



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

The Seventh Annual

***Take Action Against
Domestic Violence
Awards Reception***

*October 26, 2006
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.*



Held at the Bertha Knight Landes Room, Seattle City Hall



Awards Reception

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Guest Speaker: Pramila Jayapal

Executive Director, Hate Free Zone Washington

Pramila Jayapal is the founder and Executive Director of Hate Free Zone Washington, a grassroots nonprofit organization that was created in November 2001 in response to the backlash against immigrant communities of color. Since its creation, HFZ has grown into a leading voice for immigrant and refugee communities targeted post-9/11, and Pramila and HFZ have received many awards and recognitions for their courageous and groundbreaking work. In 2004, Pramila was named one of the top ten Puget Sound regional leaders by the Seattle Times, and one of the 25 Most Influential People in Seattle by Seattle Magazine.

An activist and writer, Pramila has been actively involved in international and domestic social justice issues for over 12 years, working across Africa, Asia and Latin America as well as domestically with immigrant and refugee communities in Washington state. She currently serves on the national board of The Interfaith Alliance and Hedgebrook Women Writers' Retreat, as well as Advisory Boards and Steering Committees for University of Washington's South Asia Center, Detention Watch Network, The Rights Working Group, and Northwest Workers Justice Project. Pramila is the author of *Pilgrimage to India: A Woman Revisits Her Homeland* (Seal Press, 2000). She is currently working on a second book about immigrants in America. Her articles and essays have been published widely, including in *Orion*, *Yes! Magazine*, *The Seattle Times*, and *Gray's Sporting Journal*. She was born in India, and raised in India, Indonesia and Singapore. She is the proud mother of a 9-year old child.



Take Action Award Winners

(Quotations are from nomination materials.)

Take Action Against Domestic Violence Awards recognize individuals and groups who have taken significant steps to raise awareness about domestic violence, help those dealing with it, or help find solutions to the problem. Nominations for these awards give us concrete, everyday examples of what each of us can do to stop violence. In choosing winners from our inspiring pool of nominees, the selection committee considered the nominee's initiative in taking the action; use of resources; creativity; the action's impact on survivors, public awareness or the community at large; and whether the action was something that might inspire others to do the same. In addition to evaluating individual nominations, the committee sought to present a range of winners representing individual and group projects of different scales, in a variety of setting, geographic areas, and cultural communities.

Mary Anne Vandergriff

Mary Ann has passionately dedicated herself to helping victims of domestic violence over the past ten years through her support of Hickman House and other programs such as Project Cool. Her countless donations to Hickman House have allowed for enhancements to the children's program, including a part time children's advocate, clothes for children and supplies for their playgroups, scholarships for some to attend the Sonics' Basketball Camp, as well as a clinical consultant for both the women's and children's programs. She has purchased grocery store certificates and turkeys for holiday meals, and created an impromptu, catered picnic for the Hickman House families.

Mary Ann has rallied Windermere employees, community members and volunteers to help with her many fundraisers and donations. She has been recognized for her charismatic support of local nonprofits by the local media.

"Mary Ann's creative and energetic personality has inspired many. Her dedication to children and women escaping domestic violence is remarkable."

Richard Haruff

Dr. Richard Harruff, King County's Chief Medical Examiner, has generously contributed his expertise and his time to increase awareness of the critical issue of strangulation in DV cases.

Dr. Harruff's efforts have resulted in greater recognition of strangulation cases through the development of more advanced techniques for law enforcement in documenting strangulation, and an increased awareness of the issue for many in the medical profession. His work describing strangulation to juries has raised the issue to one of significant concern for all involved in the criminal justice system. His efforts will likely lead to reforms in the law on strangulation assault.

"There are only a handful of people in the nation who are as well versed in the subject of strangulation as Dr. Harruff. We in the King County region are fortunate not only that he has this extraordinary knowledge, but that he is so willing to share it."

Muckleshoot Sexual Assault Task Force

In 2005, community members of the Muckleshoot Reservation formed the Muckleshoot Sexual Assault Taskforce (SATF), recognizing that it was necessary to begin to address the devastation caused by sexual and domestic violence in Indian Country and, more specifically, on the Muckleshoot Reservation. The taskforce currently boasts nearly 40 members and supporters, including tribal members, tribal elders, and outside community service providers.



The most prominent of the SATF's many accomplishments is the development of monthly Healing Circle events, where tribal members can learn, share, and begin to heal within a culturally-based framework. These are truly powerful, sacred events which leave those who participate forever changed. Members of other Northwest Tribes have been attending SATF functions and have lauded the SATF and Muckleshoot Community as a whole for their efforts.

"The Mukleshoot SATF wants to let people know that domestic violence and sexual assault are not acceptable in our communities, and to show them examples of actions they themselves can take."

Keith Beach

Keith Beach founded the Jennifer Beach Foundation in honor of his daughter who was killed in a car accident as a teen. Before her death, she wrote a poem from the point of view of an abused child based on her experience witnessing violence in the home of children she cared for. Taking this poem as its inspiration, the Foundation strives to raise awareness about family violence and to raise funds for other agencies who are working with domestic violence survivors.

Keith brings his strengths as a passionate speaker and educator, his in-depth knowledge of finances, and his exceptional ability as a networker to his volunteer work in domestic violence. In addition to his exemplary and wide-ranging community education work, he has offered free financial literacy seminars to DV survivors. Women graduate from his class with an increased sense of competence and new skills for self-sufficiency.

"Keith is the perfect example of how easy it is to devote oneself to a cause when you really believe in it."

Trese Todd

Trese Todd, herself a survivor, takes extraordinary action to end domestic violence. As a volunteer, she has donated countless hours to the Seattle Police Department's Victim Support Team, a domestic violence crisis line, and contributes to fundraising efforts at New Beginnings, HealEverywhere, the Washington State Coalition Against DV, and many other agencies. Trese educated people in her own neighborhood about DV and provides kindness, support and resources to those neighbors who are also survivors. She uses her expertise as a paralegal to advocate at the King County Bar Association DV Legal Clinic, and helps residents of a local DV shelter develop their resumes so they can take steps toward building new lives. Trese's energy and enthusiasm are boundless. In addition to direct service volunteer work, she also participates on numerous DV related committees and actively lobbies for increased legislative and financial support for DV victims.

"Trese is a great role model for other citizens who are looking for ways to get involved and change the world for the better, one action at a time."

Special Honoree

National Council of Jewish Women: Shalom Bayit

In 2000 the leadership of National Council of Jewish Women Seattle Section wanted to create a Jewish community response to domestic violence. They conducted a needs assessment with DV providers, and discovered the need for a place where survivors could get furniture and household items to establish new homes. NCJW created Shalom Bayit, which means Furnishing Peaceful Homes. The project began with seed money from the Jewish community, the donation of warehouse space and many volunteer hours to collect and distribute the donated furniture and household items.

Shalom Bayit has served hundreds of women, providing them with furniture, bedding, and appliances. Shalom Bayit also raises awareness about DV in our communities by conducting furniture drives and enlisting volunteers in their organizing and delivery efforts. When a woman has the opportunity to move with her children to an apartment or home of her own that is furnished, it increases her self-sufficiency and decreases her dependency on her abuser.

"The services provided by Shalom Bayit help boost survivors' self-esteem and sense of hope for the future."



Take Action Award Nominees

(Nominees are listed alphabetically.)

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.

Judge Joan DuBuque

Judge DuBuque has provided leadership and inspiration to other judges to increase their knowledge of DV and to increase their skills in cases where DV is an issue. She has designed training for judicial officers by seeking and incorporating detailed feedback. She has been instrumental in creating a culture in King County Superior Court where DV is recognized as a central issue to the overall work of the court.

Jan Dyer

Jan Dyer, an attorney in private practice, is a strong advocate for survivors of DV and their children. Her understanding of the complexities of the DV dynamic enables her to advise survivors about ways to keep themselves and their children safe throughout their divorce cases, and helps them to establish the proper safeguards for visitation. Jan's commitment to the welfare of children and parents experiencing DV is truly remarkable.

Hammond House

Hammond House is an emergency shelter that is open to any homeless woman. The program recognizes that DV is a huge issue for women on the street. Staff is extremely dedicated and supportive, not only advocating strongly for each woman, but also getting the community involved in helping to create a safety and support network. The excellent example provided by staff challenges others to take action in their own lives.

Healeverywhere

HEALEverywhere was founded by survivors who wanted to help others get back on their feet after the crisis of domestic violence. They took their vision to the community, making connections with media, DV service providers and other supporters. It is a unique organization, designed to help the post-crisis domestic violence survivor when she no longer fears for her life, but may still not have the skills, confidence or support she needs.

Elaine Ko

Elaine has been a leader in the community on DV issues for many years. She has been instrumental in helping her supervisor, Councilmember Richard Conlin, develop legislation designed to reduce DV in our community, including providing much-needed financial resources toward this effort. She continually keeps friends and colleagues informed of DV awareness events throughout her office and the community as a whole and champions domestic violence issues every chance she gets.

Mary's Place

Mary's Place [MP] is a day center for Homeless Women that serves our most vulnerable population. The center is unique among day shelters in providing a weekly DV/CD group and encouraging women to attend. In providing DV education and support for the women present on a daily basis, staff goes beyond the call of duty and they do it with grace.

Pioneer Organics

Pioneer Organics, an organic produce and natural grocery delivery service, ran a clothing and supplies drive for New Beginnings domestic violence shelter, offering free pick-up while making deliveries to customers. The

company included information about DV in a newsletter, which regularly accompanies the produce delivery, and utilized the time/energy of their delivery personnel in a new capacity.

Queer Network Project

In 2005, the Queer Network Project, in partnership with the International Examiner and Asian Women's Shelter, published "A Breath of Fresh Air." This book documents the stories of Queer API women survivors, focusing on the support provided to them by friends and family. This important work raises visibility of the queer API community and of DV in same sex relationships, as well as awareness of the wide range of supportive strategies used by friends and family.

Reach and SGI-USA

R.E.A.C.H. (Renton Ecumenical Association of Churches) and the SGI (Soka Gakkai International ((buddhists))-USA joined together in an interfaith effort to recruit members of their respective organizations to march in the Renton River Days Parade as "Men Marching Against Domestic Violence." This joint effort has provided a clear example for others to follow, demonstrating that cooperation between different faiths is not only possible, but necessary in the effort to end domestic violence in our communities.

Linda Sweezer

As a survivor, Linda Sweezer attended many support group meetings and realized that there is a need for such groups in virtually every neighborhood. She organized a DV awareness day at her job, participates in a DV awareness group at her church, and put DV flyers in many businesses in the church community. She is also writing a script with the goal of increasing awareness of DV through a television show or play.

Brian Wilson

Interim Police Chief Brian Wilson took the lead in Federal Way's partnership with the South King County Community Network to review the community's response to children experiencing domestic violence. Brian recruited participants, led the Steering Committee, opened police records for review, and organized the city's response. These efforts have resulted in a stronger response to children impacted by DV in Federal Way and created a model for other communities.

Kathy Wren

Kathy Wren spent considerable time and effort organizing a softball tournament to benefit the KCCADV. The event not only raised money, but also raised community awareness about domestic violence in a fun, relaxed atmosphere. Kathy's work demonstrates that any of us can organize a fun event that combines a personal interest with a great cause.





Thank You!

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