



The
King
County
Coalition
Against
Domestic
Violence
presents

October 30, 2003
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

the fourth 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 University of Washington Faculty Club

Awards Reception

Welcome and Introduction

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

Guest Speaker

Nan Stoops, Executive Director,
Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Take Action Awards

Community – Sarah Frerichs
Youth – Onion Carrillo
Faith – The Village Chapel
Workplace – KOMO-TV News
Institutional Change – Domestic Violence/Child
Protective Services Project

Academic Award

Jointly presented by the U.W. Women's Center & KCCADV
Madolyn Nichols

Raffle Drawing

Closing

Guest Speaker: Nan Stoops

Nan Stoops has worked in the anti-violence movement as an advocate, trainer, and organizer for more than 25 years and is currently the executive director of the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Previously, Nan worked for the FaithTrust Institute (formerly Center for the Prevention of Sexual and Domestic Violence), the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and New Beginnings for Battered Women. Nan serves as a consultant for the Non-Profit Assistance Center and is a “founding mother” of INCITE! Women of Color Against Violence. Nan loves her family, baseball, movies, and golf, usually in that order.

Take Action Award Winners (Quotations are from nomination materials.)

The Take Action “Community” award honors an individual or organization that has educated, informed, organized, or otherwise worked within their community to prevent domestic violence, or created a domestic violence resource that did not exist before. This year’s award goes to Sarah Frerichs of Enumclaw.

Community

Sarah Frerichs works to bring awareness of domestic violence and its devastating effects to her community. She serves as facilitator of the Enumclaw Domestic Violence Task Force, driving the fledgling organization with her strong leadership, inclusive manner, and creative ideas. As facilitator, Sarah coordinated a successful candlelight vigil, an educational display at the public library, and the distribution of flyers to public women’s restrooms so that women could have private access to domestic violence resources. When Sarah took on the role of facilitator, she sought out opportunities to learn about domestic violence, attending a 40-hour training, volunteering with the DAWN crisis line, and meeting with domestic violence task forces in other communities. She speaks regularly to religious groups, community gatherings and individuals about domestic violence, she has established a library of books about domestic violence for the Enumclaw support group, and still had the energy to host the regional domestic violence task force meeting in Enumclaw.

“Sarah Frerichs’ commitment to promoting awareness and education about domestic violence in her community is steadfast and inspiring to all those she comes into contact with.”

The Take Action “Youth” award recognizes a young person (21 years or younger) who has demonstrated a commitment to ending domestic violence. This year’s award goes to Onion Carrillo.

Youth

Onion Carrillo is a courageous 19-year-old community organizer with the Young People’s Liberation Project at CARA (Communities Against Rape and Abuse). The spoken word event she organized for International Women’s Day 2002 mobilized dozens of young women of color to use spoken word and poetry to engage in critical dialogue on oppression, violence, and liberation. This event became a monthly gathering called “Ladies First.” Onion also initiated a popular education project called “It’s a Thin Line Between Love and Sex,” which provides young women with information about safer sex while nurturing their comfort level with their own bodies and sexuality. Most impressively, Onion addressed a pattern of sexual assault within a student-activist organization she cared about. Onion mobilized the women of the organization to hold a sexual assault perpetrator within the organization accountable for his actions. The group’s leadership agreed to remove the perpetrator from its ranks, support him in pursuing culturally appropriate counseling addressing power and control issues, and prioritize trainings on sexual violence throughout their national agenda. Through her personal convictions and determination, Onion helped to build a strong community of support for herself and other survivors within their activist group.

“Onion is an accomplished artist, a creative educator, and a fierce community organizer.”

The Take Action “Faith” award recognizes outstanding efforts within the faith community to organize against domestic violence. This year’s recipient is The Village Chapel of Renton.

Faith

The Village Chapel demonstrates its support for survivors of domestic violence by working tirelessly to meet their basic needs. Led by church member Jessica Burrows and Pastor Russell Snyder, The Village Chapel has created an extensive clothing closet for domestic violence survivors and their children. Weekly, DAWN shelter residents can walk into the clothing closet, try on gently used, fashionable clothing, and take what they like. While there, DAWN’s clients are treated with respect and care—just as if they were in an elegant boutique—and they emerge with new wardrobes they take pride in. In addition to the clothing closet, Jessica and Pastor Snyder educate the congregation on domestic violence, and have organized church members to support DAWN through a holiday food and clothing drive. Jessica, who volunteers on DAWN’s crisis line, takes her involvement a step further by providing welcome baskets with necessities, gifts, and toys to families when they arrive at DAWN’s shelter.

“The generous and gracious attitude of Pastor Russell Snyder, Jessica, and the congregation is beyond words.”

The Take Action “Workplace” award is given to an individual, company, or organization that has made special efforts in the workplace to educate employees about, or to protect workers from, domestic violence. This year’s award goes to an organization that has done both: KOMO-TV News.

In April, in the wake of widely publicized domestic violence deaths in our region, KOMO-TV News invited representatives of the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence Fatality Review Project to train their newsroom on domestic violence issues. Since then, the newsroom has increased the airtime devoted to covering such stories appropriately—without sensationalism, using terminology that is accurate and intentional. Several reporters, news desk staff, and managing editors have continued to contact the trainers for information and interviews, further demonstrating their commitment to balanced reporting. KOMO TV News has also taken the extra step to educate its own staff and improve how it handles domestic violence in the workplace, setting the bar high for other news agencies in our region. Key to the newsroom’s attention to domestic violence have been the efforts of John Sharify, a reporter who has covered many domestic violence stories with care and respect, and managing editor, Bob Throndsen.

“KOMO-TV News is in a unique position to have huge influence with the general public, and they are taking this responsibility seriously.”

The Take Action “Institutional Change” award recognizes efforts that promote change within systems aimed at supporting domestic violence survivors, holding perpetrators accountable, or educating the public about domestic violence. This year’s award goes to the King County Domestic Violence/Child Protective Services Project.

The DV/CPS Project has made great strides toward improving the response to domestic violence in our community—working to keep victims safer and hold perpetrators accountable. In particular, the project has focused on the system’s response to children who witness domestic violence. After reviewing cases referred to CPS by the King County Sheriff’s Office, the project has developed and implemented “best practices” to help officers assess for and triage child abuse and endangerment concerns when they respond to incidents of domestic violence. In addition, they have set up a process for ongoing review of difficult cases involving children, and received funding from the King County Women’s Program to sponsor a regional conference on the issue of domestic violence and the maltreatment of children. Representatives of community domestic violence agencies, King County CPS, the King County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office, the King County Sheriff’s Office, Public Health of South King County, and other organizations have all worked to overcome differences in the basic philosophies and policies of their organizations in order to increase available resources and improve agency practices regarding children and domestic violence.

“The DV/CPS Project has worked diligently over the past four years toward a stronger, safer, systemic response to domestic violence.”

Academic Achievement Award

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.

Madolyn Nichols

Madolyn Nichols is currently finishing a Master’s in Information Science at the University of Washington and, along with her studies, has been working as the program coordinator for the Violence Prevention Program in the UW Women’s Center. She created the Violence Prevention website for the Women’s Center which provides information about safety planning, legal issues, and resources in King County, including a page called “Get Out Now” that lists emergency resources for those needing to flee a violent relationship immediately. In addition, she assisted with the Meena Vashee Scholarship distribution and education, wrote grants related to Trafficking research, and testified at legislative hearings in Olympia. Madolyn received her Bachelor of Arts degree in English with an emphasis on English Studies from the University of Michigan in 1991 and a Master of Arts in English with an emphasis on Postcolonial Theory from Western Washington University in 1999. She is interested in the ways in which information access influences women’s issues, and has worked with women in the US, France, and Ireland.

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.)

AP ADVICE program

A program of the Asian Counseling & Referral Service, AP ADVICE (Asian Pacific Americans Against Dating Violence Involving Community Education), is a Teen Peer Advocate program, providing support, outreach, education, and referrals to young women on the issues surrounding relationships, healthy decision-making, teen dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and harassment. AP ADVICE has provided outreach to more than 4000 youth. Advocates complete 30 hours of training before their first outreach and receive an additional 30 hours each year that they serve.

Jamie Bohnett

Jamie Bohnett works with programs such as Northwest Fathering Forum, which serve to equip and encourage men to be better fathers through classes, conferences, support, and accountability groups. Jamie's understanding of domestic violence and his willingness to speak against it, improves the quality of the work he does with fathers. Additionally, the Bohnett Memorial Foundation now includes a fund to help address domestic violence through scholarships for special trainings, counseling, seminars, and conferences, as well as grants for researchers addressing domestic violence.

Michele Clute

Active in her church, Michele Clute has worked to educate and involve the congregation in domestic violence issues. She started a domestic violence support group; provides information about domestic violence in the church's restroom and foyer; coordinated a class about abusive relationships; leads an intercessory prayer team to pray for families suffering from abuse; and invited Nancy Murphy, executive director of Northwest Family Life, to speak at a Pastoral Care class on the topic of domestic violence.

Robin Congelli

Known as "the Mary Kay lady," Robin Congelli visits DAWN's shelter each month to give the residents makeovers, pedicures, and manicures. She is charming, charismatic, nurturing—and the respect and care she provides affirm the women's worth and beauty. After Robin leaves, it's common for DAWN's staff to hear a woman say, "I forgot I was pretty." Additionally, Robin and Mary Kay Cosmetics provide beauty care products and new personal clothing items (such as bras, panties, and socks) for DAWN's clients to keep.

Jose Contreras

Despite threats to his own life, Jose Contreras provided unwavering support to a friend as she freed herself from an abusive relationship and found herself unsupported by government agencies, courts, and health professionals. Jose educated himself about domestic violence, and then went to work educating others: in his college classes, as a member of Seattle Men Organizing Against Violence, within his church community, and during the WSCADV Lobby Day in Olympia.

Shelly David

Currently the Domestic Violence Legal Advocate in the City of Auburn's prosecutor's office, Shelly David's generosity, patience, and non-judgmental attitude have helped her build alliances and communicate well with others working to end domestic violence. Before assuming her current role, Shelly was the Domestic Violence Legal Advocate for the City of Federal Way for five years, during which time, she created the Domestic Violence Task Force for Federal Way. In Auburn, she has also created a Domestic Violence Task Force and co-created the Domestic Violence Impact panel.

Elite Chiropractic

Eastside Domestic Violence Program (EDVP) has found a friend in Elite Chiropractic. Each year, Elite Chiropractic designates one day that its clients bring donations as payment for their chiropractic work, providing a truckload of goods for the women and children at the shelter. Elite's administrative staff also helps with big projects in the EDVP office. The doctors at Elite Chiropractic further their efforts by educating, inspiring, and encouraging the Eastside community—especially other practitioners they are connected with—to support EDVP.

Rob McKenna

Many issues compete for county council members' attention, but King County Council member Rob McKenna has been a strong supporter of the Eastside Domestic Violence Program (EDVP), the King County Coalition Against Domestic Violence (KCCADV), and other community efforts. He designated discretionary funds to both KCCADV and EDVP, and helped to preserve funds for human services when they were threatened. Rob helped EDVP launch its Safe Passage luncheon in 1999 and has since chaired the luncheon committee and served as master of ceremonies for the past four years.

Bradley McPhee, D.D.S.

Through the Give Back a Smile program, dentists provide services to domestic violence survivors whose front teeth have been damaged. But Dr. McPhee goes further, often repairing other teeth and sometimes restoring the entire mouth. His sensitivity and kindness to survivors complement the dental work he provides, helping to restore self-esteem and to empower the women he helps. During the "dental colleges" that Dr. McPhee conducts for students and colleagues, he encourages other dental care professionals to identify and treat the scars of physical abuse.

Residence XII

Though up to 98% of women in treatment for substance abuse have experienced some form of violence, they have traditionally had difficulty obtaining appropriate services. Residence XII, a women's treatment center for chemical dependency, is changing that. Its Executive Director, Sharon Chambers, has created a treatment curriculum including domestic violence training, education, and referrals for women dealing with domestic violence while in residential treatment for chemical dependency. The center also collaborates with the Alcohol/Drug 24-Hour Help Line's Domestic Violence Outreach Project.

Tiffany Roseboro-Bennett

A senior at Garfield High School, Tiffany Roseboro-Bennett reaches out to other high school students as a Teen Peer Advocate with the East Cherry YWCA Teen Peer Advocate Program. She engages her peers in conversations about dating violence, helping them understand its effect on victims. She also educates the community agencies that provide services to youth about dating violence, and provides education, services, and resources to the Youth Department at her church. Tiffany takes her job as a Teen Peer Advocate seriously and has been an advocate for the past two years.

Seattle Men Organizing Against Violence

Recognizing that men must work together to stop male violence, Seattle Men Organizing Against Violence coordinated several activities and workshops to educate and organize men in the winter and spring of 2003. These events were well-attended and widely supported within the community. Facilitated by Sean Power, the group provided childcare at the local International Women's Day event, holds monthly meetings on oppression issues, and plans to educate local youth on violence prevention.

Officer Karen Sotace

Officer Karen Sotace of the Tukwila Police Department has raised the bar for all public officials to engage in the struggle against domestic violence. On her own initiative, she approached hotels about offering vouchers to survivors who need to leave their residences during an incident; attends trainings and shares the information she learns with her fellow patrol officers; and educates apartment managers, cultural organizations, and other community groups about law enforcement's role in domestic violence incidents.

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 and 2003 Take Action Against Domestic Violence Campaign.



Awards Selection Committee

Merril Cousin, KCCADV

Zoe Meyers, New Beginnings for Battered Women and Their Children

Bob Perez, KCCADV Board of Directors

Mari Roll, Domestic Abuse Women's Network

Sandi Schram, Eastside Domestic Violence Program

Carlin Tsai, Refugee Women's Alliance

KCCADV Education Committee

Scott Dungan, KCCADV Board of Directors

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Chris Peterson, City of SeaTac DV Program

Reception

Photographer: Peter Haley

Music: Lake Union Civic Orchestra Woodwind Trio

Clarinet: Margy Newton, Steve Noffsinger

Bassoon: Lesley Petty Jones

Photography exhibit: Wanda Moats

"Is it over? Is it over? Untie my hands. Untie my hands"

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