



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

The Ninth Annual

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

*October 23, 2008
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.*

Awards Reception



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Pat Graney and the Women's Prison Project Transition Program

Pat Graney is the Artistic Director of the Pat Graney Company, a Seattle-based performance art company with the mission to create, tour and perform new dance and performance works, and to offer arts-based educational opportunities to incarcerated women, young girls, ex-offenders and their families. Currently the Company offers three programs: *House of Mind*, an installation/performance piece about memory and the creative process, *Keeping the Faith—the Prison Project*, and *Keeping the Faith—Transitions*. For the last 15 years, Pat Graney Company has offered *Keeping the Faith—the Prison Project*, an annual arts-based residency offered in Washington women's prisons that culminates in a performance which is open to the public. This July, the Company launched *Keeping the Faith—Transition Program*, an ongoing residency for female ex-offenders which is based on the model developed over 15 years of working on the "inside."

Held at the Mount Baker Community Club, Seattle, Washington



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.

Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc

Over the last two years, the local chapter of the Lambda Theta Alpha Latin sorority at the University of Washington (UW) has focused its philanthropic work on domestic violence. The sorority has sponsored special events at UW to raise awareness of family violence, while simultaneously raising funds for New Beginnings and Consejo. Sorority members assisted with the New Beginnings Annual Gala in the Spring of 2008, and conducted a cell phone drive at UW for local domestic violence agencies. In addition, the sorority presented the Latina version of *In Her Shoes* on campus, focusing their promotion on fraternities and other UW student organizations.

The sorority's actions raised awareness of domestic violence amongst the UW community, notably among male students. In one creative event, the sorority asked UW men to submit essays on the importance of women and the impact of domestic violence on families. Finalists were chosen to compete at a pageant, where they were asked to demonstrate a special talent, outline their service record, and then answer questions about domestic violence for the audience.

"Lambda Theta Alpha has made a significant impact in both raising awareness of domestic violence within their sorority, the local chapter of their corresponding fraternity, and the entire University of Washington community."

Laura Doyle

Laura initiated contact with New Beginnings in January 2006, offering to share her talents as a karate sensei with kids and teens who receive services through the agency. Laura (along with a few different colleagues over the years), has faithfully been at the New Beginnings conference room every Wednesday evening for over two and a half years, providing free karate instruction to youth, as well as to a few adults. Her karate instruction demands discipline and hard work from her students and they respond with enthusiasm.

Laura's sharing of her skills in karate, and her passion for the martial art, has increased the sense of power and confidence of the kids and teens. Women and teen girls who were at first very soft spoken have subsequently been able to use their whole voice, yelling out *kiais* after participating in Laura's class. Staff at New Beginnings noticed a significant increase in the sense of responsibility and respect for discipline that youth have gained after participating in the karate classes.

"Laura has generously devoted over 250 hours to teaching karate at New Beginnings. and she has enlisted the support of her friends/fellow karate enthusiasts."



Rabbi Moshe Kletenik

Rabbi Kletenik is the pulpit rabbi for Bikur Cholim Machzikay Hadath Congregation, an Orthodox synagogue in the Seward Park area. Over the years he has supported women in his community who have experienced domestic violence, and he has worked to hold perpetrators accountable. Rabbi Kletenik has met with JFS Project DVORA staff and individual program participants to safety plan, and to counsel women when their former partners are using the children as a means of control. In addition to being an amazing advocate for individual families, Rabbi Kletenik is committed to raising awareness about domestic violence in his community.

One example of this commitment: in June 2007 Rabbi Kletenik's synagogue and JFS Project DVORA hosted a Shabbat Service with Rabbi Mark Dratch from the Jewish Institute Supporting an Abuse-Free Environment. This topic was extended to a subsequent Shabbat luncheon in which national leader Rabbi Dratch facilitated a community conversation. Rabbi Kletenik committed to holding with JFS Project DVORA an annual conversation about domestic violence in the Jewish community, and the first of these was held in 2008.

“By taking leadership on this issue, he has sent a message to those experiencing domestic violence that they don't have to choose between an abusive marriage and their community; their community is a place of support.”

Rachel Griego

After the tragic murder of her sister, Rebecca Griego, Rachel dedicated herself to finding practical ways to increase safety for victims of domestic violence. Rachel has attended countless committee meetings with many different organizations, including the University of Washington, the City of Seattle, and state legislators, with the goal of improving campus safety protocols for domestic violence victims, and to increase options for service of protection orders. She testified before the WA State Legislature to tell Rebecca's story and to inform legislators about the importance of developing a means for alternative service of protection orders.

Rachel's actions resulted in the passage of new legislation to make service of protection orders possible through publication when personal service has not been possible. Her actions were also instrumental in improving UW Campus safety protocols and in bringing attention to the safety needs of both students and employees there.

“For Rachel to help others in the face of such personal tragedy, when she could justifiably have turned inward to deal with her own grief, is a tribute to her dedication to the safety of domestic violence victims.”



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.

Henry Chae

Henry is an extremely dedicated prosecutor at the Seattle City Attorney's office. He exhibits confidence in his knowledge of the law and is compassionate with the victims and families he works with. In addition, Henry treats all of his co-workers as equals; he not only reaches out to advocates to ask their opinions, but clearly values and makes use of the input he receives. Henry listens and cares, and provides assurance to the victims and to the community he is serving. Henry is a prosecutor, but his actions within the scope of his job demonstrate that he is deeply committed to facilitating the best possible outcome for DV cases.

Jan Dyer

Jan is an attorney who specializes in domestic violence cases and is a tireless advocate for domestic violence survivors. She instills hope in their hearts and provides strength and encouragement during one of the hardest challenges survivors face – leaving their abusers. She works to increase the safety of survivors and their children, and never underestimates the danger they face. Jan and her excellent staff serve a significant role for many families in the greater Seattle area, taking action against oppression and injustice one case at a time.

Jay Laughlin

Jay has been a volunteer in the King County Protection Order Advocacy Program since 2006. The program has had many volunteers over the past decade, but Jay stands out as one of the most dedicated and talented. He is compassionate, kind and respectful and provides exceptional advocacy to all of the petitioners he encounters. Jay restores faith in all of those he works with that there are wonderful men in the world who care about domestic violence.

Ken Schram

Ken has been a friend and ally of the domestic violence movement since the early 1980's. He has given freely of his "celebrity" status to emcee countless fund-raising, community awareness and domestic violence celebrations, and has used his role as a television and radio personality to further the cause at every opportunity. His commitment to domestic violence and his many personal contributions (including financial) have greatly raised awareness of this issue over the last 28 years and his actions have inspired other celebrities to step up for domestic violence as well.

King County Elder Abuse Council

The King County Elder Abuse Council was formed in 2002 through a collaboration between the King County Prosecutor's Office and Dr. Richard Harruff, the Chief Medical Examiner for King County. This pioneering effort is now a multidisciplinary council, dedicated to addressing many complex aspects of elder abuse and developing effective solutions through the tireless research and collaboration of its members. The Council has become known throughout Washington State as a source of expert knowledge, resources and speakers on the issue of elder abuse.



Mary Kernic, PhD

Dr. Kernic is an epidemiologist with the Harborview Injury Prevention and Research Center. For the past 12 years, she has focused her research on the physical and mental health consequences of intimate partner violence on survivors and their children. Her research projects have served to educate, engage and raise awareness of domestic violence both locally and nationally; for example, her research has resulted in changes to national judicial policy on domestic violence in child custody proceedings. Dr. Kernic consistently engages and involves community resources and individuals in her work as part of her dedication to the issue of domestic violence.

Rita Meher of Tasveer and Her Crew

Rita and her film crew volunteered their talent and time to create a public service announcement (PSA) for Chaya. Rita directed, edited and co-produced the PSA, and her crew volunteered their time to create it. The actors were community members who volunteered to go on camera to state publicly that they support survivors of violence. This PSA has been screened at community events, including the South Asian women's film festival. Through the screening of the PSA, public awareness of both Chaya and of domestic violence in the South Asian community has increased significantly. The PSA can be viewed at the bottom of Chaya's homepage at <http://chayaseattle.org/index.shtml>.

Sara Ainsworth

As an attorney at the Northwest Women's Law Center, Sara has been a tireless advocate for domestic violence victims in the Northwest. Her achievements in the courts and in the Washington State legislature are numerous. She was a co-founder of the University of Washington Public Interest Law Association, which has fostered a community of young lawyers with a commitment to social justice. She volunteers her time for a variety of efforts to ensure representation for underserved people. Sara demonstrates a lifelong passion for justice and equality.

William D. Braun

A former federal prosecuting attorney for 18 years, Bill's mission is to help survivors of domestic violence obtain their final protection orders in highly lethal cases in which the abuser is represented by counsel. Bill works through the Eastside Legal Assistance Program and, to date, is the only volunteer attorney in King County to make himself available for referrals to represent low-income survivors in protection order hearings. His work highlights the need in King County for more *pro bono* services by attorneys to meet the immediate and urgent civil legal needs of domestic violence survivors. His commitment and dedication to these difficult cases is a shining example of how one person can make a huge difference.



Norm Maleng Award Winner

Sheri Yeatts

Sheri is one of the foremothers of the domestic violence response in King County. In her twenty years of advocating for battered women, she worked tirelessly to develop programs, garner support, increase awareness, and inspire leadership to help battered women. She was truly a change agent in the King County criminal and civil legal systems. She made tremendous enhancements to the King County legal system for battered women by developing the KC Prosecutor's Office's Protection Order Advocacy Program and the Felony Domestic Violence Advocacy Program. Her list of accomplishments is long and her personal work history encompasses the history of the development of community and systems advocacy in King County. Sheri was an innovator who crafted the programs and developed the responses that continue to improve the lives of battered women in our county today.

Sheri built her work on the stories, experiences, and information that battered women shared with her. She is a very ethical, respectful, and trustworthy person whose personal characteristics created trust and confidence with leaders and staff within the county government. Sherri was a valuable mentor to many people, and when she retired, she left a strong network of people in place to carry on her work.

"Sheri had a vision based on the stories of battered women and a commitment to influencing a system that can often be preoccupied with its own functioning."

2008 Nominees

(Nominees are listed alphabetically.)

Deborah Greenleaf

Deborah brings a passionate caring to her work on behalf of families and children affected by domestic violence. In her position as the Project Coordinator of the DV/CPS Best Practices Collaboration Project since 1999, she has led a diverse group of agency professionals to change the systems designed to protect children so as to keep the children AND their mothers safe from domestic violence. Deborah's ability to inspire understanding between diverse perspectives, facilitate clear communication and positive collaboration, and promote a respectful process are all qualities that embody what Norm Maleng stood for.

Tracee Parker

Tracee has worked with the Kent Safe Havens Visitation Center for more than four years since its inception. She is fiercely dedicated to the safety of survivors who access Safe Havens, and is equally dedicated to working towards systems change. In collaboration with King County Superior Court, she has developed a standardized supervised visitation court order specifically for families where there has been a history of domestic violence. Tracee is flexible in her thinking, open to new ideas as to how services could be better provided, and dedicated to envisioning a safer community for survivors.



Ginny NiCarthy Award Winner

Celia Forrest

Celia Forrest is a woman on fire. She burns with a passion for justice for anyone who has experienced abuse, violence and disrespect. She recognizes how systems that perpetuate injustice need to change and consistently provides a voice for those who are unable. She has incorporated advocating for battered women, and ultimately, *all* women into her way of life.

Celia's seemingly boundless energy has led her to participate on so many committees and local work groups, they are too numerous to list. At the South King County YWCA, she has built one of the most diverse and culturally competent domestic violence programs in the state. She has participated in developing and changing legislation and has made noise when we needed to be heard. And yet, along with that energy, she still takes the time to slow down and mentor young women who continue to carry forward her message of peace and non-violence.

Celia has been advocating since the civil rights era and has a unique and effective ability to communicate and get her message across in a way that inspires people to listen. Her 40-year career in working for human rights has had a resounding impact.

"Ginny NiCarthy and Celia Forrest belong in the same sentence together... One of Celia's greatest achievements has been recruiting and mentoring strong women to advocacy. This is her legacy."

2008 Nominees

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Candace Parvey

Candace always goes the extra mile to provide services for her clients at Eastside Domestic violence Program. For example, although case managers and advocates are not required to accompany their clients on visits to the *Shalom Bayit* furniture bank, Candace always makes the time to go with each client. Most impressively, many of Candace's clients report that she is great to work with. Even though she has been working in the domestic violence field for many years, she never appears burnt-out or negative. She clearly loves her work and is committed to the families she serves.

Chris Peterson

Chris has provided over 20 years of service to domestic violence survivors. She was one of the original employees of the Domestic Abuse Women's Network (DAWN), the first community-based domestic violence agency in South King County, and helped the agency grow from the ground up. Chris is very resourceful and is always willing to lend her knowledge and talent wherever is most needed. She has a commitment and passion that



drive her to accomplish any task or mission with no need for recognition or fanfare. She has served this community in a wide variety of ways which go beyond the expectations of any given job description.

Clara McGowen

Clara embodies the best qualities of a community advocate. Her everyday smile, compassion and excellent listening skills have won her the reward of seeing many people smile back. She is a compassionate advocate for her clients, making sure that they are connected to the right resources no matter what the barrier. Clara has been a wonderful service provider, teacher, boss and friend within the domestic violence agencies she has served. She helps us all understand that there is a bright light at the end of the dark tunnel of domestic violence.

Jennifer Quiroz

Jennifer is dedicated to helping survivors access services including housing, medical, education, life skills and counseling. In addition, she organizes committee meetings for the coordinated community response team in South King County. It seems that every time there is a new service available for domestic violence survivors, Jennifer is actively involved. She is extremely helpful in supporting new advocates in any way possible. She possesses a seemingly endless supply of energy and willingness to assist those in need. Jennifer exemplifies what it means to be an advocate, and a catalyst for change and progress.

Kristin Tucker

Kristin is a remarkable advocate and social change agent. She exemplifies excellence not only in her one-on-one advocacy, but also in her community engagement work and in her national work to transform the conditions that allow abuse. In nearly six years as an advocate at The NW Network of Bisexual, Trans, Lesbian & Gay Survivors of Abuse, Kristin has demonstrated unwavering leadership, vision, and loving-kindness. She has shared what she has learned from survivors with other advocates, and as a result has strengthened the regional and national response to LBTG survivors of abuse.



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