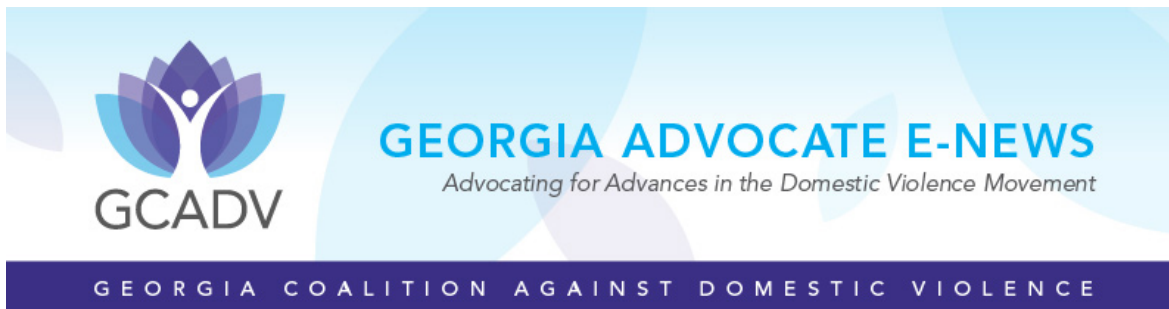


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## 2016 Race for Empowerment



## Register now for the 2016 Race for Empowerment

Lace up your sneakers and join us for our 2nd annual 5K run on Sunday, May 1. Start time is at 8 a.m. at Piedmont Park. The Race for Empowerment 5K celebrates the strength and courage of survivors of domestic violence.

All proceeds will benefit GCADV services which support member domestic violence shelters and programs statewide.

The course is a certified race for the Peachtree with chip timing.

Kids 10 and under can also join in the fun with a special 1K Fun Run.

Sign up now to run on [Race Roster](#).

You can also support this event as a [Phantom Runner](#), a [volunteer](#) or a [sponsor](#).

**For help, call the  
STATEWIDE DOMESTIC  
VIOLENCE HOTLINE  
1-800-33-HAVEN  
(1.800.334.2836)**

## A message from Jan

In GCADV's 2014 Georgia Domestic Violence Fatality Review, we address specific barriers faced by domestic violence victims to accessing safety, services, and justice. In our E-Advocate News August edition, we focused on barriers faced by the LGBTQ community. In this edition, we will focus on barriers faced by women of color.



In 2013, Black women in the United States were murdered at a rate almost two and a half times higher than White women, (2.36 per 100,000 versus .95 per 100,000)(Violence Policy Center, 2015). In Georgia, African Americans make up roughly one-third of the population (31.5%) ([quickfacts.census.gov](http://quickfacts.census.gov)), yet African American women are killed at approximately twice that rate (62%) (Violence Policy Center, 2014). We believe that in order to reverse this trend, we have to listen to the voices of those impacted as well as those who understand, first hand, the challenges of reaching the African American community and other communities of color. This has led GCADV to take an intensive look at how we give voice to women of color in the movement, both internally in our organization and externally to those who do the work across our state.

Over the past five years, GCADV has held internal conversations about giving women of color greater opportunities to help the movement become more inclusive and better serve communities of color. We feel that now is the time to have external conversations. The only way we can collectively make a difference in the lives of survivors and positively impact all communities is by valuing their unique needs and experiences.





GCADV and the Center for Women at Emory University present a special screening of the award winning documentary *Miss Representation*. The free showing will be at 5pm on Tuesday, March 29 at the Harland Cinema on Emory's campus. For more information and to [reserve your tickets, visit our Eventbrite page.](#)

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- **1919** - The 19th Amendment passes giving American women the right to vote.
- **1963** - Betty Friedan pens *The Feminine Mystique* which looks at the discontentment of middle class women struggling between seeking fulfillment and the ideology that keeps them at home.
- **1976** - On March 4, 1976 8,200 women from 330 countries come together in Brussels for the International Tribunal on Crimes Against Women.
- **1978** - The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence is founded.

## Member Spotlight: Ruth's Cottage

Ruth's Cottage in Tifton is hosting an event for the entire community on Saturday, March 12.

Their Community Care Day and Resource Expo will run from 9 a.m. until noon at the Tift County Recreation Department. There, you will be able to learn more about health, fitness and disabilities programs. For the kids, there will also be a bouncy house and costumed characters.



For more information, visit their [Facebook page.](#)

## Ways to Make a Difference

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](#).

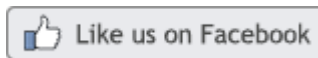
**3. Become a social media advocate:** Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. Learn about relevant issues and help others to become more aware of domestic violence and resources available to help victims and their families. To like us on Facebook click [here](#). To follow us on Twitter click [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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