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October was Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) began with the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) and evolved from the "Day of Unity" in October 1981. It is now a month that is recognized and supported at the local, state, and national levels.

In October various activities are held with these common themes:

- Remembering those who have died from domestic violence
- Supporting those who have survived
- Connecting those who work to end violence.

The first official DVAM was in 1987. By 1989, the U.S. Congress passed Public Law 101-112 designating October as DVAM.

For more information:
www.nrcdv.org/dvam.



Adapted from the 1996 Domestic Violence Awareness Month Resource Manual of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence.



ASADV CLOTHESLINE PROJECT

On October 23, ASADV and Community Members came together and created a clothesline project to honor survivors and memorialize victims.

The goal was also to educate, document, and raise society's awareness about domestic violence and sexual abuse.



ASADV Inside Corner

From the Executive Director:

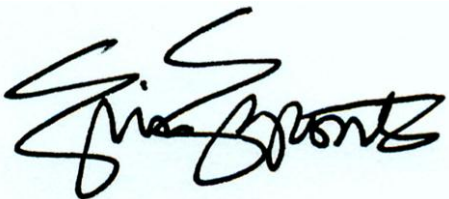
Greetings Fellow Community Members,

A great number of strides have been made since I joined ASADV in January 2010. We served 52 clients in 2010 - 47 women and 5 men. From January 2011 - October 2011, we have provided advocacy to 51 clients, with an anticipated increase in the months of November and December due to the holiday stressors which tend to trigger episodes of domestic violence.

If you are experiencing any form of abuse (verbal, emotional, physical, financial, sexual, spiritual), or know of someone who is experiencing it, please contact us at ASADVhope@gmail.com for support. We offer court, police, and medical advocacy in addition to support groups and safety planning. Additionally, we assist individuals experiencing abuse by providing support in seeking shelter.

We have the ability to make a difference in the lives of people who are experiencing domestic and/or sexual violence. Gandhi said it best, "We must be the change we wish to see in the world." It is up to us - individually and collectively - to help make our communities safer for all by supporting survivors and holding abusers accountable.

Onward & Upward,



Meet Current ASADV Staff



Erin Esposito
Executive Director

Aimee Whyte
Counselor/Advocate



Sarah Hurd
Advocate

Morgan Breese
Intern



ASADV Board of Directors:

President: Jamie Munro

Treasurer: Sally Atkins

Members: Barbara Bushart, Lynn Finton, Mich Gerson, Brian Hensel, Chad Ludwig, Matt Searls, Anne Steider & Erin Esposito.

Recent Events

2nd Annual Snip Away Violence Event: September 10, 2011

Thank you everyone who came and helped make our 2nd annual Snip Away Violence fundraiser a success!

Much appreciation to Wendy Dannels for being our gracious host again this year.

Smiles and fun was shared all around.



5th Biennial Family Fun Day: October 1, 2011

We had several informative, fun and entertaining events by Deaf and signing organizations in Rochester and Western NY supporting Family Fun Day this year. Please see their names listed in our *Gratitude* section of this newsletter (p.7).

We also had an awesome auction! Altogether, \$2,200 was fundraised.

Thank you for supporting ASADV and victims/survivors of DV/SA.

Special Thanks to the Family Fun Day 2011 Committee

Chad Ludwig (Co-Chair)
Arlene Sankey (Co-Chair)
Dani Stoskopf (Booths Chair)
Carrie Foster
Frank Sankey
Rhonda Voight

Thanks to Performers:

Ruthie Jordan
Vicki Nordquist



More Events ASADV Held in 2011

First Conference: We held our very first conference on January 29, 2011, "Prevention & the Three Big C's of Today." **Erin Esposito** presented on Community Accountability. **Deirdre Schlehofer** discussed Collaboration in Research with Deaf people and Domestic Violence issues. **Aimee Whyte** focused on Cyberbullying and CyberSafety. Almost 100 people attended.



Spank out Day: Aimee Whyte, received a small grant from the Center for Effective Discipline at the National Child Protection Training Center to host a positive/healthy parenting event following the theme, "*Hands are for signing, not for hitting!*"



We had a panel that included: **Gina Diesenberg**, principle of Fyle school; **Lori DeWindt**, counselor at Deaf Wellness Center; **Roberta DiNoto**, director of Margaret's House at RIT; **Michael McKee**, M.D., from University of Rochester Family Medicine Research and Marion B. Folson Center at Lifetime Health; **Arlene Sankey**, president of Rochester Deaf Mother's Club, **Patrick Sullivan**, Counselor at Rochester School for the Deaf; and **Carly Wise**, coordinator of SAFER and domestic violence consultant.



Interpreter Training: On April 9th, Erin Esposito, along with one of the Board members, Lynn Finton, provided an all-day training for GVERRID on interpreting in Domestic Violence contexts.

Victim/Survivor Workshop: This fall 2011, we had a workshop for Deaf victims/survivors and our staff, facilitated by Diana Cho, Deaf Life Coach (dianacho.info). It was experiential in nature and focused on letting go of limits, making healthy life choices, and empowering the self.

Seeing Beyond...
With Diana Cho

Letting go of limits and empowering yourself to move beyond.



A healing opportunity for Survivors after leaving a Domestic Violence and/or Abusive Environment.

Sat. Nov. 5, 2011
1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Hosted by:
Advocacy Services for Abused Deaf Victims



Presentations & Outreach: We provided a total 18 presentations for 2011 so far, reaching 492 people. Some of our audiences included people from Alternatives for Battered Women (ABW), Brockport, and NTID/RIT. Most of our Presentations have been at NTID in Freshman Seminar courses, Explore Your Future trainings for paraprofessionals, and Sociology classes.



We also had information sharing booths at NTID's Summer Vestibule Program in August and Apple Festival in September.

Outreach, Programs & Collaboration

Support Groups:

We have two support groups available:

- 1) For domestic violence victims/survivors and
- 2) For survivors of sexual abuse/rape.

Please contact us (Aimee.Whyte@asadv.org) to set up a screening to determine if a group may be a good fit for you.

Support Group Flyers on our website under "Calendar":

asadv.org/asadv/wp-content/uploads/2010/12/DV-Survivors-Support-Grp-Flyer-PDF.pdf

asadv.org/asadv/wp-content/uploads/2010/12/ASADV-SA-Rape-Support-Grp-Flyer1.pdf

NCADV Publication on Community Accountability in the Deaf Community

The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) will be publishing "Community Accountability in the Deaf Community" by Aimee Whyte and Erin Esposito in *The Voice: A Journal of the Battered Women's Movement*, this month!

For more information, visit:
<http://www.ncadv.org/resources/Publications.php>

Vera House

Since December 2010, we have been collaborating with Vera House in Syracuse (www.verahouse.org) to develop training programs and provide trainings to Deaf advocates and sign language interpreters in Syracuse. This is supported by a DOJ Disabilities grant that Vera House received.

We are also supporting Vera House in trainings for culturally and linguistically appropriate law enforcement responses to DV/SA situations involving Deaf and signing people.

ASADV Support Group For Domestic Violence Survivors



Domestic violence includes: Psychological, Emotional, Physical, Sexual, Economic Abuse & Isolation.

We focus on Safety, Respect, Surviving & Thriving, Supporting Self & Each Other, & Assertiveness.

More Information:

VP: 866 – 936 – 8976

Email: Aimee.Whyte@asadv.org

...safe...warm...
...child friendly...
...supportive...
...welcoming...

Support Group for Survivors of Sexual Abuse and Rape

For Deaf & Hard of Hearing Individuals

Learn, share, & gain support from others with similar experiences of abuse

Support for issues common in healing:

- Flashbacks, Depression, PTSD
- Relationships, Sex, Intimacy
- Physical, Mental, Emotional, Social & Legal Concerns
- Self-Care & Personal Safety

*Screening for Group is required

Contact: Aimee Whyte,
Counselor / Advocate

Aimee.Whyte@asadv.org
www.asadv.org



ASADV SUPPORT GROUPS

Upcoming Events

2nd Annual Conference: Saturday, January 28, 2012

Community Prevention & Participation Smorgasboard

Presenters:

- **Erin Esposito & Aimee Whyte, ASADV**, will talk about Community Accountability in the Deaf Community (www.asadv.org).



- **Gabe Wright, Founder of The Guy's Project** will share his story as a rape survivor and discuss how male survivors and allies can be supporters in preventing and intervening with abuse/violence (www.theguysproject.org).



- **Patrick Crough, Founder of Millstone Justice & Author of "The Serpents Among Us,"** will focus on the threats posed by child predators & how to protect our children and communities (www.millstonejustice.org).



Conference Costs:

By 12/15/2011: \$50.00

By 1/15/2012: \$60.00

At Door (1/28/2012): \$70.00

Student ID: \$20.00

Mail registration to:

ASADV, P.O. Box 20023, Rochester, NY
14602-0023

"The Serpents Among Us" book by Patrick Crough
will be for sale with autographs

Advocacy Services for Abused Deaf Victims

AND
PEOPLE'S POTTERY®

PRESENT AN EVENING

EAT! SHOP! FUNDRAISE!

Friday, November 18th,
2011 from 6-9 PM

Wine and Cheese Open House at
People's Pottery- Springhouse Commons
3025 Monroe Avenue, Pittsford
(near Wegmans) 585-271-2740



20% of all purchases will be
donated to Advocacy Services for
Abused Deaf Victims!

Gratitude Central

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ASADV
 Family Fun Day
 2011

THANK YOU!!!!

Your support is
 GREATLY
 appreciated!!!

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 Discovering Deaf Worlds
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 NCDHR
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 All-Out Marketing
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 Lilac Rainbow Association of the Deaf

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 Sorenson
 Chad Ludwig
 Arlene Sankey
 Dani Stoskopf
 Rhonda Voight
 Sally Atkins
 Carrie Foster
 John Becker
 Joyce Warcot
 Frank Sankey

Families & Children who joined us

THANK YOU!!!!

A sincere thank you to our donors and volunteers who have supported us on this journey to help Deaf victims/survivors of domestic violence and sexual abuse.

If we have inadvertently missed you, please let us know so we can add you to the list.

Ways to Support & Donate to ASADV

Donate Funds

ASADV is a not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) organization.

Donate Through United Way

Designate your United Way contribution to ASADV:

Designation #: 2372

Donate By Mail

**ASADV
P.O. Box 20023
Rochester, NY
14602-0023**

Donate Online

Make a PayPal donation on ASADV's website:

[http://asadv.org/
our-community/
how-you-can-help/](http://asadv.org/our-community/how-you-can-help/)

Sponsor Programs, Events & Projects

**Ongoing Support Groups
& Survivor Workshops**

January 2012 Conference

**Volunteer Advocate
Trainings**

April 2012 Spank Out Day

October 2012 Gala

Vlogs & Video Projects

Purchase Buttons



**Buttons each
\$5.00 donation**



**Lapel Pin
\$7.00
donation**

Volunteer Opportunities

**Become a Volunteer
Advocate**

**Office Work/Admin
Support**

Events Planning

Childcare

Fundraising

Community Education

Interpreting

Website

Newsletter

Internship Experience

Application Avail Online:

[http://asadv.org/
our-community/
how-you-can-help/
asadv-
volunteer-
application-3/](http://asadv.org/our-community/how-you-can-help/asadv-volunteer-application-3/)

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I would like to donate to ASADV:

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone/VP: _____

Donation amount: \$ _____

Complete and Mail:

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Your gift assists us in our endeavors to create safer and healthier communities for all by providing critical services to Deaf victims/survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.