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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.

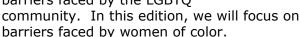
Sign up now to run on Race Roster.

You can also support this event as a <u>Phantom Runner</u>, a <u>volunteer</u> or a <u>sponsor</u>.

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



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%) (quickfactscensus.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.



No More Week of Action: March 6-12

GCADV is supporting No More's Week of Action with events throughout the second week of March.

Check our <u>Facebook page</u> for photos, videos, conversations and more starting Sunday, March 6.

Wear blue and the No More symbol on Thursday, March 10 to show your support. And don't forget to hashtag your photos and videos #NOMOREWeek.



AWARENESS & PREVENTION MONTH

For a list of upcoming DVAM events, please click <u>here</u>.

Stop Violence Against Women Day 2016



Thank you to everyone who helped make SVAWD 2016 a success. About 250 people came to the capitol to ask our politicians to do more to help end violence against women.

Check out photos from the day on GCADV's Facebook page.

Screening of *Miss*Representation at Emory

At the 21st Annual Statewide Family Violence Conference, September 27 - 30, GCADV will be hosting the *Women of Color Forum: Hearing, Healing, and Honoring*. This forum begins a series of conversations that will inform our work across the state. We are excited about how this will break down barriers and push us to **#forwardmovement**. We will also engage aspiring allies, those in the majority culture who will walk alongside women of color and be a part of this critical movement building work.

Our ability to effectively serve and empower survivors of domestic violence is based on our ability to value and honor the diversity of underrepresented cultures and communities. When we work to reach the most marginalized, we are by default improving services for everyone. We look forward to this journey and hope you will join us.

Sincerely,

Jan Christiansen Executive Director

Women's History Month and the Domestic Violence Movement



March is Women's History Month. Many women led the charge in the Domestic Violence Movement and continue to do so today.

Here's a look at some of the key dates in the DV Movement and the women behind them:

1878 -

Francis Power Cobbe publishes *Wife Torture* in England. Cobbe documented 6,000 of the most brutal assaults over a three year span. She theorized abuse continued because of the belief that a man's wife is his property. This research led to the passage of the Matrimonial Causes Act, allowing victims of violence to separate from their husband.

Late 1800's - After Queen Victoria takes
the British throne, lawmakers start to enact
reforms regarding women. These include
the prohibition of selling wives and
daughters into prostitution and allowing life
threatening beatings as grounds for



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.

divorce.

- 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 <a href=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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