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Domestic Violence Coordinating Council
of Greater Omaha

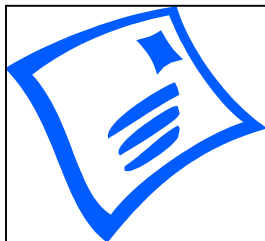
2003 Annual Report

THERE'S NO EXCUSE

FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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Letter from DVCC Executive Director



The DVCC has aggressively pursued a coordinated community response to domestic violence since 1996. In 2003, DVCC partnered with numerous additional organizations, offices, departments and agencies to produce the most effective and comprehensive coordinated DV re-

sponse to date. Our community recognizes that domestic violence is a major public safety issue requiring collaboration from everyone.

The DVCC has seen successes because of the efforts of hundreds of dedicated people working together for improvement and change. The four officers of the 2003 Executive Board, led by Mary Ann Borgeson, worked diligently to ensure the DVCC mission was both the foundation and center of all committee work and office activities. Together with the twelve DVCC committees, significant contributions to local, state and national domestic

violence initiatives were achieved.

I am inspired and energized by the work accomplished in 2003. The community is more united, victims of domestic violence know they are not alone, offenders know they will be held accountable. However, our work is not yet complete. We must continue to move forward, continue to work together, and continue to have zero tolerance for domestic violence in our community.

Joan L. Skogstrom

There's NO Excuse for Domestic Violence

DVCC at a Glance

DVCC Mission Statement

**Pull Domestic Violence
Out of the Shadows,
Unite the Community
against it, and
Stop the Violence**

DVCC Goals and Objectives

- Facilitate the cooperation and coordination between agencies, departments and the court system dealing with domestic violence;
- Promote effective prevention, intervention and treatment techniques for those with working with DV victims and offenders; and
- Raise awareness and improve the community's response to domestic violence.

DVCC Membership

Since 1996, when the DVCC began working as a collaborative group, it has been comprised of a selected 50-member Board of community leaders. In 2004, the DVCC approved organizational restructure to open membership to ALL interested persons. The DVCC will shift from the 50-person Board to a 21-member Governing Board and unlimited membership. The restructure is certain to facilitate greater community coordination, garner greater member involvement, and develop greater Board commitment.

Accomplishments of the DVCC & Partners

- ◆ DVCC collaborated with area DV victim advocates, NE Humane Society workers, CPS, and APS and developed animal abuse, child abuse, elder abuse and intimate partner abuse cross trainings.
- ◆ DVCC, in conjunction with the City of Omaha, secured \$1.3 million in federal funding for community DV positions and efforts.
- ◆ DVCC updated the Silent Witness Project with 25 new women and 4 children figures.
- ◆ To date, DVCC Domestic Violence Healthcare Program and its 182 medical volunteers have provided DV training and education to 24,967 healthcare providers.
- ◆ DVCC and NE Probation Department tracked data from five (5) area Batterer Intervention Program/Providers and distributed its fourth "BIP Bench Guides" to

all District, County, and Juvenile Court judges.

- ◆ DVCC Court Watch Program Monitors observed an average of 98 DV proceedings each month.
- ◆ DVCC Medical Committee and DV Healthcare Program developed the nation's first domestic violence medical school elective curriculum for fourth year medical students.
- ◆ DVCC Court Watch Program published quarterly Reports tracking District and County Court practices in DV proceedings.
- ◆ DVCC Faith Committee launched a public awareness campaign on DV throughout the faith community.
- ◆ DVCC partnered with Yellow Dress and R.E.S.P.E.C.T. to provide awareness and

prevention education on teen dating violence to area schools, counselors, and parents.

- ◆ Web-based data collection and distribution software regarding DV matters was developed for community DV partners information exchange.
- ◆ DVCC tracked area DV related homicides and distributed statistics and information to press and public.
- ◆ DVCC employees provided over 220 presentations, interviews, education and training sessions on domestic violence.
- ◆ DVCC Legislative Committee, with leaders from across the state, revised NE civil and criminal statutes on domestic violence for submission to the NE Legislature.



DVCC Court Watch Program

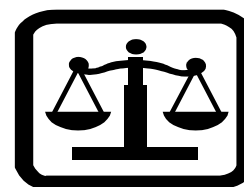
In 2003, the DVCC Court Watch Program held three volunteer monitor trainings, bringing the total number of trained court watch monitors to 91. The visibility, community recognition, and professional trust the program has built continues to grow. The Court Watch Program was featured on local television news segments, radio shows, newspaper and periodical articles. The Director guest lectured at several local colleges and universities. Requests for monitor court presence were received from victims, advocates, attorneys, criminal justice officials, and several community based organizations.

Court Watch began issuing quarterly reports in February, 2003. Each report highlights relevant criminal justice domestic violence topics and provides monitor observations from various proceedings.

Statistical data and information, provided by area law enforcement, prosecution, probation, victim and offender service providers is reported quarterly and offers a snapshot of the coordinated criminal justice response. Each report also underscores how chronic DV offenders exhaust limited system resources. Under the direction of the committee and co-chairs, Larry Rafal and Dianne Lozier, Court Watch reports are distributed to: Douglas County and District court judges, state appellate judges, court staff, DV probation officers, county attorneys, DV law enforcement, DVCC members, Nebraska law schools, bar associations, other court watch programs nationally, and interested persons who have requested them.

Publishing names of individual judges continued to be an issue of much discussion. Reports compare how judges handle

matters in the areas of protection orders and probation orders that contain batterer intervention program requirements. This information is not tracked per judge by any other entity. To date, reports identify judges by a randomly assigned number, known only to that judge and the Court Watch Director. The purpose is to provide information for each judge, allow them to compare their performance with other judges, and increase overall consistency and effectiveness in handling DV cases without naming names. Judges were advised from the time the program began that names will eventually appear in reports.



DVCC Domestic Violence Education & Training Program

Almost 25,000 area Healthcare Providers have received Specialized Domestic Violence Education and Training

The DVCC Domestic Violence Healthcare Program completed its fifth year of providing specialized domestic violence education and training. Since 1999, the DVCC has trained 24,967 healthcare professionals. The area's five healthcare systems have integrated domestic violence education into their ongoing in-house training protocols. With DVCC guidance, each system has developed unique methods to maintain, sustain

and support domestic violence education including self-study curriculum, web-site development, medical trainings and marketing efforts. In 2003, the DVCC Domestic Violence Healthcare Program refocused to prioritize the education and cross-training of medical providers and other community disciplines. Organizational cross-training included MALC-The Metro Abuse Link Coalition, who addresses the connection between animal abuse and domestic violence; R.E.S.P.E.C.T, who addresses teen dating violence and bullying through interactive theatrical performances; and the Elder Abuse Coalition, who address abuse later in life.

2003 also marked the completion of the Medical Committee's bio-psychosocial cur-

riculum elective on DV for 4th year medical students. The curriculum will commence in April of 2004 at the University of Nebraska and Creighton Medical Schools. This program will set a national precedence for medical school training across the country and has been identified as a model program for replication by the National Family Violence Prevention Fund's Healthcare Standard Initiative Symposium in Washington D.C.

The Medical Committee, under the leadership of Dr. Michael Levine, developed a coding curriculum for physicians, revised the treatment protocol for healthcare providers, initiated a specialized treatment protocol for victims of abuse in later life, and specialized training and education around the issues of head injury and strangulation.

DVCC 2003 Operating Revenue & Expenses



The DVCC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that operates its office and community programs from the generous contributions of local and state individuals and funding sources.

The DVCC writes grants and secures federal funding for several member organizations of the DVCC in Omaha and Douglas County.

The DVCC works in conjunction with the City of Omaha, Douglas County, and Omaha Community Foundation grant writers to ensure coordination of fiscal resources, reduction of duplicative services and coverage of identified community needs and services.

2003 REVENUE	
Federal Grants	58,322
Federal Pass Through Grants	300,170
City/County Grants	70,000
Grants/Foundation	142,000
Donations	42,784
Miscellaneous Revenue	8,721
Total Revenue	621,997

2003 EXPENSES	
General & Operating	
Personnel Expenses	198,661
Insurances	24,435
Administrative Costs	15,794

Professional Fees	17,023
Lease/Utilities	19,876
Public Education/Awareness	16,408
Total General & Operating	276,403
Pass Through Expenses	
Pass Through Victim Services	85,282
Pass Through Law Enforcement	77,845
Pass Through Prosecution	67,578
Pass Through Other	69,465
Total Pass Through Expenses	300,170
Total Expenses	576,573

Each year the DVCC conducts an Annual Giving Campaign. The 2003 Campaign raised \$20,750 with 94% of Board and Staff donating.

Criminal Justice & Domestic Violence

City of Omaha/Douglas County are proud of the following:

- Omaha Police Department: DVIS**
DV Investigation Squad (1 Lieutenant, 1 Sergeant, 5 Detectives, 1 Support)
- Douglas Cty Attorney's Office: DVPU**
DV Prosecution Unit (4 Misdemeanor Attys, 2 PTE Felony Attorneys, 2 Liaisons, 1 Support)
- NE State Probation Dept: DVProbU**
DV Probation Unit (7 Officers, 1 Supervisor, .5 Victim Specialist, .5 Support, 1 Case Manager)
- YWCA-Violence Against Women: YWCA**
(26 FTE/PTE DV Program Staff)
- Catholic Charities: DV Program**
(6 DV Advocates, 1 Therapist, 1 Supervisor)
- Crime Victim Assistance Unit: VAU**
(6 DV Advocates, 3 Supervisors, 1 Support)
- Five Accredited Batterer Intervention Programs: BIP**
(Catholic Charities, Family Service, Life Skills of NE, Spence Counseling, YWCA)
- Douglas County Sheriff: DCS**
(.5 DV Process Server, .5 PTE DV 911 Tech)
- DVCC Education & Medical Trainers: DVCC**
(182 DV Trainers)
- DVCC Court Watch Monitors DVCC**
(91 Monitors)

2003 Domestic Violence Related Statistics in Omaha /Douglas County

Total homicides in Douglas County	37	Total DV Misd. cases closed	1,967
Number of DV related homicides	6	Number of Misd. DV trials held	59
Total number of DV hotline calls (YWCA and Catholic Charities)	11,880	Number of Misd. DV guilty verdicts	32
Women and children sheltered (Catholic Charities)	290	Conviction rate for DV trials	54%
DV Victims served by YWCA	8,272	DV offenders sentenced to probation	399
Total 911 calls for service	345,429	No. requests for prob. revocation	283
Total DV 911 calls	11,026	Court ordered DV pre-sentence investigations	73
Civil protection orders filed	3,456	No. of DV offenders ordered to BIP	185
Civil protection orders granted	3,067	DVProbU victim specialist contacts	674
YWCA assisted protection orders	595	Range by individual Cty. Ct. Judge Ordering probation in Misd. DV	18-75%
Protection Orders severed by Sheriff	3,583	Range of Dist. Court Judges issuing Exparte PO's	55-97%
DV cases investigated by DVIS	5,204		
Law enforcement referrals to YWCA	1,109		
Total number of DVIS arrests	1,499		
DV crime victims assisted by VAU	1,309		
DV cases reviewed by DVPU	2,445		
DV cases filed by DVPU	1,929		
DV cases/warrants DVPU declined	520		
No. of Misd. DV guilty pleas	1,370		



Domestic Violence Murders...One is One Too Many.....

OMAHA/DOUGLAS COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOMICIDES

1997-Current

DATE	VICTIM	OFFENDER	HOW
11-Feb-97	Heck, Gerald	Ratzsch, Mary Ann	Shot
03-Apr-97	Byrd, Annie	Bryd, Michael	Strangled
22-Apr-97	Schon, Frances	Schon, Dennis (Suicide)	Shot
23-Jul-97	Alexander, Tamara	Alexander, Terry	Stabbed
12-Aug-97	Elliott, Harry	Elliot, Gertude	Shot
02-Sept-97	Estes-Torres, Marcella	McLemore, Mike	Knifed
11-Sept-97	Brown, Ray	Plunkett, Tracie	Knifed
24-Aug-98	Ledwith, Susan	Ausdmore, Leonard	Shot
06-Sept-98	Peralta, Deborah	Canbaz, Necdet	Shot
07-Sept-98	Dalton, Shannon	Dalton, John	Shot
26-Sept-98	Sherman, John	Price, Susan	Knifed
21-Oct-98	Ely, David	Ely, Denise	Knifed
09-Nov-98	Cox, Kimberly	Kratchovil, Kenneth	Shot
08-Jun-99	Hernandez, Anna	Hernandez, Rosendo	Shot
15-Aug-99	Byars, Garyanna	Relford, Charles	Shot
16-Aug-99	Ross, Kimberly	McDermott, James	Beaten
17-Oct-99	Johnson, Shameka	Lott, Andre	Shot
29-Nov-99	Huffman, Victoria	Blair, Michael	Knifed
29-Nov-99	Huffman, Joshua*	Blair, Michael	Knifed
29-Nov-99	Huffman, Matthew*	Blair, Michael	Knifed
28-Jun-00	Granholt, Crystal	Jensen, Justin (Suicide)	Shot
28-Jun-00	Jensen, Austin*	Jensen, Justin (Suicide)	Shot
28-Jun-00	Jensen, Christian*	Jensen, Justin (Suicide)	Shot
17-Nov-00	Chandler, Tamara*	Gales, Arthur Lee	Beaten
17-Nov-00	Chandler, Latara*	Gales, Arthur Lee	Beaten
25-Jan-01	Haynie, Dana	Crittenden, Pamela	Knifed
13-Mar-01	Jones, Gail	Jones, Richard (Suicide)	Shot
29-Jun-01	Gaines, Joseph	Gaines, Rochelle	Knifed
19-Nov-01	Ades, Melinda K.	Flores, Juan	Knifed
15-Jan-02	Gaines, Joseph	Gaines, Rochelle	Beaten
12-Feb-02	Rowe, Jodi	Nuzum, Marty	Strangled/Knifed
03-Jul-02	Seiter, Peggy Lou	Hurd, James	Shot
27-Aug-02	Fortune, Victoria	Stark, Dennis	Hammer
25-Sept-02	Ladd, Marlyn	Bissell, Lonnie	Knifed
06-Nov-02	Moss, Lariry	Owen, Sheena	Knifed
10-Nov-02	Braaten, Amy	Ware, Mark	Shot
17-Nov-02	Tangeman, Michael	Tangeman, Tammy	Knifed
25-Mar-03	Crockett, Christine	Nesbitt, Steve, Jr.	Shot
26-May-03	Canteraro, Adelina	Perez, Albino	Strangled
15-Aug-03	Campbell, Donald	Stevens, Annett	Knifed
02-Oct-03	Hill, Theresa	Dixon, John	Strangled
07-Oct-03	Davis, Destiny	Floyd, William Jr.	Shot
03-Nov-03	Williams, Tina	Williams, Wesley	Knifed

Douglas County Homicides:

2003	16% of all homicides were DV
2002	26% of all homicides were DV
2001	5% of all homicides were DV
2000	13% of all homicides were DV
1999	19% of all homicides were DV

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have been left off
inadvertently.
Please accept our apology.



Who is the DVCC

The DVCC began working as a collaborative group in 1996. The DVCC is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit corporation comprised of 50 community leaders from all disciplines. The governing group is the Executive Committee consisting of four officers and committee chairs. According to DVCC Articles and By-laws, all DVCC members are Board Directors and are chosen based on the position they hold, the expertise they have, or both. DVCC Membership terms run for three-years or the duration of the position held.

2003 DVCC Executive Committee:

Chair: Mary Ann Borgeson
 Vice Chair: Michael Levine, MD
 Treasurer: Peg Harriott
 Secretary: Marty Conboy, JD

Committees/Chairs of the DVCC:

Batterer Intervention: Judy Seeman
 Gina Volenec
Court Watch: Dianne S. Lozier, JD
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Development: Mary Ann Borgeson
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 Marty Conboy, JD
Medical: Michael Levine, MD
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 Frank Goodroe
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2003 DVCC Membership

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Douglas County Attorney Stuart Dornan, JD
 Douglas County Sheriff Sheriff Tim Dunning
 City Prosecutor Marty Conboy, JD
 NE Chief Probation Officer Chief Deb Minardi
 US Attorney's Office Michael Heavican/Kim Roewert

MEDICAL COMMUNITY

Medical Society Exec. Director Robin Kammandel
 Nursing Representative Pat Lenaghan, RN
 Physician Representative Michael Levine, MD
 Physician Representative Michael Wadman, MD
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EDUCATION

K-12 Representative John Mackiel, PhD.
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 Omaha City Council Franklin Thompson
 NE Health & Human Services Joe Nanfito

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 Omaha Bar Association Kenneth Weiner, JD
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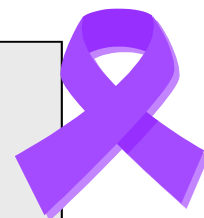
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 Victim Assistance Unit John Lehotyak

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 Thank You for the Countless
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DVCC Court Watch Program Monitors
 DVCC Court Watch Program Trainers
 DVCC Healthcare Trainers
 DVCC Committee Members



*In 2004, the DVCC will OPEN
 membership to all interested persons.
 Membership Applications are available
 through the DVCC office.
 Please contact us!*

2003 DVCC Award Winners

CORPORATE SERVICE AWARD

Anne Hindery Camp &
Omaha Community Foundation

This award is made annually honoring the individual or organization who: Rendered outstanding domestic violence related services to the community; Demonstrated a strong giving spirit in the community to domestic violence related issues; and Provided time, talent, and/or resources to support the mission of the DVCC.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Gail Braun
City of Omaha, Office of the Mayor

This award is made annually honoring the individual or community based entity who through their professional or volunteer service has: Committed his/her time and talents toward the abolishment of domestic violence; Rendered outstanding service to the community and to domestic violence related issues; and Demonstrated a strong caring spirit and leadership qualities.

LEADERSHIP AWARD

Tricia A. Freeman, JD
Sarpy County Deputy Attorney

This award is made annually honoring the DVCC Council or Committee Member whose spirit and excellence in service: Provided leadership and contributions toward community betterment; Delivered extraordinary service related to domestic violence issues; and Whose reputation and commitment to the ending domestic violence is recognized throughout the community.

PROGRAM AWARD

Douglas County Attorney's Office
Domestic Violence Prosecution Unit - DVPU

This award is made annually honoring an individual and/or community based domestic violence entity who: Demonstrated outstanding direct service to domestic violence victims and issues; Rendered extraordinary quality of service; Provided excellence in a Douglas County based program with a documented positive community impact.

PURPLE RIBBON AWARD

Charles J. Venditte

This award recognizes an individual who: Rendered outstanding domestic violence related services to the community; Acted as the voice of compassion for victims and their rights; and Exemplified an ongoing devotion to abolishing domestic violence.

2003 Award Nominees:

Alegent Health	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska
Mary Ann Borgeson	Chris Carlson
Catholic Charities	Lt. Denise Cousins
Omaha Police Dept.-DVIS	Bob Evans
Family Service	Capt. Steve Freese
Juan Diego Center	Robin Kammandel
Mary Larsen	John Lehotyak
Joan McDonald	Gerryly Mickuls, JD
Senator Ray Mossey	Omaha Fire Department
Victim Assistance Unit	Cyndy Peacock
Jeffrey Robinson	Joann Schaffer, MD
Union Pacific Railroad	YWCA Advocates

**Domestic Violence-
Don't Make Excuses
Make It STOP**

**Violence comes in
many forms. It is
learned. It can be
unlearned.**

**THERE'S NO EXCUSE
FOR DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE**

**Domestic violence
does not
discriminate.**

**THERE'S NO EXCUSE
FOR DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE**

**Children repeat what they
see and hear.**

**Domestic Violence-
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Domestic Violence - Don't Make Excuses...Make It STOP



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Numerous Volunteer Opportunities Exist with the DVCC Including:

Committee Work

Batterer Invention Committee
Court Watch Advisory Committee
Development Committee
Employment Committee
Evaluation Committee
Faith Committee
Law Enforcement Committee
Legislation Committee
Medical Committee
Membership Committee
Public Awareness Committee
Social & Human Service Committee

Research

Court Watch Monitor

Medical Trainer

Website/Newsletter Assistance

Public Awareness

Fundraising

Help Work on Community Initiates

Elder Abuse Coalition
Family Justice Center
MALC-The Metro Abuse Link Coalition
R.E.S.P.E.C.T.

For Membership Application
Call: 402-398-9928

*A Coordinated
Community Response to
Domestic Violence
Protects Us All*



The **Silent Witness Project** is a powerful, visual, traveling memorial honoring women who were killed in acts of violence by their current or former intimate partners. The life-size, blood red figures are modeled after the shapes of chalk outlines drawn around murder victims by police. Silent Witness Projects exist in each of the 50 states and have been displayed all across the country in courthouses, city halls, shopping malls, shelters, schools, churches and on the Capitol steps in Washington, D.C. The **DVCC Silent Witness Project** has 29 figures who represent area women (and children). These women once lived, worked, and had neighbors, friends, family and children in our community. Their lives were ended violently at the hands of a husband, ex-husband, or intimate partner.

Goals of the Silent Witness: To honor the women and children who were murdered in acts of domestic violence; To raise the awareness in our community of the extent of domestic violence; To help connect people with local resources for ending the violence in their lives; and To encourage community and legislative action to end the violence in our society.

