



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

October 28, 2004
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

the fifth 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

Representative Velma Veloria
Washington State House of Representatives

Take Action Awards

Community – Crystal Baker
Workplace – King County Metro Domestic Violence
Transportation Program
Youth – API Youth United Against Violence
Faith – NW Washington Lutheran Domestic Violence
Prevention Committee
Institutional Change – The Heller Ehrman Domestic
Violence Revision Squad

Academic Award

Jointly presented by the U.W. Women's Center & KCCADV
Monica Ghosh

Raffle Drawing

Closing

Guest Speaker: Representative Velma Veloria

Representative Velma Veloria has been a member of the Washington State House of Representatives since 1992. She chairs the Trade and Economic Development Committee, and is a member of the Capital Budget Committee. Rep. Veloria was instrumental in drafting the Washington State Trafficking Law and has been committed to economic development in the state. Among her many affiliations, Rep. Veloria is a member of the Community Advisory Board of the U.W. Women's Center, and chair of the Asian Elected Officials of Washington. Rep. Veloria received a Take Action award in 2002 for her work combatting trafficking in women and children.

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 Crystal Baker.

Community Crystal Baker has spoken out and organized community efforts against domestic violence in numerous ways. Crystal worked to educate herself through trainings, seminars, and conferences, and then spread the knowledge she gained. She has counseled and referred several women, opened her home to a friend escaping an abusive relationship, used her role as a youth counselor to talk with young people about healthy relationships, and served on the Seattle Domestic Violence Council’s Services committee. Crystal also assisted in recruiting and training youth volunteers for the City of Seattle’s Healthy Relationships forums. Currently, Crystal is involved in planning and organizing a community dialogue with African American women on domestic violence, sexual assault, and HIV/AIDS.

“Crystal has never stopped raising an active voice against domestic violence. Crystal is an excellent example of community helping community.”

The Take Action “Business/Workplace” award is given to an individual, company, or organization that has used their business resources to help domestic violence agencies or individual survivors, has made special efforts in the workplace to educate employees about domestic violence, or has developed effective workplace policies to support domestic violence survivors. This year we recognize the King County Metro Domestic Violence Transportation Program.

Business/Workplace Under the guidance of Bob Flor, the King County Department of Transportation helps survivors travel to safety and helps meet the transportation needs of shelter residents. Annually, the department’s Emergency Taxi Ride Program provides more than 400 taxi trips to transport survivors to shelters, health clinics, support groups, protection order hearings, or other destinations in cases of life-threatening danger. Through the Human Services Ticketbooks program, the department provides \$35,000 worth of bus tickets to help clients get to court hearings, support meetings, or medical appointments. Additionally, Metro Transit reached an agreement with Abused Deaf Women’s Advocacy Services (ADWAS) to develop a special-use community vanpool, which helps in transporting personal goods, children, or groups.

“King County Metro’s Domestic Violence Transportation Program is unique in the country and represents a valued partnership between government and community agencies to provide vital transportation services that mean so much to victims.”

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 API Youth United Against Violence.

Youth API Youth United Against Violence, an after-school youth group based out of the API Women and Family Safety Center, met twice a week to organize projects to educate their peers about dating violence. They collaborated with the Wing Luke Asian Museum to create a six-month art exhibit called “Case #082A: Violence Through the Eyes of the Youth,” which includes art that reflects different aspects of domestic violence. The group also organized an anti-violence hip-hop show called “Drop the Beat,” which reached more than 100 youth and young adults with information about dating violence. Additionally, group members gave presentations and facilitated discussions about domestic violence at local high schools and Bellevue Community College.

“These youth are very dedicated about making their community a safer place. They have done amazing work this year, and their passion about ending violence continues to grow.”

Faith

The Take Action “Faith” award recognizes outstanding efforts within the faith community to organize against domestic violence. This year’s recipient is the NW Washington Lutheran Domestic Violence Prevention Committee.

The Northwest Washington Lutheran Domestic Violence Prevention Committee of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), staffed entirely by volunteers, supports 115 congregations and their communities in domestic violence education, awareness, and prevention. From support groups to educational programs, the committee serves as a resource and networking center for congregations throughout western Washington. Additionally, the committee produced a video called “Safe Haven For Children,” designed to assist congregations in assessing and developing a child safety policy to protect children from abuse while participating in activities offered by churches.

“This small committee has tremendous impact in Northwest Washington by virtue of its direct connection to 115 congregations, and continues to expand its resources and programs in hopes of one day seeing all of God’s family united in one safe haven for all people.”

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 Heller Ehrman Domestic Violence Revision Squad.

The Domestic Violence Revision Squad, coordinated by Patricia Wagner of Heller Ehrman White & McAuliffe LLP, is a group of skilled private attorneys who offer pro bono representation for domestic violence victims who have been wrongfully denied protection orders. This “rapid response” squad assists victims in obtaining revisions and reconsiderations of the orders and, in some cases, assists petitioners to maintain their protection orders when abusers try to have them vacated. Attorneys in the squad show their commitment to assisting domestic violence survivors as they voluntarily provide their services in addition to their already-demanding workloads.

“Without the commitment and expertise of the squad, many victims of domestic violence would be left without the necessary protections of a protection order -- and of even greater concern, in a situation potentially more dangerous than if they had not pursued the order in the first place.”

Institutional Change

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.

Monica Ghosh

Monica Ghosh, a graduate student in Public Administration at the University of Washington Evans School of Public Affairs, has served as Development Officer for the U.W. Women’s Center, assisting Sutapa Basu, the Center’s Executive Director with research projects pertaining to human trafficking and domestic violence. Monica organized the first International Women Leader Series annual fundraising dinner, coordinated and promoted the “Breaking the Silence of Domestic Violence in the Asian Community” forum, and assisted in organizing and documenting the Conference on Trafficking of Women and Children.

As a Chaya volunteer, Monica assists abused South Asian women, serving on Chaya’s public relations committee and advertising upcoming activities to local newsletters, newspapers, and community groups. She graduated in 2002 from the API Community Leadership Foundation program.

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.)

George Adams

As a member of the advisory board for the Safe Havens Supervised Visitation Program, George Adams has donated hundreds of hours as a volunteer and has reached out to others in the community to gain their support for the project. The Safe Havens Supervised Visitation Program is a project of the City of Kent (in partnership with the Federal Office on Violence Against Women), which is working to develop and implement promising practices for providing supervised visitation to families affected by domestic violence as they comply with court-ordered parenting plans.

AP ADVICE

Now in its fifth year, Asian/Pacific-Islanders Against Dating Violence Involving Community Education (AP ADVICE) is a teen peer advocacy group for Asian/Pacific-Islander (API) young women from Garfield and Franklin High Schools. Sponsored by Asian Counseling and Referral Services, AP ADVICE advocates provide support, outreach, education, and referrals to young women. Members of AP ADVICE have been recognized widely; one advocate received the 2002 Desmond Tutu Emerging Leadership Award for her work with AP ADVICE, and two advocates shared the 2001 Take Action "Youth" Award.

Jaclyn Brandt, LICSW

With Jaclyn Brandt's leadership, Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center (CHRMC) prioritizes and addresses issues of interpersonal violence. Ms. Brandt's advocacy, commitment, patience, sensitivity, and persistence have served her and the organization well as she championed the inclusion of interpersonal violence issues in new employee orientation and helped establish an interagency working agreement with a local domestic violence service provider. She is currently piloting universal inpatient, outpatient, and emergency screening with the goal of establishing a standard of practice in assessments and exams.

Ken Colman, REACH President

Ken Colman, president of the Renton Ecumenical Association of Churches (REACH), participates in the Renton Domestic Violence Task Force and helps organize the Men Against Domestic Violence group in the Renton River Days parade. Mr. Colman has also facilitated the Regional Domestic Violence Task Force and helped organize trainings and events to help clergy understand domestic violence.

Dr. Jane S. Dimer

A domestic violence survivor herself, Dr. Jane Dimer is the Maternity-Child Clinical Services Chief for Group Health Cooperatives' hospitals in King County, and she maintains an active clinical practice in Obstetrics and Gynecology. With colleagues from Group Health and the University of Washington, Dr. Dimer is studying the long-term healthcare effects of domestic violence. Two years into the NIH-funded study, she has begun presenting findings that she hopes will help medical professionals better serve domestic violence survivors and help empower women to avoid dangerous situations.

Kory Kumasaka, Franklin High School

Franklin High School Academic Counselor Kory Kumasaka is a mentor, big brother, and confidante to the students he works with. His genuine support of AP ADVICE, a program of Asian Counseling and Referral Service, has contributed greatly to the success of the program in the school. Mr. Kumasaka has provided accommodations for the program's support groups, referred youth for services, and actively advised the group on opportunities to promote awareness and education on dating violence issues in the high school. Additionally, he has been key in identifying and referring future AP ADVICE advocates.

New Heights Church Youth Group

Under the guidance of Pastor Dan Folden and Kelly Coswell, the New Heights Church Youth Group has provided great support for Domestic Abuse Women's Network (DAWN) and its residents. The group has sponsored movie nights and barbecues for shelter families; assembled Mother's Day baskets to pamper residents with bath products, chocolates, and perfumes; and given practical holiday gifts to single women at the shelter. They have also provided gifts that children receive when they arrive at the shelter. Additionally, Pastor Dan helped DAWN acquire and received delivery of furniture for extended stay units.

Sammamish Womenade

Sammamish Womenade is a group of local women who come together to educate themselves about domestic violence and to provide support to survivors. In cooperation with EDVP, they have ensured that anyone in North or East King County who requires lock-changing services for safety can receive them. Additionally, the group provided the funds for and helped organize the 2003 EDVP Survivor Celebration, an annual event to honor and hear the stories of survivors, as well as to remember those who have lost their lives to domestic violence.

The Shalom Bayit Project

Shalom Bayit: Furnishing Peaceful Homes is a project of the National Council of Jewish Women. The project provides furniture for domestic violence survivors who are moving into new homes after leaving abusive situations. Survivors choose furniture and supplies from a warehouse in Redmond; among the options are beds, dressers, couches, kitchen tables, pots and pans, dishes, linens, and toys. The Shalom Bayit project then arranges to deliver furniture, if necessary. Celia Cohen coordinates the project and helps women plan color schemes for their new homes.

Ken Snyder and Kevin Miller, Men's Network Against Domestic Violence

Recognizing that domestic violence is as much a men's issue as it is a women's issue, Ken Snyder began to coordinate a network whose purpose is to call nonabusive men to action against domestic violence. Ken worked with domestic violence service providers and interested leaders to pursue the idea. As the group formalized, Kevin Miller took on an integral role in the process leading to the successful launch of a major education and awareness campaign. The Men's Network published Father's Day ads, promoted a pledge against domestic violence, built relationships with local public officials, and published op-ed pieces about men's role in ending domestic violence.

Karen Sotace

Officer Karen Sotace has been a key player in the City of Tukwila's response to domestic violence. She has worked with area hotel managers to set up a Safe Night program, where hotels donate their rooms to domestic violence victims. Additionally, she has trained groups throughout the community, including DAWN board members, and she attends task force meetings off the clock. She works closely with other officers to enhance their understanding of and response to domestic violence.

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 of Verizon Wireless for its sponsorship of the 2004 Take Action Against Domestic Violence Campaign.



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Awards Selection Committee

Cindy Cothorn, Eastside Domestic Violence Program
Merril Cousin, King County Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Zoe Myers, New Beginnings
Lupita Patterson, WA State Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Simone Tais, YWCA
Carlin Yoophum, Refugee Women's Alliance

KCCADV Education Committee

Margaret Alquist, Dept. of Corrections
Scott Dungan, King County Sheriff's Office
Maria Lee, Broadview Emergency Shelter
Sara Levine, Swedish Hospital and Medical Center
Erin Miller, Eastside Domestic Violence Program
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
Awards: Athletic Awards Co.

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