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The  
King  
County  
Coalition  
Against  
Domestic  
Violence  
Presents

*The Eighth Annual*

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

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*October 25, 2007  
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.*



# Awards Reception

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Merril Cousin, King County Coalition Against Domestic Violence

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### Guest Speaker: Norm Stamper, Ph.D.

Norm Stamper was a police officer for 34 years, the first 28 in San Diego, the last six (1994-2000) as Seattle's Chief of Police. He has a doctorate in Leadership and Human Behavior, and is the author of *Breaking Rank: A Top Cop's Exposé of the Dark Side of American Policing* (Nation Books, 2005; recently out in paperback) and several recent op-eds (Los Angeles Times, Seattle Times, San Diego Union-Tribune, Los Angeles Daily News, and AlterNet). He is a member of the Drug Policy Alliance and an advisory board member of both Law Enforcement Against Prohibition (LEAP) and The National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML). He serves on the board of directors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services in San Juan County, Washington. Norm lives and writes in the San Juan Islands. [www.normstamper.com](http://www.normstamper.com)

Held at the Mount Baker Community Club, Seattle, Washington

# First Annual Outstanding Achievement Awards

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## **The Norm Maleng Memorial Award** *Presented Posthumously to Norm Maleng*

Norm Maleng was a powerful and passionate advocate for domestic violence survivors and their children, and for all people who experience injustice. As King County Prosecutor for nearly 30 years, Norm provided strong leadership in the development of a criminal justice system in King County that recognizes and responds to domestic violence. Under his direction, his office developed one of the first court-based Protection Order Advocacy programs in the country. He was personally involved with the development of the King County advocate programs, and he lobbied for and secured funding for both the court and community-based advocacy programs.

Over the years, Norm became increasingly involved in advocating for greater accountability for batterers and increased safety and support for domestic violence survivors and their children. In 1999, after listening to the voices of victims and advocates, he created a specialized Domestic Violence Unit in his office, ensuring that these dangerous cases would receive the time and expertise they need. Together with Executive Ron Sims and former Sheriff Dave Reichert, he created and co-chaired the first King County Domestic Violence Council, to ensure that King County government responds effectively to the issue.

Norm Maleng understood the pain and suffering that domestic violence inflicts upon survivors and their children. He had an extraordinary ability to understand the complexities of such violence and to feel genuine empathy for victims. While the list of Norm's accomplishments is long, what most defined him was his spirit of optimism. Norm always believed in the human spirit and our ability to rise above obstacles. Norm was our community's conscience, always urging us to do the right thing.

Norm passed away on May 24, 2007. He is greatly missed by thousands of people in our region, but the legacy of his great inspiration, powerful optimism and passion for justice will always be with us.

## **The Ginny NiCarthy Excellence in Advocacy Award** *Presented to Ginny NiCarthy*

Ginny NiCarthy has been named a foremother of the feminist movement. Though she insists that it is truly the collective wisdom, innovation and dedication of thousands of women behind the scenes that has built the movement, we want to recognize her for the numerous contributions she has made.

Ginny has helped thousands of domestic violence survivors, through her writing, teaching, organizing and individual counseling work. Her books *Getting Free*, and *You Can Be Free*, have been a lifeline for domestic violence survivors locally, nationally and internationally and are now available in comprehensive new editions.

Ginny has been a lecturer and workshop leader on all aspects of abuse for professional therapists and grassroots workers throughout the U.S. and internationally. She was the co-founder and director of Seattle Rape Relief in 1972, and the founder and director of The Abused Women's Network in 1975. She has been a mentor to many of us in the battered women's movement, generously giving hours of her time to support and challenge several generations of advocates, activists, and leaders in the field. She has served on the boards of many local organizations, including Chaya and the King County Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Ginny NiCarthy is the recipient of numerous awards, including the WA State Governor's Award, the 1977 KCCADV Innovator Award, and the Northwest Women's Law Center 2007 Cynthia Gillespie Award for work on furthering women's rights.

Ginny's life is driven by the desire to learn, to be challenged and to change. Her work is informed by a passion for justice and equality, whether between governments and citizens, bosses and employees, parents and children or between intimate partners. She believes that the struggle for justice begins at home. She currently works as a coach-counselor in King County, and is writing a novel. [www.ginnycarthy.org](http://www.ginnycarthy.org)



# 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 settings, geographic areas, and cultural communities.*

## **Seattle City Councilmembers Richard Conlin and Tom Rasmussen**

Seattle City Councilmembers Richard Conlin and Tom Rasmussen have been consistent and strong supporters of our region's efforts to respond to and prevent domestic violence. During last year's Seattle budget process, they seized the opportunity to make a concrete and significant difference in the lives of many abuse survivors in Seattle. They heard from advocates about the dire need for legal advocacy and assistance for battered women in the civil legal system and they responded to this information with action - they took leadership in proposing and securing new funding for a new Seattle Civil Legal Assistance Project that began seeing clients last month. This program makes the services of two lawyers and a paralegal available to hundreds of victims who would otherwise not have legal help at all, and is an extremely important and significant new resource in our community's response to domestic violence.

Of course, they would insist that the process of securing the funding and developing the program took the support of many people, including Councilmember Conlin's legislative assistant Elaine Ko, the entire City Council, and the Mayor's Office and Human Services Department staff. Still, we believe it is important to recognize the extraordinary leadership Councilmembers Conlin and Rasmussen took in championing the cause of survivors of domestic violence who are trying to find safety and support for themselves and their children through the civil legal system.

"I believe that the City of Seattle is quite literally leading the nation in its response to the needs of domestic violence victims."

## **Jazmyne Leighton**

Jazmyne Leighton personally inspired the creation of Voices, the first teen support group at Eastside Domestic Violence Program (EDVP). Jazmyne had been a participant in the agency's children's program, but when she turned 13, she was unable to attend anymore due to the age restrictions of the program. So she wrote a letter to EDVP's Executive Director expressing the need for a teen support group. The agency responded by establishing the Voices group in the Spring of 2005. It began with four members, and now has 12 members who attend regularly.

Inspired by Jazmyne, the Voices group provides a safe environment for teens to share their experiences, access information, and get support from their peers. It also gives teens a chance to learn about healthy relationships, examine different forms of violence, and strive as a group to discover and practice alternatives. By providing this group to the community, EDVP is working to increase community awareness of the impact of DV on teens.

"Jazmyne demonstrated that no matter how old you are, or who you know, you can create change."



## **Omega Phi Omega, Inc. (Kuyas) and Alpha Kappa Delta Phi (aKDPHi)**

This brotherhood and sisterhood have collaborated yearly on a campaign to raise awareness about DV, teen dating violence and sexual assault. With the assistance of the Asian and Pacific Islander (API) Women and Family Safety Center, they have organized a yearly “Dialogue” forum where API Youth can come to gain a deeper knowledge about DV, dating violence and sexual assault, and can share this information with friends and family.

The Dialogue series provides an open and safe environment for discussion. In the last two years, the groups have used Dialogue as a way to educate the community through various forms of artistic expression and theatre. In addition, they pursue their commitment to end violence in the community by volunteering with the Safety Center. The two groups have been involved in the annual Candlelight Vigil, which is held in front of the King County Courthouse. Many members and alumni of the Kuyas and aKDPHi have become natural helper advocates for the Safety Center, and have served as resources for others in their college community.

“The commitment of the Kuyas and the aKDPHi to creating the Dialogue forums has been a labor of love and passion.”

## **Susie Winston**

Susie Winston has worked creatively and continuously to build bridges across the chasm that often exists between mental health (MH) and DV service providers, in order to improve services to DV survivors and their children. Susie is the director of outpatient services at Sound Mental Health, a region-wide provider of MH services in King County. She served for several years on the Children’s Mental Health DV Network, and currently works with the Child Protective Services Best Practices Group, the Safe and Bright Futures Pilot Project, and other collaborative efforts.

Susie has shared her knowledge of MH and DV in a thoughtful and compassionate way in many venues. She provides leadership to her staff in identifying and responding to DV survivors, and to their children. Through training, she has inspired many mental health providers to respond safely and appropriately to DV survivors. She has also helped to increase understanding of and trust for mental health services among DV advocates.

“Susie is the only individual who has creatively, consistently, and whole-heartedly advocated to strengthen the relationship and understanding between DV and MH providers for 15 years, without pause and regardless of funding.”

## **Victoria Throm**

Victoria is the co-founder and current chair of the Covington Domestic Violence Task Force. She is a strong leader whose experience, drive, caring personality, creative mind, and extensive resource network has allowed her to help others. Victoria has worked tirelessly to keep the Covington DV Task Force moving forward to raise awareness of DV in the community, and to offer practical assistance whenever a need arises. She has engaged the city of Covington to support her efforts.

Victoria has personally assisted many survivors in need, and consistently develops new projects and partnerships to raise awareness of DV. She has partnered with local organizations to produce and deliver a laminated placard stating, “No Place for DV in Our Community” to many local businesses. She came up with Purple Light Nights, a new program for DV Awareness Month, for which commercial and residential community members will display purple lights throughout the month of October to help raise awareness of DV.

“The passion Victoria feels about eliminating DV is so evident in her demeanor and her actions, that it serves as an inspiration for others to join the cause.”



# Take Action Award Nominees

(Nominees are listed alphabetically.)

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*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.*

## **Alcohol/Drug 24-Hour Helpline**

The Helpline is committed to ending barriers faced by battered women working to achieve safety and sobriety. Members of the Helpline's DV staff were pioneers in bringing information about chemical dependency to the DV community, and in sharing information about DV with others in the chemical dependency field. The Helpline is very supportive to their DV staff, and authorizes any process, class workshop or training that staff requests. Staff of the agency's DV Outreach project participates in community education and training and provide services to survivors who are chemically dependent.

## **Keith Beach**

In 2006, in response to a challenge from a local church pastor, Keith and his small group fellowship took the lead in creating the Covington DV Task Force business packet. The group contacted 131 businesses in Covington and met with each business owner personally to present the packet and urge them to display the "DV Has NO PLACE in our Community" poster. Keith has been a leader in several other DV-related projects and a continual source of inspiration and strength to the leader and membership of the Covington DV Task Force.

## **Trisha Blomquist and Kerry Wade**

In 2006, Trisha and Kerry were primarily responsible for implementing *Steppin' Out to Stop Domestic Violence*, the first South King County DV Walkathon. Both women contributed many hours to planning and organizing this event, which required a huge amount of work. None of this work was part of either of the nominees' professional duties. Both of them volunteered their time because of their personal dedication and their commitment to taking action against DV. Their efforts contributed greatly to raising the awareness of DV throughout South King County.

## **CityClub**

As a primary convener of public affairs forums in Seattle, CityClub has worked to normalize the discussion of domestic violence as a community issue. Nearly 5000 people attend some 40 CityClub public affairs programs each year. By organizing and hosting two community forums on DV, they have raised awareness that the issue is not a women's problem, but a broader social problem. They dared to suggest to the community that men have a role and responsibility to work against DV.

## **Friends of Hickman House**

Friends of Hickman House is comprised of a group of women who volunteer their own resources to provide wonderful things for resident families at Hickman House. Every Christmas, they make a party for the families and provide three gifts for every person in the program. They take residents out to lunch on Mother's Day, and offer a welcome basket to every mother who enters the program. These and other generous acts make resident women feel less isolated and bring smiles to their faces.

## **Lynn Fainsilber-Katz, Emiko Tajima, Taryn Lindhorst**

Lynn, Emiko and Taryn are renowned researchers at the University of Washington. They have made important contributions to the scientific evidence we need to provide effective services to children who experience DV. The three researchers have spent countless hours talking with advocates throughout the region. Based on the feedback

they received, they adapted their research to better match the needs of the children we serve. They have all increased the awareness that it is important for academic and DV communities to team up to impact the lives of children affected by DV.

### **Aaliyah Gupta**

Aaliyah recognized a critical need for culturally sensitive support for South Asian women who were seeking emotional and physical shelter from abuse. She got involved with Chaya, and dedicated herself to expanding the agency from a loosely-knit collection of volunteers into a highly effective, full-fledged organization serving survivors in the South Asian community. Aaliyah became the agency's first executive director in 1999. She developed leadership skills within the organization, and empowered and inspired volunteers to rise to action. Her humility and strength have inspired many. Her hospitality, kindness, and sincerity are ingrained in the culture of Chaya.

### **Kari Kesler**

Kari is a public health educator who shares with the public her unique understanding of the intersections between oppression, domestic violence and sexual violence. She designed and taught an outstanding workshop on the intersections between misogyny, homophobia and dating violence. Her workshops help people to recognize and combat the beliefs and prejudices that underlie homophobia and violence against women. For example, after the class she taught at Portland State University, students reported that she had helped them to stand up to friends' homophobic joking.

### **Sherri Peak**

Sherri was the victim of stalking by her estranged husband in 2006. She discovered that he was stalking her with a GPS device and reported it to the police. He was arrested and pleaded guilty to stalking. With her great advocacy skills and tremendous patience, Sherri accepted interviews from the press in order to spread the word about stalking. Sherri overcame her natural shyness to educate others, because she wants other victims to be heard, believed and protected. Her actions have brought greater awareness to other DV survivors, to the general public and to police, prosecutors and law makers.

### **Edward Ritter II**

Edward Ritter provided legal advice to a DV survivor free of charge and out of the kindness of his heart. By donating his time to help with her legal matter, he helped a survivor take a big step toward justice. He provided a needed and appreciated service that sends a message of hope.

### **David Sebba**

Since 2003, David has been a volunteer with the Seattle Police Department Domestic Violence Support Team (VST). He works more shifts by far than any other volunteer. He has trained many new VST volunteers and recruited some into the program as well. He helped to raise awareness of the VST and of DV in general in the community in a variety of ways, by fund-raising and seeking donations of supplies, etc. His dedication and enthusiasm inspire everyone in the program.

### **Jeaneane St. John**

Jeaneane has been a star volunteer with the King County Bar Association since January, 2007. Through her dedicated volunteer work, she has increased the capacity of the Association to handle the representation of and advice for domestic violence survivors. With a background in high-tech law, Jeaneane came to the Association with no previous family law or DV experience. She quickly learned all she needed to know to competently represent DV survivors in family law cases. She is an extremely quick learner and shows great compassion with and understanding for clients.





# Thank You!

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