal

## **Raffle Drawing**

## **Closing**

# Take Action Award Winners

(Quotations are from nomination materials.)

## isangmahal arts kollektive

With a name meaning “one love,” isangmahal inspires strength and courage through spoken word, visual arts, dance, and other arts. The group uses popular education/theater and other media to challenge community belief systems that help perpetuate violence. In particular, their performances of “Umaga” and “Umaga II: Rebirth & Resistance” honored women survivors of violence and the lives of women lost in the struggle against tyranny. Additionally, many of isangmahal’s male members participated in the development of the bus poster project “API Men United Against Domestic Violence,” and isangmahal members have been working as leadership group facilitators and mentors with API Safety Center’s youth involved in the “Youth United!” program.

“The words and actions of isangmahal will move your soul and touch your heart. They are truly a life source of inspiration and confirmation that we can activate positive change in our world.”

## Martha Gaytan

Through the Consejo Counseling and Referral Services’ Teen Advocate program, Martha Gaytan has reached out to her Latina peers at Roosevelt High School and other area high schools, helping them understand—and prevent—domestic violence and sexual abuse. She has facilitated regular meetings with young Latina women, recruited other students to become part of the domestic violence prevention group, and coordinated and taught regularly at the “Mañana Coalition” conferences. Additionally, she has presented issues related to domestic violence prevention to Latina women. Martha’s solid leadership skills, strong integrity and values, and passion have made her an effective Teen Advocate for two years. She graduated from Roosevelt High School in June 2002.

“I believe with all my heart that there will be a few less women falling prey to the effects of domestic violence and sexual abuse due in part to Martha Gaytan’s tireless effort to carry the banner of domestic violence prevention.”

## Washington State Representative Velma Veloria

Representative Veloria has provided important leadership in several key pieces of legislation that protect the rights of women, youth, and children. Due in large part to her efforts, women, youth, and children who have been victims of trafficking can access the benefits our state provides to domestic violence survivors. Women from other countries now have the right to request Washington State Patrol background checks on potential spouses they have contact with through the “matchmaking” (aka mail-order bride) industry. Additionally, Representative Veloria led the effort to create the Washington State Task Force Against Trafficking. The task force will monitor the effectiveness of the state’s efforts to prevent trafficking and to assist those who have been victimized by it. Outside the legislature, Representative Veloria has supported the Filipino Education Committee Against Domestic Violence and the API Safety Center in developing a series of educational conferences, including the only statewide conference in the country focusing specifically on domestic violence in the Filipino community.

“Representative Veloria has modeled the kind of strident public advocacy, humility, and undying devotion to the strength of the people’s voices that promotes systems changes for the betterment of marginalized and oppressed communities and creates zero tolerance for the exploitation and victimization of all women, youth, and children.”

## Take Action Award Winners (continued)

Workplace

### **Overlake Hospital Medical Center**

Overlake Hospital Medical Center has required Emergency Department staff to attend training on domestic violence screening and referrals since 1991. But the center didn't stop there. Over the past ten years, they have implemented additional training for the Childbirth Center staff, obstetric physicians and physician offices, family practice physicians, and pediatric physicians. Since 1997, Overlake Hospital Medical Center has been working closely with Eastside Domestic Violence Program and Partners for a Healthier Community. Domestic violence training is included in new hire orientation, annual reviews, and continuing education offerings—with information about identifying and protecting employees from domestic violence, as well as screening and assisting patients who are suffering from domestic violence.

“The mission is to maintain a domestic violence program that encompasses the entire Overlake Hospital Medical Center community and integrates with other Overlake Hospital Family Violence programs.”

Faith

### **Rabbis Jonathan and Beth Singer**

Rabbis Beth and Jonathan Singer have used their roles as religious leaders to educate their congregation about the realities of domestic violence and those who suffer from it. They have encouraged the congregation to support survivors of domestic violence, to listen to the victim, and to provide comfort instead of blame. To reach younger members, they have invited Project DVORA from Jewish Family Service to discuss dating and domestic violence with individual classes in the Hebrew school. Additionally, each October they provide additional information for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. For example, one year, Rabbi Beth led a Havdalah Healing service, and another year, a Project DVORA advocate shared stories about working with domestic violence survivors with the congregation.

“Rabbis Jonathan and Beth Singer not only support individuals who are dealing with domestic violence in their lives, but also have the courage to speak about this from the bima.”

## For Outstanding Academic Achievement. . .

The King County Coalition Against Domestic Violence joins with the University of Washington Women's Center to recognize outstanding academic efforts in the quest to end domestic violence.

### **Gabriela Villareal**

Gabriela Villareal graduated from the University of Washington with a B.A. degree in Women's Studies with a focus on “women and public policy.” Her senior project was an intensive research paper on the global trafficking of women. Gabriela is the Coordinator of the October 2002 “International Conference on Globalization, Justice, and the Trafficking of Women and Children” through the University of Washington Women's Center. This event convenes a worldwide selection of human trafficking experts, both activists and academics, to promote dialogue and action. In 2001, Gabriela was the lead organizer of the forum, “Trafficking of Women and Children: Challenges and Solutions.” This symposium not only served to educate the community; it established a grass-roots movement to prevent the trafficking of women. Her community involvement includes volunteering as a victim advocate with the Domestic Violence Unit, King County Prosecutor's Office, and graduating from the Community Leadership Program of the Asian/Pacific Islander Community Leadership Foundation. She also serves as a mentor for incoming minority students at the University of Washington and for The Service Board, a Seattle youth program. Gabriela was recently appointed to the Washington State Human Trafficking Task Force.

## Guest Speaker: Marilyn J. Smith

Marilyn J. Smith is a native of Seattle, and has been Deaf since early childhood. She received her undergraduate and graduate degrees from Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. Marilyn had been working in the counseling field for several years when she founded the Abused Deaf Women's Advocacy Services (ADWAS) in 1986, after a Deaf woman was killed by her abusive husband. Marilyn considers the founding and directing of ADWAS the most important work she has ever done and will ever do. ADWAS is now a national model, replicated by 15 other cities through a grant from the Department of Justice. The philosophy behind ADWAS is that Deaf culture is valued and celebrated, and that Deaf victims have choices. This philosophy is reflected in how the agency is set up and run—of, for, and by Deaf people. Marilyn has received several awards, including one from President Clinton and two from Gallaudet University.

## 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. (Nominees are listed alphabetically.)

### **Burien Elks Lodge #2143**

For years, the Burien Elks have generously supported the Anita Vista confidential housing program for victims of domestic violence, a program of the YWCA – South King County. During the winter holidays, the Elks provide baskets of food, toys, and needed household items; they also invite and provide transportation for residents to their holiday party. Throughout the year, the Burien Elks continue to support the program's residents through donations of cleaning supplies, phone cards, household items, and hygiene products.

### **Capacidad Program**

The Capacidad program is a peer-to-peer program that offers individual and social support services to Latino families who have suffered from domestic violence. Capacidad advocates work with the families to help them access services such as housing, medical care, clothing, and financial assistance. Consejo Counseling and Referral Service developed this unique program to motivate and empower families.

**King County Bar Association**

Volunteer attorneys at the Domestic Violence Family Law Clinic donate their time and expertise to assist hundreds of domestic violence survivors with family law issues. Attorneys volunteering at this clinic are specially trained to work with survivors of domestic violence. The clinic is one of 22 neighborhood legal clinics throughout the county; these clinics are sponsored by the Young Lawyers Division of the King County Bar Association, in cooperation with the City of Seattle and several social service agencies.

**King County Women's Advisory Board**

Four times a year, the King County Women's Advisory Board's *Alert* newsletter provides teens and adults with information about dating and domestic violence — in a creative, eye-catching format. Teens are involved in the development and writing of the newsletter, including a popular advice column that appears in each issue. The all-volunteer Women's Advisory Board is appointed by the King County Council and the King County Executive.

**Michelle Lifton**

Michelle Lifton, who works with Project DVORA at Jewish Family Service, is a passionate public speaker and leader who inspires others to join her in the important work to end domestic violence and support domestic violence survivors. She balances professionalism with humanness, maintains a great sense of humor, and provides strong support for women seeking to heal from abusive relationships.

**Residence XII**

Residence XII, a women's treatment center for chemical dependency, works with the Alcohol/Drug 24-Hour Help Line's Domestic Violence Outreach Project (DVOP) to provide on-site weekly support and education groups for residents. Additionally, the Residence XII inpatient treatment staff meets with DVOP each week in an effort to best serve women affected by both substance abuse and domestic violence. This collaboration provides an important integration of services that was previously unavailable.

**Shalom Bayit Program**

Shalom Bayit stands for furnishing peaceful homes—and that's exactly what this group does. The Seattle chapter of the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) created the Shalom Bayit program to collect and distribute furniture and household goods to families who have left domestic violence situations. The program allows families to choose anything they need—from beds and couches, to pots and pans, to posters and paintings—to make their new homes comfortable.

**TRAC Associates**

Training Rehabilitation Assessment Consultation (TRAC) Associates, a private company that provides services to unemployed and under-employed job seekers, works with New Beginnings to link job-training participants with domestic violence services, and to help job-training case managers reduce barriers to employment for domestic violence survivors. TRAC provides an on-site office for a New Beginnings advocate; the partnership has helped New Beginnings reach people who would not otherwise have been able to access their services.

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

### **Take Action Campaign sponsorship**

Special thanks to the HopeLine program from Verizon Wireless for its sponsorship of the 2002 Take Action Against Domestic Violence Campaign.



### **Take Action Awards**

KCCADV Education Committee  
Merril Cousin, KCCADV  
Tracie Justice, Domestic Abuse Women's Network  
Lupita Patterson, WA State Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
Bob Perez, KCCADV Board of Directors  
Sandi Schram, Eastside Domestic Violence Program  
Carlin Tsai, Refugee Women's Alliance

### **Reception**

Photographer: Peter Haley  
Music: Lake Union Civic Orchestra Woodwind Trio  
Clarinet: Margy Newton  
Bassoon: Lesley Petty Jones  
Flute: Doris Medicott  
Photography exhibit: Wanda Moats  
"I Feel Like I'm Walking on Eggshells"  
Sound System: Robert Stewart and the Imaginaires Soul Review  
Media Relations: Gretchen Bakamis, Bcommunications  
Awards: Athletic Awards Co.

### **Raffle Donors**

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Catherine Booth House  
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Eastside Domestic Violence Program  
Beth Fishman  
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Cathy Hoog  
Gene Juarez salon  
Melissa Ramirez  
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