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## Season's Greetings

Dear Friends,

It is exciting to approach the holiday season even though it feels as if the year has just slipped by. It is easy to get caught up in the excitement of the moment with the lights, parties, music, and delicious treats that are so much a part of the tradition.

However, let us not forget that amidst our celebrations are those who have very little to celebrate - no job, no shelter, no food. And then there are those who are being abused physically, mentally and sexually.

As we reflect over the past year, we are thankful for the support and faithfulness of our friends of CADV. As you know, your contributions play a very important role in getting the message out about the pitfalls of domestic violence. We are making a difference in our community!

We wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, and a blessed Happy New Year!

Elsa Croucher  
Executive Director

## Save the Date!!

## 4th Annual Groundhog Breakfast

Remember to Save the Date for our annual Groundhog Breakfast! The breakfast will be Saturday January 31st at the First Church of God on Breiel Blvd. from 7am until 11 am. The cost is \$5 per person for all you can eat. The menu- scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, biscuits and sausage gravy, coffee, milk, and orange juice. Tickets are available from CADV board members or at the CADV office. Please call 423-0044.



# CADV CITIZENS AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MISSION STATEMENT

Citizens Against Domestic Violence is an organization which acts to promote an awareness of Domestic Violence and the damage it does to individuals, and to family, church and business relationships. Citizens Against Domestic Violence seeks to educate through information and to implement service to those who desire freedom from Violence/Abuse.



*Bridget Mahoney, Tammy Hall, Jim Croucher*

## “Domestic Violence:101” -70,000 Students Reached!

CADV has now reached over 70,000 high school and college students with our Teenage Dating Violence Prevention Program! The numbers turned on November 24th 2008 at Lakota West High School. Thank you to Board Members and Lakota West H.S. Teacher Tammy Hall for bringing this important lesson to your students!

As a health teacher, Tammy has done a great job of creating a curriculum to augment the relationship lessons that are included in the school's health books. CADV's program "Dating Violence:101" started in 1996 and has been growing ever since with the addition of new schools each year. We have received calls from as far away as North Carolina for requests to bring our dynamic power point presentation to schools.

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## You can help make sure our youth are educated!

### National Petitions for Teen Dating Violence Education

Two national petitions are now being circulated across the internet calling for states to mandate teen dating violence education in middle and high schools. Currently, only two states - Texas and Rhode Island - require domestic violence prevention be a part of its public school curriculum. The need is there! Studies show 1 in 3 teenage girls will be a victim of dating violence and, even more alarming, the Department of Justice consistently finds that girls between the ages of 16 and 24 experience the highest rate of intimate partner violence. The two groups and their announcements- Liz Claiborne Inc.'s MADE - Moms and Dads for Education to Stop Teen Dating Abuse - is a national group of parents, teachers and ANYONE who cares about this issue. Every teenager should be empowered with the information that they need to know the warning signs of teen dating abuse and where to get help. By simply signing the MADE online petition, you can show your support for legislation that will ensure teen dating abuse education in schools. [www.loveisnotabuse.com/made](http://www.loveisnotabuse.com/made)

On Tuesday, Dec. 2, actress and celebrity Amanda Bynes, together with Mary Kay Inc. and non-profit partner Break the Cycle, announced the launch of a national online campaign to petition lawmakers nationwide to make domestic violence prevention awareness mandatory in schools and encourage states to require teen dating violence prevention programs in schools across the country. Please sign the petition at [www.enddatingviolence.com](http://www.enddatingviolence.com)

# Fundraisers

CADV recently held two fundraisers with all proceeds going to help victims of domestic violence.

The annual Fall Fundraiser luncheon at the end of September raised \$4600. Featured speaker Assistant Butler County Prosecutor Lance Salyers spoke of his childhood where he experienced first-hand the toxic effects of alcoholism, drug addiction, mental illness, and domestic violence. Salyers, who prosecutes domestic violence offenders, noted the importance of CADV in helping victims financially.

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Amy's Fund 5k Run/Walk was held in late October at Voice of America Park. Verizon Wireless sponsored the race enabling CADV to hire a race director for the first time. Attendance was doubled from last year and a lot of positive feedback was given on the new course. \$2,100 was raised. Thank you to all the volunteers and those who made donations for both events!



Lance Salyers, Cindy Berry, Elsa and Jim Croucher



Amy Jones and Micky Muterspaw



Jim Croucher, Doris Buffet, Elsa Croucher

## Awards-

Congrats to Board Member Amy Jones for being given the Soroptimist International of Middletown 2008 Making a Difference for Women Award. The Award honors women who, through their professional or personal activities, make extraordinary efforts on behalf of women and girls. The work of these women helps to promote the issues that are important to the Soroptimist organizations.

CADV founders Jim and Elsa Croucher were feted in Wilmington North Carolina as winners of the 2008 Sunshine Peace Award given by the Sunshine Lady Foundation. SLF was begun in 1996 by Doris Buffet (sister to Warren). The award recognizes outstanding workers in the field of domestic violence. This fall, the Crouchers have also received special recognition from Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland, U.S. Congressman John Boehner, and Ohio Sen. Gary Cates and the Ohio Senate!

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*“There are  
two primary  
choices  
in life: to  
accept  
conditions  
as they  
exist or to  
accept the  
responsibility  
for  
changing  
them.”*

# Study looks at the lives of boys who commit dating violence

A new study at the University of California- Davis sheds light on the lives of teenage boys who abuse their girlfriends. In their own words, the young men often describe facing challenges such as growing up with troubled family lives, having little or no support when they began to fail at school, and witnessing violence in their own homes and communities. The study advocates broadening the view of abusive behaviors within dating relationships to explore the myriad environments — school, home and community — that affect boys' lives and actions.

“Until now, we did not have much information on young men who hurt their partners,” said Elizabeth Miller, the study's senior author and an assistant professor of pediatrics at UC Davis Children's Hospital. “This is a critically important piece of the puzzle in terms of designing meaningful prevention and intervention programs to prevent adolescent relationship violence.”

The study, “The Social and Emotional Contexts of Adolescent and Young Adult Male Perpetrators of Intimate Partner Violence: A Qualitative Study,” appeared online in the September issue of the *American Journal of Men's Health*. It is the first qualitative study to document the social and environmental factors experienced by adolescent males who have abused dating partners.

Despite multiple studies on the consequences of dating violence for girls, Miller said researchers still lack an understanding of the fundamental social and environmental factors that promote male violence within dating relationships — information that is crucial to guiding its prevention.

For the interview-based study, researchers identified common themes — from listening to boys who had been referred by their schools or families to an intervention program for abusive behavior with girlfriends.

“The themes that often came up in interviews included problematic home environments, inadequate support at school, community contexts characterized by violence and peer interactions that encourage the sexual maltreatment of girls,” said Reed, who is now a postdoctoral fellow at Duke University in Durham, N.C. “The findings of our study suggest that it will not be effective to focus on the influence of one of these contexts alone.”

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## **A letter of thanks....**

To all the people at CADV, thank you! A year ago, after admitting to myself that I was victim of domestic violence, I asked for help. Your organization and Elsa in particular, has been wonderful to me! I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the changes in my life. I tell many people how your organization along with my wonderful counselor saved my life.

Your funds helped me receive the counseling that I needed to understand what had happened to me. That I WAS a victim. Well, I'm not anymore. I'm a survivor!! Thanks to all of you. Since the counseling, I've been able to pull myself together. I landed a pretty decent job and made the decision to go back to college! I'm currently working on a Paralegal Degree at Sinclair Community College. I'm in my second quarter and absolutely love it.

I've found my inner strength and peace. I now understand what the word empowerment feels like. It is a wonderful feeling. I feel stronger mentally than I ever have before. As the song goes, Never Again.... Never Again will I allow myself to be abused! Never Again will I lose control over my life and destiny. Never Again will I allow myself to be tortured mentally.

So thank you. You all are Angels here on Earth. God bless you all- a former victim

# Grants 2008

Miriam Knoll Foundation .....	\$1,000
Johnson Family foundation .....	\$2,500
United Way .....	\$9,180
LCNB .....	\$500
TJX Foundation .....	\$5,000
Verizon Wireless .....	\$5,000
Molyneaux Foundation .....	\$5,000
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Middletown Community Foundation .....	\$8,000

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## **Teen Dating Violence Prevention Program “Domestic Violence: 101”**

*This presentation was one of the most important presentations I've ever been to. I learned a lot of the symptoms that lead up to an abusive relationship. I'm glad I learned the symptoms because if I ever realize them in any of my relationships, I know to end it. I can also help my friends and try to tell them to get out of their relationships if they are ever like that.*

*The stories they told us made me realize how real it is. It's scary to think that 1 out of 3 women are abused. If I am one of the 3 women, I will know what to do and how soon to do it, thanks to this presentation. These people that go around and talk to students about domestic violence have a lot of courage, and I'm glad they do. They have probably saved people's lives and I'm sure they will continue to do so. – Carlee, high school student*

Register now for your school

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