

# Network News

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## National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

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October was *Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM)* and across the country, advocates joined health care providers, business leaders, policy makers, faith-based groups, college students and many others at events and activities designed to raise awareness about domestic and sexual violence. Events included national campaigns, statewide activities and community events.

The following list includes just some of the many *Domestic Violence Awareness Month* activities that were planned for this fall. Domestic violence experts and service providers are encouraged to contact the sponsoring organizations to find out more about each event. Please note that this list is not comprehensive; it is a sample of national events.

**September 25** – Liz Claiborne Inc., Redbook, Seventeen, Safe Horizon, The National Domestic Violence Hotline, LoveIsRespect.org, and the Corporate Alliance to End Partner Violence joined forces for *It's Time to Talk Day* to encourage greater public dialogue about domestic violence. Around the country, talk radio, government officials, domestic violence experts, businesses, schools, and the public-at-large took a moment – or more – to talk openly about an issue that affects nearly one in three women some time in their lives. In Central Illinois, Radio Bloomington and local Corporate Alliance to End Partner Violence members held a news conference to announce *It's Time to Talk Day* at Illinois State University.

**September 27** – The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) hosted a reception at the Mutual of America Building in New York City. At the reception, NCADV kicked off its *National Association of Black Female Executives in Music and Entertainment* song

contest and highlighted its new campaign with the Body Shop – *Let Your Lips Do the Talking*. Seventy-five percent of proceeds from purchasing the special edition pink Hi-Shine Lip Treatment benefit NCADV's cosmetic and reconstructive surgery program, *Face to Face*. Visit [www.ncadv.org](http://www.ncadv.org) for more information.

**October 1** – The Sheila Wellstone Institute (SWI) held its *Domestic Violence Awareness Month* Reception in Washington, DC to honor the 2nd Annual Sheila Wellstone Award winner, the National Network to End Domestic Violence Against Immigrant Women. SWI, Verizon Wireless and Free Arts Minnesota co-sponsored the "Voices of Hope" art exhibit – a quilt display of domestic violence survivors' artwork from 13 shelters in Minnesota and North Dakota that was featured in the Russell Senate Office Building Rotunda until October 5. The quilt squares depict what hope means to them and gives voice to their work through the artists' statements.

**October 4** – The National Network to End Domestic Violence hosted its First Annual Friendraiser, *Puttin' on the Ritz*, in

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Washington, DC to celebrate the individuals, organizations and corporations that have made groundbreaking contributions to ending domestic violence. The event honored President William Jefferson Clinton; Senators Joseph Biden and Arlen Specter; Altria Group, Inc.; William D. Riley, Director of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Program at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; and the Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center in Newburyport, Massachusetts. *Further information is available at [www.nnedv.org](http://www.nnedv.org).*

**October 4** – Free the Slaves and the Action Group to End Human Trafficking and Modern-Day Slavery hosted a reception for Kevin Bales, author of *Ending Slavery: How We Free Today's Slaves* in the Rayburn House Office Building in Washington, DC. *Ending Slavery* gives practical steps that policy makers and citizens can take to build a world without slavery. After Bales presented his book, policy and field experts addressed current and upcoming legislation that is integral to the fight against human trafficking and modern-day slavery. *For more information, visit [www.freetheslaves.net/](http://www.freetheslaves.net/).*

**October 10** – The Family Violence Prevention Fund (FVPPF) organized the Ninth Annual *Health Cares About Domestic Violence Day (HCADV)*, which reaches the healthcare community with information on assessing patients for domestic violence and the long term health implications of exposure to violence. This year, the FVPPF again joined with the American Medical Students Association to further involve medical school campuses nationwide. In Milwaukee, the mayor and city health commissioner read proclamations on *HCADV* at a press conference. *To learn more, call the National Health Resource Center on Domestic Violence at 888/Rx-ABUSE; a free organizing packet is available online at [www.endabuse.org/hcadvd](http://www.endabuse.org/hcadvd).*

**October 14 through October 20** – Organized by YWCA USA, the *Twelfth Annual YWCA Week Without Violence* featured domestic violence awareness and violence prevention activities. During *DVAM*, YWCAs across the country participated in the national effort to unite individuals against violence, declaring “Enough!” *For more information, visit [www.ywca.org](http://www.ywca.org).*

**October 18 through October 24** – This year, Marshalls, a division of TJX companies, sponsored a week-long *Shop Til It Stops* event in more than 700 stores nationwide. For every pair of shoes purchased, \$1 was donated to the Family Violence Prevention Fund, up to \$150,000, to support efforts to prevent violence against women and raise awareness about the harmful effects of abuse. For the second year, Marshalls sponsored the 30th Annual Gala for Sojourn in Los Angeles and makeovers for some domestic violence survivors. Marshalls also hosted an on-line auction with shoes donated and signed by celebrities to benefit local domestic violence prevention programs across the country.

## NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE

1-800-799-7233 / 1-800-787-3224 (TTY)

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### NNADV Wish List

- Jump Drives
- Highlighter Pens
- Post-It Notes (all sizes)
- CD-RW Data Disks
- Banker's Boxes
- Bathroom Supplies

# Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Nevada

KATY HANSON, EDUCATION & OUTREACH MANAGER

Domestic violence programs across Nevada dedicated themselves to sponsoring Domestic Violence Awareness Month events that raised awareness in their communities, celebrated those survivors who have ended the violence in their lives, and commemorated those who have lost their lives due to domestic violence. We've listed below just a few of the events that took place around the state during the month of October:

*Advocates to End Domestic Violence* tied purple ribbons around the capitol building in Carson City commemorating October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

The *Nevada Office of the Attorney General*, in cooperation with the *Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence*, sponsored a Victim Remembrance and Domestic Violence Awareness Exhibit, placing purple flags on the lawn of the Nevada Office of the Attorney General in Carson City to represent the 38,297 victims of domestic violence who contacted domestic violence programs in Nevada for services during 2006.

The *Family Support Council*, in conjunction with the *Purple Ribbon Coalition*, held their 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Candlelight Vigil, featuring a keynote address by Nevada Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto, on October 1<sup>st</sup> at the Heritage Park in Minden.

*Churchill Co. Domestic Violence Intervention, Inc.* sponsored a presentation and book signing by Victor Rivas Rivers, author of A

Private Family Matter, on October 1<sup>st</sup> at the Churchill Arts Council in Fallon.

*Nevada Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto* held a Domestic Violence Awareness Month Press Conference on October 4<sup>th</sup> on the front lawn of the Office of the Attorney General in Carson City. At the Press Conference, the *Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence* unveiled the new Memorial Exhibit, a traveling display made up of t-shirts on a clothes line honoring those who lost their lives due to domestic violence in 2005.

The *Committee to Aid Abused Women* held their Invitational Golf Tournament on October 5<sup>th</sup> at the Resort at Red Hawk in Reno.

The *Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada* sponsored their 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference, Purple Ribbon Campaign, and Silent Witness Display October 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> at John Ascuaga's Nugget in Reno.

*Volunteer Attorneys for Rural Nevadans* sponsored their annual Cow County Ball fundraiser and community awareness event on October 12<sup>th</sup> at the Fairgrounds in Carson City.

The *Lander County Committee Against Domestic Violence* sponsored their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 5K Fun Run/Walk event on October 13<sup>th</sup> at the Elquist Park in Battle Mountain.

*TADC/SafeNest* held their 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Luncheon, featuring a keynote address by Nevada

Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto, on October 19<sup>th</sup> at the Rio All-Suite Resort in Las Vegas.

The *Washoe County Domestic Violence Task Force* sponsored its annual "Safe and Healthy Homes" community awareness event and 5K Run/Walk on October 21<sup>st</sup> at the Idlewild Park California Building in Reno.

*Pershing Co. Domestic Violence Intervention, Inc.* held their Soup & Salad Supper, Silent Auction, and "In Their Shoes" display on October 24<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center in Lovelock.

While the Network is very proud of the work, public outreach, and community education that take place each October, we want to remind individuals, advocates and our colleagues in various professions that you are encountering victims of domestic violence every day and every month—they are your clients, patients, co-workers, family, and friends.

Support the fight against domestic violence by volunteering at your local domestic violence program, or by donating food, clothing, office supplies, or cash. Talk to your employer about obtaining training in your workplace and to your health care provider about screening for domestic violence in his or her practice. Be creative! Do your part to help battered women and their children end the cycle of violence in their lives.

# Domestic Violence-Related Deaths in Nevada: Year 2006

*This information is compiled from newspaper articles from around the state of Nevada; therefore, it may not be an all-inclusive list and is not intended for use as a definitive source of information.*

**Unidentified Woman, Las Vegas**

*DOD: January 4, 2006*

*Age: 21*

The woman and her new boyfriend encountered her former boyfriend at the Nellis Gardens Apartments. The ex-boyfriend pulled a gun on the pair, and a witness reported hearing the woman pleading "please don't shoot me." The armed man opened fire, fatally wounding the woman, before turning the gun on himself. The shooter died at the scene; the woman died later at University Medical Center. The victim's boyfriend escaped unharmed.

**Charles Francis Simms, Jr., Las Vegas**

*DOD: January 21, 2006*

*Age: 45*

On January 21<sup>st</sup> Simms's wife, Barbara Jean Baker, called the police and reported that she had found her husband dead in an upstairs bedroom of their home. Simms had been fatally shot in the back of the head. When questioned by police, Baker claimed that she had been out of town at the time of his death. But after following a trail of evidence, police arrested her and charged her with his murder.

**Debbie Kay Schnueringer, Stead**

*DOD: March 26, 2006*

*Age: 44*

On March 26<sup>th</sup> Schnueringer's sister, who was visiting the couple,

placed a 911 call at the request of Karl Schnueringer, the victim's husband. When paramedics arrived, Karl told them that he and his wife had been cutting wood, and that she had taken diet pills and then collapsed. Pathologists later determined that Debbie had died of strangulation. Karl was arrested on suspicion of her murder on July 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Kimberly Cochran, Las Vegas**

*DOD: May 3, 2006*

*Age: 41*

When police arrived at Cochran's apartment in response to a concerned friend's call, her estranged husband was there. 34-year-old Scott Patrick had a long history of domestic violence, including an incarceration for assaulting Cochran's teenage son when the son tried to pull Patrick off his mother during a fight. When Patrick let police into Cochran's apartment that day, they found her stabbed and bludgeoned body under a pile of blankets in the bedroom closet. Patrick was arrested and charged with her murder.

**Heather Deyerle, Dayton**

*DOD: May 4, 2006*

*Age: 24*

Christopher Lawrence Deyerle, 25, was arrested on May 4<sup>th</sup> for the alleged shooting death of his wife Heather. Heather had recently sought a divorce, and Christopher had taken to following her to work and harassing her there. After the shooting, Heather was taken by Care Flight to Washoe Medical Center in Reno, where she was pronounced dead at 9 p.m.

**Elena Marga, Las Vegas**

*DOD: June 5, 2006*

*Age: unknown*

Elena was found stabbed to death in her Las Vegas home. Police say a man called 911 on June 5<sup>th</sup> and reported that he had killed his wife. When police arrived to the home Elena's husband, Sever Marga, answered the door, and told police that he had killed his wife, and then attempted to kill himself. Elena's body was found in the living room. Sever Marga has been arrested and charged with murder.

**Charla Mack, Reno**

*DOD: June 12, 2006*

*Age: 39*

Charla sought divorce from her husband, Darren Mack, in 2005. At the time of her death, the two were involved in a bitter financial dispute. Charla's body was found in the garage of her apartment. After allegedly stabbing his wife, Mack went to the Washoe County Courthouse and allegedly shot Family Court Judge Chuck Weller, who was handling the couple's divorce. Judge Weller survived the shooting. Darren Mack then fled to Mexico, sparking an international manhunt. He surrendered to police in Puerto Vallarta on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Travhan Fields, Las Vegas**

*DOD: July 6, 2006*

*Age: 20*

On July 6<sup>th</sup>, Fields was overheard arguing with his girlfriend, 22-year-old Rochalonn Chapman in their apartment. Chapman allegedly shot Fields in the chest, he then jumped

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# GET INVOLVED!

NNADV is a grassroots organization funded by members (annual fees plus member program contributions), grants, and private donations. Financial support is always welcome. Cash or in-kind gifts are accepted throughout the year and are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

My Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## I WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE:

- To the **Jan Evans Direct Assistance Fund (JEDAF)**; check enclosed
- One time cash gift; check enclosed
- Supplies (copy paper, postage stamps, etc.)
- Equipment or Services: \_\_\_\_\_

## Annual pledge, payment as specified:

- Monthly
- Quarterly
- Semi-annually

## I would like to become a member, renew my membership, or sponsor a new member!

- \$35.00 Individual Membership fee
- \$10.00 Student/Retired/Limited Income Individual Membership fee
- \$200.00 Organizational Membership fee

### Please specify:

- New member
- Membership renewal
- Gift membership for (please fill in below; feel free to use separate sheet for additional names):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

## I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER!

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Best hours/days to call: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this donation/membership coupon and check(s), payable to Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence (NNADV), to:

**NEVADA NETWORK AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**  
**220 S. ROCK BLVD., SUITE 7**  
**RENO, NEVADA 89502**

**THANKS!**

## STATEWIDE STATISTICS\*

Fourth Quarter FY 2006-07

- TOTAL NUMBER OF CONTACTS: 17,230

▶ First Time:	9,910	▶ Telephone:	7,012
▶ Repeat:	4,796	▶ Face to Face:	10,218
▶ Follow Up:	2,524		17,230
	17,230		

## - BEDNIGHTS:

	Adults	Bdnts.	Children	Bdnts.	Total Adults & Children	Total Bdnts.
▶ Shelter	346	7,319	387	9,170	733	16,489
▶ Safe Homes	0	0	0	0	0	0
▶ Em. Motel	42	76	31	75	73	151
▶ Carry Over	0	0	0	0	0	0
▶ T. Housing	8	544	7	468	15	1,012
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>7,939</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>9,713</b>	<b>821</b>	<b>17,652</b>

- TOTAL NUMBER OF PRIMARY VICTIMS: 9,910

## - STATISTICS:

Age:	Female	Male	Race:	
0-12	13	9	Caucasian	3,624
13-17	97	16	African-American	817
18-29	2,121	229	Hispanic	2,196
30-44	2,657	402	Native American	88
45-64	1,157	234	Asian/Pacific Islander	282
65+	135	36	Unknown	2,806
Unknown	2,780	24	Mixed	97
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,960</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,910</b>

## - LOCATION:

Carson	340	Lyon	48
Churchill	76	Mineral	203
Clark	6,759	Nye	26
Douglas	106	Pershing	4
Elko	32	Storey	7
Esmeralda	0	Washoe	1,999
Eureka	1	White Pine	2
Humboldt	1	Unknown	256
Lander	1	Out of State	49
Lincoln	0	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,910</b>

\*The Statewide Statistics were compiled from quarterly reports submitted by domestic violence programs in Nevada.

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...TO OUR NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2007

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out of their second-story window and staggered across the parking lot. Witnesses told police that they then saw Chapman leave the apartment with a young child. Chapman was subsequently arrested and booked for murder with a deadly weapon.

### ***Kathy Augustine, Reno***

*DOD: July 11, 2006*

*Age: 50*

Kathy Augustine was hospitalized on July 8<sup>th</sup> after her husband, Chaz Higgs, said he found her unconscious in their Reno home. She died at Washoe Medical Center three days later. Higgs, a critical care nurse, told the media that his wife had died of a massive heart attack, but no evidence of heart disease was found in the autopsy. Instead the FBI toxicology test showed evidence of a powerful paralytic called succinylcholine in Augustine's system. Witnesses testified overhearing Higgs stating to a fellow nurse that he would use the drug, if he wanted to kill someone, because it was undetectable. Higgs was convicted of murder in June 2007 and sentenced to life in prison.

### ***Everilda Durran Watson, Las Vegas***

*DOD: July 13, 2006*

*Age: 50*

Everilda Durran Watson and her husband, John Matthias Watson, were visiting the Tuscany hotel in Las Vegas. On the morning of July 13<sup>th</sup>, John Watson went to two stores and made the following purchases: anti-freeze, bleach, a 40-count box of 13-gallon garbage bags, odor neutralizer, a 9-inch band saw and an electrical extension cord. John allegedly killed his wife, dismembered her body, and used the other purchases to try to clean up after himself. He was arrested in Ontario, California in August 2006 on murder charges.

### ***Steve Carter, Las Vegas***

*DOD: August 7, 2006*

*Age: unknown*

Steve Carter and his wife, Suzanne, had a long history of domestic disputes. Suzanne Carter had filed several restraining orders in the past, and had recently sued for divorce. On August 7<sup>th</sup> she had returned home to attempt to reconcile their relationship. After allegedly shooting her husband in the chest during an argument, Suzanne called 911. When police arrived, she told

them that she had acted in self defense. Police said there was no sign of a struggle, and booked her on murder charges.

### ***Laurie Jean Lawrence, Reno***

*DOD: unknown, 2006*

*Age: 42*

Authorities would not specify when Lawrence's body was found, but her live-in boyfriend, Denver Dean Pullin, was arrested on suspicion of her murder on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Police discovered Lawrence's body while conducting a welfare check at her 11<sup>th</sup> Street residence.

### ***Donald Metz, Pahrump***

*DOD: September 10, 2006*

*Age: unknown*

Metz, a recent honors graduate from Byron Medical College, was found dead in his bed. His wife, Tanya Holtz, 25, was arrested on October 25<sup>th</sup> after an autopsy of her late husband revealed the cause of death being a lethal dose of methadone, a treatment-drug for heroin addiction. Holtz had allegedly gone to a mutual friend for the drugs, ingested four of the pills herself, and then gave the rest to Metz. Holtz has been charged with open murder.

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## **NNADV's 2005 Memorial Exhibit is now available!**

The 2005 Memorial Exhibit is a traveling memorial honoring the 17 Nevada individuals who were murdered by their intimate partners during 2005. The exhibit, which can be mailed out across the state, includes 17 t-shirts that are red and bear the name and story of a murdered woman. An 18<sup>th</sup> shirt represents the uncounted women whose deaths were unreported or unacknowledged. To schedule the exhibit, contact Katy at the Network office for availability at 775-828-1115 or [KatyH@nnadv.org](mailto:KatyH@nnadv.org).

# From the Resource Center

Over the past quarter, the NNADV Resource Center staff has acquired many great new resources. Among them are some new materials from Diane Wetendorf addressing the issue of law enforcement officers' perpetration of intimate partner violence:

**Advocates and Officer Dialogues: Police-Perpetrated Domestic Violence, 2006**

This manual presents effective techniques of intervention with police officers who batter, including methods for reaching these officers and safety planning techniques for victims of police-perpetrated domestic violence.

**Abusive Police Officers: Working the System, 2006**

This manual addresses the issue of police-perpetrated domestic

violence against intimate partners. It explores the tactics used by law enforcement officers who batter, and explains why victims of police-perpetrated domestic violence are reluctant to pursue legal action.

**Crossing the Threshold: Female Officers and Police Perpetrated Domestic Violence, 2005**

Crossing the Threshold examines how male police officers' institutional power filters down into their intimate relationships, and why the institution of policing has historically ignored or denied police-perpetrated violence against women. A brief look at the profession's historical treatment of women and minorities provides the background for this analysis of police-perpetrated domestic violence. Though the book focuses on female officers' experience of

abuse at the hands of male officers and the institutional response to that abuse, this book is insightful and relevant reading for civilian victims, advocates, attorneys, police supervisors, administrators, chiefs and sheriffs.

If you're interested in obtaining any of the above materials, or if you'd like more information on other available resources from the NNADV Resource Center, please contact Nina Clark, Program Assistant—Education & Outreach, at 775-828-1115 (Reno, Sparks, & Carson City), 800-230-1955 (toll-free), or at [NinaC@nnadv.org](mailto:NinaC@nnadv.org).

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**Unidentified Woman, Las Vegas**

*DOD: September 26, 2006*

*Age: unknown*

The mother of a young girl was shot to death, allegedly by the father of the child, who then killed himself. The murder-suicide was discovered when concerned co-workers tried to call the mother, and the little girl answered the phone and told them, "my mother is bleeding". Police had been called to the residence due to domestic violence disputes at least two times prior to this incident.

**Jazmin Gonzalez Morgado, Stateline**

*DOD: November 19, 2006*

*Age: 22*

On September 20<sup>th</sup> Jazmin Gonzalez Morgado went to the court for a protective order against her partner, Ramiro Vasquez Galicia, who had threatened to kill her with his pocket knife. Less than two months later, on November 19<sup>th</sup>, Jazmin Gonzalez Morgado was found dead in a hotel room at the Horizon Casino Resort where she worked as a maid. The

Washoe County coroner's office did not determine the cause of death, but investigators reported she had stab wounds and blunt force trauma. Ramiro Galicia allegedly booked a room with help from a friend, waited for Morgado in the room, held her hostage and then killed her. He is being held on suspicion of murder and first-degree kidnapping.

# Jan Evans Direct Assistance Fund Needs Support

ELIZABETH STOFFEL, TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MANAGER

Since its inception in 2006, the Jan Evans Direct Assistance Fund has assisted more than a dozen battered women and their children with the financial resources needed to flee abuse and establish a life free of violence. In past quarters, NNADV has been able to award emergency financial assistance grants of up to \$500 to battered women and their children to meet their immediate needs.

## Recent Awards

Last quarter, for the first time, the Jan Evans Fund was unable to award any grants to local domestic violence programs due to a lack of funds. Efforts are being made to replenish the funds, but we need your support now in order to continue providing grants to battered women and their children in Nevada.

## To Apply

Nevada-based domestic violence programs can apply for funds on behalf of individual battered women and their children. Currently, the fund has approximately \$375.00, and we are accepting applications for small grants. An applying organization must be a non-profit, tax exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code and *must be a member program of the Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence*. If you would like more information about applying for a grant, please contact Elizabeth Stoffel, Training & Technical Assistance Manager for NNADV, at 775-828-1115 (Reno/Sparks/Carson City), 800-230-1955 (Statewide), or [ElizabethS@nnadv.org](mailto:ElizabethS@nnadv.org).

## To Contribute

Please consider donating to the Jan Evans Fund. Your donation to the Jan Evans Fund is tax-deductible as allowed by law, and 100% of your donation will go to assist victims—no administrative costs are covered. To make a financial contribution to the Jan Evans Fund, please fill out the donation form on page 5 of this newsletter, and mail it in with your cash or check donation. Thank you for your support.

*In the third quarter of 2007, the Jan Evans Direct Assistance Fund was made available through the generous support of Melanie Crossley, attendees of the Rural Regional Meetings in Fallon and Ely, and attendees of the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Statewide Domestic Violence Conference in Reno.*

## The Network News is Going Electronic!

Beginning with our Summer 2008 issue, the NNADV's quarterly newsletter will be distributed **VIA EMAIL ONLY**. To ensure your uninterrupted service, please let us know in advance of that date that you'd like to keep receiving the *Network News*, and what email address you want us to use. To sign up for your electronic subscription, email Katy Hanson at [KatyH@nnadv.org](mailto:KatyH@nnadv.org) under the subject heading "email newsletter," and provide your name and preferred email address. If you don't have access to a computer and would like to make arrangements to continue receiving a hard copy, please call Katy at the Network office. You can also contact Katy with questions by email, or by calling 775-828-1115 (Reno/Sparks) or 800-230-1955 (statewide).

**How are we doing?** The *Network News* is designed as an informative resource for advocates and other professionals working to eradicate domestic violence. Comments, suggestions, and inquires are welcome. Contact Katy Hanson at 775-828-1115 (Reno/Sparks) or 800-230-1955 (Statewide), or [KatyH@nnadv.org](mailto:KatyH@nnadv.org).

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