

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Day of Unity ~ October 1, 2012

October is domestic violence awareness month! We would like to invite you & your agency or business to participate in the Day of Unity, an event to raise awareness and end domestic violence in our community.



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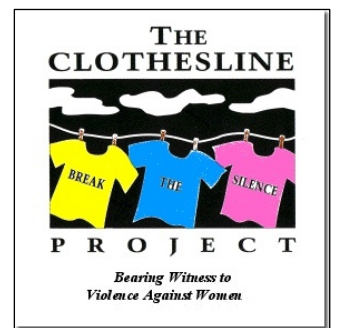
October 1, 2011 11:00-1:00pm Pacific Avenue, Downtown Santa Cruz

The purpose of the Day of Unity is to build public awareness about the epidemic of domestic violence in our community, mourn those who have died because of domestic violence, celebrate those who have survived, and build community allies.

The Walnut Avenue Women's Center, the Commission for the Prevention of Violence against Women (CPVAW), and Women's Crisis Support ~ Defensa de Mujeres will partner to present the "Clothesline Project" in downtown Santa Cruz as well as provide information on domestic violence and local support services.

The Clothesline Project

The Clothesline Project breaks the silence about domestic violence by giving a voice to survivors, victims, and community members. The clothesline was chosen to honor women's traditional information exchange over the backyard fences while hanging laundry out to dry. The clothesline displays T-shirts designed by survivors of various types of abuse, those who have lost loved ones to it, and allies in our community. The designed shirts are displayed during the Day of Unity event on clotheslines displayed at various locations along Pacific Avenue.



Invitation to Participate in Domestic Violence Awareness Month

- **Hold the clothesline for the Day of Unity clothesline project**

As an important member of our community, we invite you to take a stand in support of survivors of domestic violence and sign up to hold the clothesline, along with agency staff and volunteers. No appointment necessary, just show up during 11:00 –1:00 to participate.

- **Decorate a purple heart with your personal message**

During the month of October, the Commission for the Prevention of Violence against Women decorates various trees in the community with purple hearts.

- **Make a financial contribution to agencies providing essential support**

Donate at the various clotheslines on the Day of Unity and at other events throughout the month of October to support services for survivors of domestic violence.

- **Attend a community event on domestic violence**

See websites of individual organizations for information on community events.

As a community, let's come together to be a unified voice to end domestic violence.

We look forward to seeing you at the Day of Unity and other events throughout October.

Sincerely,

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