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### SAVE THE DATE! Stop Violence Against Women Day

Stop Violence Against  
Women Day at the  
Georgia State Capitol

Wednesday, February 8  
8:30 am - 1:30 pm

Breakfast provided at the  
Central Presbyterian Church  
201 Washington St., SW  
Atlanta, GA 30303



### GCADV 2017-2017 Board of Directors

#### Executive Committee

Beth Peters - Pres.  
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### Reflections on Giving A message from Jan

Dear Friends of GCADV,



As many of you know, October was Domestic Violence Awareness Month. During his yearly proclamation President Obama challenged The United States to, "recommit to doing everything in our power to uphold the basic human right to be free from violence and abuse." Last month, many of our member domestic violence programs and shelters held vigils to honor the lives of those lost to domestic violence and to celebrate the strength of domestic violence survivors. These vigils are a reminder of why our collective work is so important.

GCADV is committed to engaging communities, organizations, and systems across Georgia to create change in the prevention, intervention, and response to domestic violence. Domestic violence does not exist in a vacuum, rather, it intersects with race, gender, class, sexual orientation, and disability. This means that in order to end domestic violence, we, as an organization and as an engaged community, must address these intersections.

Our goal for 2017 is to engage diverse social justice movements across the state in conversations and a call to action about how we can work together to bring those in the margins to the center of our work. We must be vigilant in bringing the voices of the most marginalized and the most at risk of violence to the table. We must be willing to listen to and reflect on their experiences and needs and ensure our trainings and programs reflect what we hear. Our charge is to build the capacity of our member organizations, partners, and allies to ensure safe, compassionate, inclusive, and accessible services for **ALL** domestic violence survivors and their children exposed to violence throughout the state of Georgia.

GCADV invites you to join us in the movement to end violence against women. Your voice, your energy, and your resources can change many lives. Please take a moment to visit our website, [gcadv.org](http://gcadv.org), to learn more about us and our member programs. Sign up to volunteer at one of our events. Donate to GCADV to enable us to continue to provide resource materials to organizations and individuals across the state, train

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service providers, conduct community outreach, and support the work of community-based programs.

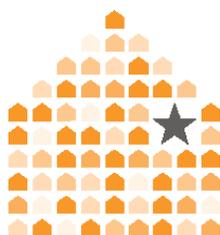
**To engage in our work as a volunteer, or donor, please go to [www.gcadv.org](http://www.gcadv.org) or contact us at 404-209-0280.**

Sincerely,  
Jan Christiansen  
Executive Director

**Guns and Domestic Violence  
A GCADV public policy priority**



**National Resources**



**NNEADV**  
**National Network to  
End Domestic Violence**  
[nneadv.org/](http://nneadv.org/)

NNEADV is the leading voice for domestic violence victims and their advocates. NNEADV offers a range of programs and initiatives to address the complex causes and far-reaching consequences of domestic violence.

[WomensLaw.org](http://WomensLaw.org)  
*Because knowledge is power.*

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A project of NNEADV  
providing legal information  
and support of victims of

Did you know that...

- Since 2010, 537 Georgians have been killed by firearm in domestic violence-related incidents.
- Though 27 states (including Alabama, Tennessee, South Carolina, Louisiana, and Texas) have state laws prohibiting convicted domestic abusers from having guns, **Georgia does not.**

For the 2017 legislative session **GCADV plans to introduce legislation to replicate, in Georgia state law, the federal law which prohibits those convicted of domestic violence misdemeanors and those subject to domestic violence protective orders from possessing firearms.**

GCADV also hopes to identify members of law enforcement, prosecutors, and judges who are willing to testify at the GA General Assembly in support of this bill. If you are aware of individuals willing to champion the issue of keeping firearms out of the hands of batterers, please send their names and contact information along to either Allison at [asmith@gcadv.org](mailto:asmith@gcadv.org) or Shenna at [smorris@gcadv.org](mailto:smorris@gcadv.org).

Learn More at: [gcadv.org/guns-publicpolicy](http://gcadv.org/guns-publicpolicy)

domestic violence and sexual assault.

## Jazzin' for GCADV - October 22, 2016

Thank you to our 2016 Stand Event Sponsors!



Our 2nd Annual Stand event **Jazzin' for GCADV** at the Solarium in Decatur was a hit! We listened to the acclaimed smooth sounds of the PR Experience, enjoyed substantial hors d'oeuvres and delicious beverages and all while supporting GCADV's critical work.



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Dr. Marisa Lawrence, MD,

GCADV Board President Beth Peters awarded Jamie Bormann with the Advocate Award and Crisis Line & Safe House of Central Georgia (CL-SH)'s Executive Director, DeAlvah Simms with the Educate award in recognition of CL-SH's commitment to increasing services for rural domestic violence victims.



GCADV Board Member and Jazzin' for GCADV Event Chair, Adrienne Sims, and our ED Jan Christiansen presented Mary Kay with the Empower Award. The Mary Kay Foundation generously funds domestic violence shelters across the state through its Shelter Grant, and they also sponsor the annual *Stop Violence Against Women Day* at the Georgia State Capitol.

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**STATEWIDE  
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HOTLINE**  
**1-800-33-HAVEN**  
**(1.800.334.2836)**



Jonathan R. Levine was awarded the Collaborate Award by Jan, GCADV Board Pres. Beth Peters, and GCADV Board VP Katie Bates in recognition of his pro bono representation for low-income survivors of domestic violence through the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation.



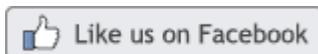
GCADV is launching a new partnership with the Atlanta Dream, our local WNBA team. Our social media campaign #Iamgamechanger showcases that we are partnering in order to help teens and young adults understand the importance of healthy relationships, to identify signs of dating and intimate partner abuse, and to encourage conversations about positive relationships.

**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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