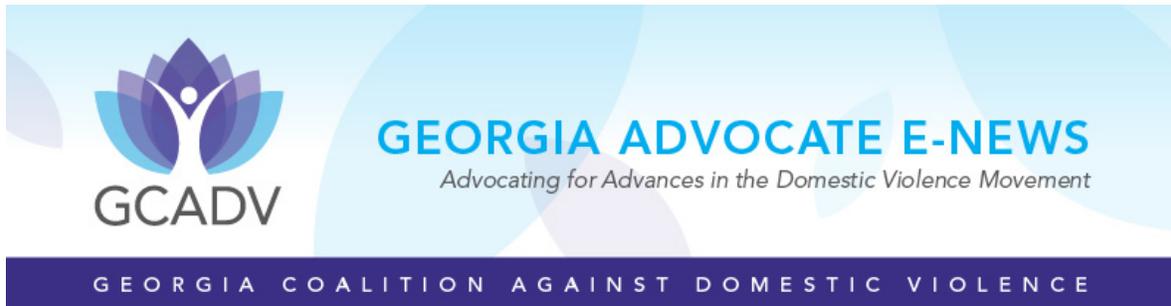


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This Sunday is Mother's Day. As I reflect on all that my mother means to me and how she helped to shape the woman I have become, I think about how all mothers make a such a tremendous and long-lasting impact. I think about how so many mothers make incredible sacrifices to ensure the safety and well-being of their families. I think about how their contributions to their families and communities are remembered and felt for generations. Mother's Day is a special day to honor mothers and think deeply about how they change our individual lives and world.



GCADV believes that not only mothers, but all women, children, and men should be treated with dignity and respect, that everyone should be safe in her home, and that communities thrive when we all work together to support healthy relationships. Our work to end violence against women seeks to ensure that all women are able to live a life free of violence and oppression. GCADV's work is critical to ensuring that all mothers and families who are survivors of domestic violence are supported, protected, and empowered.

I would also like to say "thank you" to everyone who joined us last Sunday for our 2nd Annual Race for Empowerment. We had close to 250 people register! It was great to see all of the purple tutus! Bravo to Susi McGhee of YWCA of Northwest Georgia, the overall female winner. The YWCA of Northwest Georgia also won the Purple Torch Award...for the 2nd year in a row!! Thank you to all of the GCADV member teams who came in force to support this event and to all of the runners who came out to support the GCADV's work to Empower Women!

Happy Mother's Day to all of the wonderful mothers out there and thank you for all you do to make us better people!

Jan Christiansen
Executive Director

2nd Annual Race for Empowerment a success

Thank you to all of our sponsors, volunteers and racers who helped to make our 2nd Annual Race for Empowerment a success.

We had 236 runners and walkers of all ages came to Piedmont Park on Sunday, May 1 for the event.

Our Men's and Women's Overall winners were Habib Ashogbon and Susi McGhee. Ashogbon completed the race in 18:24 while McGhee came in less than four minutes behind him at 22:15.

The winner of the Purple Torch Award for the second year in a row was the YWCA of Northwest Georgia. The Purple Torch was presented to the member organization team with the fastest combined time.



Racers at the 2nd Annual Race for Empowerment.

[View photos](#) from the day on [our Facebook page](#).

Check the [final times](#) for yourself or your friends on Sporthive's site.

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5k Overall Winners Habib Ashogbon and Susi McGhee.

Children who witness domestic violence subject of 13th annual Fatality Review Project

The 2016 Fatality Review Project will focus on children who witness domestic violence, the effects that has and what resources are available. This will be the 13th year GCADV partners with the Georgia Commission on Family Violence to produce the project.

Fatality Review Project Manager Taylor Tabb said GCADV and GCFV decided to focus on this issue as a result of their findings about how children and families are impacted by domestic violence-related homicide.

"Children who lose a parent to domestic violence homicide face a multitude of challenges, including overwhelming grief, identity conflicts and a total upheaval of the world as they know it," Tabb said. "Their new caregivers, who are often the parents or siblings of the deceased victim, are also dealing with their own challenges, including, guilt and grief, frustration with the criminal legal system, settling the affairs of the deceased, unexpected child rearing costs, and a new parenting role."

The 13th annual Fatality Review Project is planned for release in the spring of 2017.

The current edition of [the Project is now available online](#).

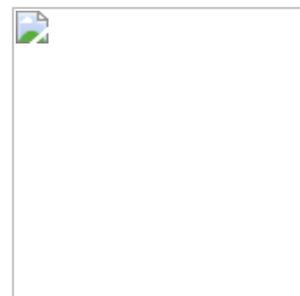


Cover from the 12th annual Fatality Review Report

Member Spotlight: Ruth's Cottage & The Patticake House

Ruth's Cottage & The Patticake House recently announced the hiring of Mindy Palmer as their new Assistant Director. Palmer's first day will be May 25. She will handle grant management as well as work with the Executive Director in outreach, development and volunteer management.

Based in Tifton, RCPH is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to end domestic and sexual violence, as well as child sexual and physical abuse.



Mindy Palmer

How You Can Support GCADV

For 35 years, GCADV has given collective voice to the issue of domestic violence.

One out of three women will experience domestic abuse in her lifetime.

Annually, 10,000,000 children are exposed to domestic violence. You can help us to make a difference. Here are a few ways:



1. [Donate to GCADV](#): Any gift will enable us to continue to train organizations and agencies that provide direct service to victims and their families. It is important that victims and their families receive compassionate, competent, and comprehensive care. To donate, [click here](#).
2. [Become a Friend of GCADV](#): As a Friend of GCADV, you will learn about the work we are doing across the state, have access to trainings and webinars, and be able to attend the annual membership meeting. To become a Friend of GCADV [click here](#).
3. [Become a social media advocate](#): Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. Learn about relevant issues and help others to become more aware of domestic violence and resources available to help victims and their families. To like us on Facebook [click here](#). To follow us on Twitter [click here](#).

About GCADV

Our Mission: Collaborate. Advocate. Educate. Empower.

GCADV envisions a Georgia free of domestic violence. We empower survivors and the programs that serve them, we educate the public, and we advocate for responsive public policy. Our strength is in numbers, as we collaborate throughout Georgia to stop domestic violence.



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