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## ***Nevada Tops the Nation in Rate of Women Murdered by Men for Another Year***

According to a study released by the [Violence Policy Center](#) (VPC), Nevada ranked first in the nation in the rate of women killed by men for the third year in a row, with a rate of 2.62 per 100,000. This rate was more than double the national average. Nevada has held the top position for five of the last six years.

Snapshot of Nevada, according to the VPC study:

- In 2010, 35 women were murdered by males in Nevada.
- For homicides in which the weapon used could be identified, 45 percent of female victims were shot and killed with guns. Of these, 73 percent were killed with handguns.
- For homicides in which the victim to offender relationship could be identified, 91 percent of female victims were murdered by someone they knew, 56 percent were wives, common-law wives, ex-wives, or girlfriends of the offenders.

Sue Meuschke, executive director of the Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence, states, "Reducing domestic violence homicide is the responsibility of all Nevada's communities. As this report points out, women in Nevada are at a higher risk of being victims of homicide perpetrated by people they know and love. Much more must be done in our state to change this outcome."

The annual VPC report, [When Men Murder Women: An Analysis of 2010 Homicide Data](#), details national and state-by-state information on female homicides involving one female murder victim and one male offender. The annual report uses the most recent data

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available (2010) from the Federal Bureau of Investigation's unpublished Supplementary Homicide Report and is released each year to coincide with Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October. The study concludes, "The picture that emerges from *When Men Murder Women* is that women face the greatest threat from someone they know, most often a spouse or intimate acquaintance, who is armed with a gun. For women in America, guns are not used to save lives, but to take them."

### About the Violence Policy Center

The [Violence Policy Center](#) (VPC) is a national tax-exempt educational organization working for a safer America through research, investigation, analysis, and advocacy. The VPC provides information to policymakers, journalists, organizations, advocates, and the general public. For more information about the VPC report, contact Laura McDonald at 202.822.8200 x110.

## Notes from the Director's Desk

Sue Meuschke



**D**omestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) was established as a time to mourn those who have died, to celebrate those that survive and to rededicate ourselves to the work to end violence against women. Each is an important action, and in concert they are what will move us forward in our efforts to end violence. I invite

you to take some time to reflect on the meaning of the month and the work.

*Mourn those who have died...*each year the Network compiles a list of domestic violence homicides. We know that this is not an exhaustive list. The names are collected from newspaper clippings so only those deaths covered by the media are included, and we know that some deaths never make it into the newspaper.

We know that too many women, children and men are dying as a result of domestic violence with Nevada again ranking number one on the per capita list of men who kill women (<http://www.vpc.org/studies/wmmw2012.pdf>). We have held the number one ranking for five of the last six years. In response, the Domestic Violence Fatality Review State Team held their first review this summer in Pahrump. This is the beginning of a statewide effort to understand the factors that have us leading the nation and, more importantly, to identify the solutions that can put us in last place. We should mourn but we must act.

*Celebrate those who survive...*and survival can mean many things. It may mean the day-to-day survival of many women; an existence that we don't always choose to acknowledge and rarely celebrate. Yet this is survival in its most elemental form. Our celebration can be about the strength and courage of women who survive for themselves and for their children. We can celebrate and help to make real the hope that someday the violence will end.

Survival can mean leaving the violence. This is the kind of survival we most often celebrate, believing that in the act of leaving good things will follow. Leaving takes great courage, great determination, and requires a great deal of luck. We know that leaving is the most dangerous time. It

can often place the individual into new and dangerous situations that may have everything or nothing to do with their abuser. We also know that leaving can be the first step towards a new life and we can celebrate this survival by ensuring that real options are available when she makes the choice to leave.

Finally, survival can mean that process of healing—physically and emotionally—that moves a person from surviving to thriving. This kind of survival is often done quietly and privately. Again, we don't always acknowledge the time and energy that goes into healing from the visible and invisible wounds of domestic violence. We can celebrate this survival by supporting each person in finding their own path to healing.

*Rededicate ourselves to the work to end violence...*and to do that we need to remind ourselves to breathe deeply and laugh often; this is hard work but full of joy as well as sadness. This year has pushed all of us to the edge and some of us past the edge. We are struggling with diminishing resources and increasing demand. Faced with requests for more documentation and accountability in the face of a shrinking workforce, both paid and volunteer, we feel overwhelmed and underloved—the barriers feel insurmountable. And then that phone call comes in...maybe from a mother who wants us to know that the bus ticket we got for her daughter saved her life. Or maybe it was the case we 'lost' but the victim wants us to know how supported she felt and that she is doing well. Or maybe it's the new program that just finished their first volunteer training and wants to thank us for all the materials and support that we provided insuring their success. As the late Senator Kennedy often reminded us...*"the work goes on, the cause endures, the hope still lives, and the dream shall never die."* What better message to guide our work?



# Intimate Partner Violence-Related Deaths in Nevada: 2011

In 2011, domestic violence related incidents claimed 33 lives in Nevada, as documented by print news media. About 26 incidents were reported that claimed the lives of 18 females and 8 males, as well as 6 male and 1 female perpetrators who committed suicide after killing or trying to kill their partners. Each death was identified by NNADV as a domestic violence related incident; the deaths resulted from violence between adults who were either current or past intimate partners. Deaths that were not published are not included in the following commemorative list, and as we know, many of them never get the attention of the public.

In the death of...

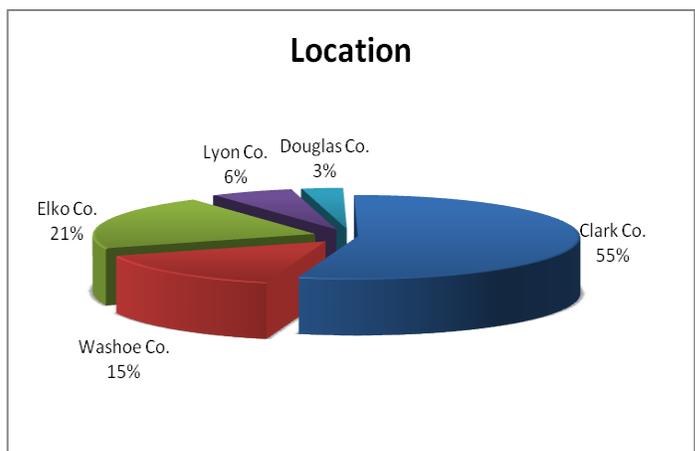
- William Fairchild (Mesquite) DOD: January 25 Age: 62
- Micaela Costanzo (Wendover) DOD: March 2 Age: 16
- Christina Crowley (Reno) DOD: March 11 Age: 34
- Misty Kay Pusieski (Las Vegas) DOD: April 10 Age: 35
- Mary Inman (Elko) DOD: April 30 Age: 42
- Alberto Castillo (Las Vegas) DOD: May 27 Age: unknown
- Tia Lee Shine (Silver Springs) DOD: June 6 Age: 31
- Alexandria Victoria Whitmarsh (Las Vegas) DOD: June 14 Age: 25
- Stephanie Gonzalez Estrada (Elko) DOD: June 25 Age: 29
- Jamie Tangan (Henderson) DOD: June 27 Age: 29
- Dorothy Marshall (Las Vegas) DOD: August 1 Age: 79
- Frank Almenares (Las Vegas) DOD: August 13 Age: 49
- Suzanne Garrity (Reno) DOD: August 16 Age: 55
- Gustavo Gonzalez Casillas (Reno) DOD: August 27 Age: 32
- Cherissa Davidson (Sparks) DOD: early September Age: 29
- Abel Perez (Wendover) DOD: September 11 Age: 38
- Yaniri Rosales-Gamboa (Las Vegas) DOD: October 23 Age: 23
- Gustavo Guzman (Las Vegas) DOD: October 24 Age: unknown
- Norman Welch (Topaz Ranch Estates) DOD: early November Age: 59
- Stacie Stefka (Elko) DOD: November 11 Age: 42
- Phillip Wells (Las Vegas) DOD: November 14 Age: 26
- Veronica Erazo-Alderado & Sabrina Saldivar (Las Vegas) DOD: November 18 Age: 30. Her daughter Sabrina was killed in the same incident. She was 3 years old.
- Christina Griffis (Las Vegas) DOD: November 25 Age: 22
- Piedad Perpa-Martinez (Las Vegas) DOD: December 18 Age: unknown
- Marisol Galindo Rico (Reno) DOD: December 25 Age: 26
- Johnny Dewayne Sheffield (Las Vegas) DOD: December 27 Age: 25

This list by no means tries to capture each and every death, nor understand the reasons that led to these deaths. Nonetheless, in order to get a sense of the larger picture of by whom, how, and where these deaths took place, some details were compiled.

Most victims were dating partners, including 15 of the 26 homicides (58% of total). Seven spouses or ex-spouses of their homicidal partners lost their lives (27% of total). Two family members were killed (8% of total). Two victims who had no familial ties with their killer lost their lives (8% of total), including a suspected new partner of the killer's ex-girlfriend and a homicide by law enforcement that occurred as police responded to a 911 call about a man trying to kill his spouse.

Gun violence resulted in the largest number of domestic violence related deaths, killing 50% of the victims (or 13 individuals), including seven females and six males. Six persons were stabbed and four died as a result of blunt force trauma. Three women were strangled to death at the hands of their current or former intimate partners.

Of the 26 homicides, 58% (or 15) took place in Clark County. Elko County witnessed five incidents that resulted in the homicides of four women, and three men committed suicide after killing or trying to kill their partners. Washoe County's toll was five; two in Lyon County and one in Douglas County.



If you'd like to obtain a detailed compilation or more information on this intimate partner violence-related deaths list, please contact Maria Kies at [mariak@nnadv.org](mailto:mariak@nnadv.org)

## Statewide Public Awareness Campaign on Statutory Rape Launches

The Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence, in partnership with Nevada State Health Division, has launched a public education campaign to raise awareness about the legal consequences that can result when men 18 and older decide to have sex with girls younger than 16 years old in Nevada. Posters can be viewed in many venues across the state with this message: “Dude, she can’t even get a driver’s license.” Readers will be encouraged to visit the campaign’s website, [www.shesnotenough.com](http://www.shesnotenough.com) to learn more about the crime of statutory rape and its legal consequences.

Statutory Rape has very real consequences for young women, young men, and the state of Nevada. In 2009, adult men fathered 60 percent of the babies born to teen mothers. (Nevada Vital Statistics, 2009.) This education campaign hopes to protect Nevada’s young girls and decrease the teen pregnancy rate.

“It is important for young men and women to understand the very real consequences of statutory rape, which could be teen pregnancy or jail time,” said Nevada Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto. “In Nevada, a sexual relationship of any kind between a person 18 years or older and someone under the age of 16 is considered statutory rape. The legal consequences can range from a \$2,000 fine or jail time.”

Since 2000, the Nevada State Health Division and the Division of Welfare

and Supportive Services have produced educational materials that are distributed to a broad range of professionals working with teens, their parents and the general public.

To complement this approach, the Nevada Statutory Rape Project was developed to address the need for a more aggressive enforcement of statutory rape laws and to promote prevention of statutory rape with a public education campaign. The [She’s Not Old Enough](http://www.shesnotenough.com) campaign was developed in partnership with [KPS3 Marketing](http://www.kps3marketing.com), a full service marketing and digital communications firm in Reno. The campaign was strategically designed and implemented to help achieve the Nevada Statutory Rape Project’s goals.

Since February 2012, a steering committee has been meeting monthly to create this campaign. Members of this committee include: Paul Bancroft of Tahoe Safe Alliance in Incline Village; Hannah Brook and Beverly Zimmerman of The Rape Crisis Center in Las Vegas; Debi Duchesne and Andrea Rivers of the Nevada State Health Division, Bureau of Child, Family and Community Wellness in Carson City; Enid Jennings of the University of Nevada Reno Student Health Center; Karen Prentice, Domestic Violence Ombudsman of the Nevada Office of the Attorney General; and Stephanie Kruse and Julia Kruper of KPS3 Marketing in Reno. Judy Henderson and Gladys Paulino are serving as liaisons between the steering committee and the NNADV.

We developed this campaign in partnership with the Nevada State Health Division to raise public awareness about statutory rape laws in Nevada,” said Sue Meuschke, Executive Director

of NNADV. “In addition to being a crime, statutory rape results in a higher teen pregnancy rate for states across the country, including Nevada. We hope that educating young men about the statutory rape laws in Nevada will discourage them from having sexual relationships with underage girls and enable them to make better decisions for themselves and their partners. This public education campaign will hopefully help protect Nevada’s young girls and decrease the teen pregnancy rate.”

Posters (2’ x 3’) and flyers (8 ½” x 11”) are available for distribution in both English and Spanish and can be obtained by calling the Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence at 775.828.1115 ext. 15 or by emailing your request to Gladys Paulino at [gladyp@nnadv.org](mailto:gladyp@nnadv.org).



For more information visit the campaign website at [www.shesnotenough.com](http://www.shesnotenough.com) and like us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/shesnotenough).

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**STATEWIDE STATISTICS**  
**APRIL—JUNE 2012 (4th Qtr. FY 11-12)**

**TOTAL NUMBER OF CONTACTS: 14,411**

First Time:	9,869	Telephone:	7,857
Repeat:	2,398	Face to Face:	<u>6,554</u>
Follow Up:	<u>2,144</u>		14,411
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**BEDNIGHTS**

	Adults	Bdnts	Children	Bdnts	Total Adult & Children	Total Bdnts.
Shelter	285	5,388	293	5,769	578	11,157
Shelter Services	25	0	0	0	25	0
Safe Homes	0	0	0	0	0	0
Em. Motel	22	32	6	5	28	37
Carry Over	0	0	0	0	0	0
T. Housing	14	1,757	27	3,158	41	4,915
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>7,177</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>8,932</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>16,109</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER OF PRIMARY VICTIMS: 9,869**

Age	Female	Male	Race:	
00-12	17	15	Caucasian	2,757
13-17	49	10	African American	888
18-29	1,844	150	Hispanic	2,190
30-44	2,375	262	Native American	86
45-64	1,209	186	Asian/Pacific Islander	198
65+	172	40	Unknown	2,339
Unknown	3,529	11	Mixed	1,411
			<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>9,869</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>9,195</b>	<b>674</b>		

**LOCATION:**

Carson	360	Lyon	25
Churchill	30	Mineral	0
Clark	7,363	Nye	1
Douglas	6	Pershing	3
Elko	61	Storey	2
Esmeralda	0	Washoe	1,788
Eureka	1	White Pine	1
Humboldt	26	Unknown	101
Lander	1	Out of state	62
Lincoln	38	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>9,869</b>

These statistics were compiled by NNADV from reports submitted by domestic violence programs in Nevada (reports missing from Douglas, Lander and Nye County).

Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence is a grass-roots organization funded by its members, grants, and private donations. Cash or in-kind donations are accepted throughout the year and are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. We welcome new members and volunteers, as well as monetary donations!

**I WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A MEMBER, RENEW MY MEMBERSHIP, OR SPONSOR A NEW MEMBER!**

- \$35.00 Individual membership fee
- \$10.00 Student/Senior
- \$200.00 Organizational membership fee

*Please specify and fill in below:*

- New member       Membership renewal
- Gift membership for (name):

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

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

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

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

Telephone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

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

**I WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE:**

- To the [Jan Evans Direct Assistance Fund](#); 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 VOLUNTEER!**

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

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

Telephone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**NEVADA NETWORK AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**  
**250 S. ROCK BLVD. SUITE 116**  
**RENO NEVADA 89502**

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# THANK YOU!...TO OUR MEMBERS AND DONORS

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## THANKS TO OUR NEW & RENEWING INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Leon & Suzanne Aberasturi  
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## THANKS TO OUR NEW & RENEWING ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERS

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## THANKS TO OUR EXCELLENT NNADV VOLUNTEERS

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## THANKS TO THOSE WHO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE NETWORK

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## THANK YOU TO THOSE THAT CONTRIBUTED TO OUR BIRTHDAY APPEAL

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Julie Proctor  
Vicki Straw

## THANKS TO THOSE WHO SPONSORED A CELL PHONE COLLECTION DRIVE

Traci Dory  
Teri Weathers



## NNADV's Giving Options this Holiday Season

As the Holiday Season quickly approaches, we'd like to take a moment to remind you of the many different ways that you can support NNADV in our mission to promote social change and empower women and all persons affected by domestic violence. Your contributions enable us to further our efforts to advocate for improvement, educate our state, and support the important work that is being done in communities around Nevada.

### MEMBERSHIP

Membership funds enable NNADV to support the life saving work of domestic violence programs statewide through provision of money, materials and more. With your support, we can continue to develop resources for direct services, expand education and outreach efforts, and educate policy makers about the needs of victims of domestic violence and their children. We currently have three levels of membership to choose from, as well as a gift membership program, and each comes with a set of benefits:

*Individual Membership* is for individuals who support the goals and philosophy of NNADV. Individual membership dues are \$35 and \$10 for senior/student per year.

#### Benefits:

- Access to NNADV Regional trainings
- Participation on Board and Board Committees
- Access to wide array of NNADV materials (brochures, cards, handbooks) and resource library

*Organizational Membership* is for organizations whose primary services may not be for victims of domestic violence but who support the goals and philosophy of NNADV. Up to 10 individuals from each organizational mem-

ber can participate in the benefits listed below. Organizational membership dues are \$200 per year.

#### Benefits:

- Access to limited technical assistance and training support, and to NNADV Regional trainings
- Participation on Board and Board Committees
- Access to wide array of NNADV materials (brochures, cards, handbooks) and resource library

#### Gift Membership

This year, think "outside the box" and recognize a special person with the gift of NNADV Membership. Honor an individual who's made a difference in your life (relative/teacher/co-worker/etc.), or an organization whose work you admire, with a donation to NNADV, and we'll notify that individual/organization of your contribution to the Network. The special person or organization you choose to recognize will receive a gift membership certificate and a domestic violence awareness pin, acknowledging your gift and their status as a new member of NNADV.

To apply for any of the memberships listed above, please complete the application form (page 5) and submit the form with the applicable dues.

#### Program Membership

For programs whose primary services are for victims of domestic violence; potential program members must complete an extensive application process. Please contact our office for more details if you're interested in program membership.

#### Benefits:

- The ability to nominate and elect NNADV Board members
- Access to NNADV's account for telephone based interpreting services
- Access to the Jan Evans Direct Assistance Fund to assist survivors of

domestic violence

- Access to monthly email alerts
- Access to technical assistance and training support, and to NNADV Regional trainings
- Participation on Board and Board Committees
- Access to wide array of NNADV materials (brochures, cards, handbooks) and resource library

### SETTINGS OF SUPPORT (SOS) CLUB

The Settings of Support (SOS) Club is the Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence's club of annual supporters. In honor of the domestic violence movement beginning at a table, NNADV invites you to join our SOS Club, selecting a virtual "seat assignment" by giving an annual donation at any of the levels specified below. Becoming an SOS member demonstrates your commitment to the work of NNADV, supports NNADV's efforts to diversify and stabilize funding revenues, and, most importantly, helps change the world one dollar/one person at a time.

- The domestic violence movement started around the *Kitchen Table* as women reached out to women, providing support and sustenance. For seating at the Kitchen Table, give an annual donation of \$100 to \$499.
- As the domestic violence movement grew and developed, we began participating at *Round Tables* to develop coordinated community responses for a multidisciplinary approach to ending domestic violence. For seating at the Round Table, give an annual donation of \$500 to \$999.
- As we continue to grow and develop we know that our participation at all levels of decision making—including those made at the

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*Board Room Table*—is critical in changing the way our communities think and act about domestic violence. For seating at the Board Room Table, give an annual donation of \$1000+.

In order to show our appreciation for your annual gift:

- *Kitchen Table Members* will receive an official SOS member certificate and will be recognized as an SOS member in the NNADV newsletter.
- *Round Table Members* will receive an official framed SOS member certificate, will receive an NNADV mug and will be recognized as an SOS member in the NNADV newsletter.
- *Board Room Table Members* will be invited to an annual appreciation luncheon, receive an official framed SOS certificate, will receive an NNADV mug and will be recognized as an SOS member in the NNADV newsletter.

### JAN EVANS DIRECT ASSISTANCE FUND

Jan Evans was one of Nevada's most beloved and accomplished legislators. As the volunteer lobbyist for NNADV, Jan Evans worked to pass landmark marriage license fee legislation in 1981 to increase funding for victims of domestic violence in Nevada. During her seven terms in the Assembly, Jan fought to protect this funding and also worked tirelessly as a champion for women's and children's issues, even during her struggle with cancer. To those of us at NNADV who were lucky enough to know her, Jan was a friend, an advocate, and a mentor.

Jan Evans died from ovarian cancer on April 24, 2000. To commemorate her compassion, courage, and integrity, NNADV inaugurated the Jan Evans Direct Assistance Fund. The Fund pro-

vides direct emergency financial assistance grants of up to \$500 to battered women and their children who are fleeing abusive relationships or attempting to reestablish themselves after leaving such situations. No administrative costs are covered by the Jan Evans Fund; 100% of all donations go directly to meet the needs of victims.

To donate to the Jan Evans Direct Assistance Fund, please complete our donation form (page 5) and submit the form to us with your contribution in any amount.

### CELL PHONE DRIVES

Another way you can help us end domestic violence in Nevada is by sponsoring a cell phone collection drive. Put out a donation box at your workplace, organization for which you volunteer, or at your next gathering of friends, and collect the old cell phones that no one ever knows what to do with. We'll mail you a donation drive packet that includes instructions on how to ship your collected cell phones to Shelter Alliance, who will then mail a check directly to NNADV. It's that simple! For your cell phone donation drive packet, please contact our office.

### APPEALS

NNADV sends two appeals each year, providing an opportunity for you to make an unrestricted monetary donation to support our work. Each year, we ask you to help us celebrate our birthday in June, as well as to honor and support families during the Holiday Season. The Holiday Appeal will be arriving in your mailbox soon, so please consider supporting us with a donation.

### MERCHANDISE

NNADV continues to have the "Love Shouldn't Hurt" mugs available. These large, bistro-style mugs make the per-

fect stocking stuffer and/or small gift to let that special person know you're thinking of them this Holiday Season. We also have a limited supply of domestic violence awareness bracelets available. Mugs and bracelets can be obtained for a donation of just \$7 each, and can be shipped anywhere in the state. Please contact our office to place your order.



The Network always accepts donations in any amount throughout the year, as well as in-kind donations of goods and/or services. If you have any questions about our needs and/or if you'd like to participate in any of the above giving opportunities, please call the Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence at 775.828.1115 (Reno, Sparks & Carson City) or 800.230.1955 (toll free). We can also be reached via email—Gladys Paulino at [gladyp@nnadv.org](mailto:gladyp@nnadv.org) and/or Katy Calamusa at [katyc@nnadv.org](mailto:katyc@nnadv.org). We hope you will remember victims of domestic violence and their children this Holiday Season. Thank you for your continued support!



## Give the Gift of Peace

*Support NNADV by purchasing a dove for \$1, \$5, or \$10 at your local Jackson's Food Stores starting Thanksgiving Day, November 22 through Christmas Day, December 25. Jacksons will match customer donations dollar for dollar, up to \$75,000!*

*Jacksons Food Stores, Inc., headquartered in Meridian, was founded in Idaho in 1975 as a single service station. It has grown to be a nationally recognized chain of more than 214 stores in four western states. The company has been widely recognized for its support of community and charity projects. Please check out [www.jacksonsfoodstores.com](http://www.jacksonsfoodstores.com) for more information on other non-profit organizations Jacksons Food Stores is involved with.*

## WOCN 2012 National Call to Action Institute and Conference: My Experience with Men as Allies

The scene was set in St. Paul, Minnesota. The stage was the 2012 Women of Color Network (WOCN) National Call to Action Institute and Conference. The outcome was magical and inspiring. Having been sponsored by the Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence, I was more than excited to be able to experience the greatness of this national call to action, and to share, learn and grow. Initially, I was unsure of what to expect from this gathering of souls and experiences, but during the orientation session I could feel a positive energy from the hundreds who had traveled, and that energy would continue throughout the week.

As a man who is in the field of Domestic Violence, it was only fitting that I attend the Men's Institute segment of the conference. The Men's

Institute was intimate, with diversity in participants, who all came with a wealth of knowledge and perspectives. This setting allowed for valuable discussions on how our work can support "Women of Color" and the challenges they have faced. It was also a reminder of how our work is a call to end violence against all women. This was a time to have dialogue on the unique circumstances that can arise as men doing this work. Topics such as Analyzing Aspects of Manhood, Engaging Men & Boys, Cultural Challenges, Gender Expression and Sexual Orientation were all brought to the table. Not all topics were easy to discuss, but they were all necessary, and proved to open a floodgate of emotions, which led to genuine expressions of support and encouragement.

In addition, the 2012 WOCN National Call to Action Institute and Conference afforded me the opportunity to connect with women who have been doing this work for many years. I was able to gain a greater perspective on what needs to be done, and how my presence can be of use in ending violence against all women. I am grateful for this opportunity. I will carry all of it with me, in my personal and professional life. I would encourage anyone who is open to an enlightening experience to attend future WOCN conferences. The work continues. Let your presence be known.

*This article was submitted by Kiande Jakada, Community Outreach Coordinator at Safe Nest. If you would like more information contact Kiande at [kjak@safenest.org](mailto:kjak@safenest.org)*

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