

## NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Debby Tucker August 24, 2005

## **Dear Friends:**

The National Center has experienced a significant funding loss. This requires us to drastically reduce operations in order to restructure while continuing to meet our contractual obligations and other funded commitments.

With this restructuring, I will remain Executive Director. Vickie Smith and Juliet Walters will be available as Training Consultants and Christina Walsh as Communications Consultant. We will be available for training, consultation and advocacy work on a fee-for-service basis. Our award-winning website (<u>www.ncdsv.org</u>) will remain online; our ability to provide technical assistance, however, will be significantly reduced.

I want to personally thank Nancy Flanakin, Library Coordinator, John Dennis, Operations Coordinator, and Jenny Brown, Administrative Specialist, for their exceptional dedication and professionalism. Our outstanding staff members during these six years include Valinda Bolton, Patricia R. Cole, Anne Cunic, Randy Hines, Terri Lynne Hudson, Lisa J. Mucciaciaro, Nina Marie Olivo, Kyre Osborn, Jennifer Scott-Dewar, Andrea Twyman, Patricia White, Crystal Wick and Bernice Williams. Thanks to each of them for their contributions to the National Center.

Collaborating with our training partners, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, the National Center for Rural Law Enforcement, and the National Sheriffs' Association has been rewarding. Together we developed and delivered more than 124 classes around the country for advocates, law enforcement, prosecutors and emergency dispatchers to improve their responses to domestic and sexual violence in their communities.

It is our pleasure to work closely with so many organizations, including:

Advocates for Human Potential, Inc. Alternativas Pacíficas A.C., de Monterrey Battered Women's Justice Project California Coalition Against Sexual Assault Centro Integral de Atención a la Mujer y Sus Hijos · Asociación Civil de Cancún Coast Guard, South Region Community Anti-Violence Alliance, Inc. Corporate Alliance to End Partner Violence Defense Task Force on Domestic Violence Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team, DVERT FaithTrust Institute Family Violence Prevention Fund Jewish Women International Legal Assistance Providers' Technical Assistance Project, LAPTOP Legal Momentum Lincoln Family Violence Council Men Stopping Violence Military/Civilian Coordinated Community Response School of Social Work at The University of Texas at Austin/Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual to Domestic Violence Demonstration Project – Fort Campbell, Clarksville, TN, and Hopkinsville, KY Assault Muskie Institute State domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions National Coalition Against Domestic Violence STOP Violence Against Women Grants Technical National College of District Attorneys Assistance Project, STOP-TA National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Tacoma-Deming Institute Project Judges Texas Association Against Sexual Assault National Domestic Violence Hotline U.S. Air Force's Sexual Assault Integrated Planning National Network to End Domestic Violence Team U.S. Department of Defense Care for Victims of Praxis International National Resource Center on Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Joint Task Force National Sexual Violence Resource Center U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration of Children & Families Red Nacional de Refugios para Mujeres en Situación de Violencia Familiar de México The University of Texas at Austin School of Law SafePlace: Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Womenslaw.org Survival Center

In addition, thank you to the hundreds of agencies and organizations across the country who hired the National Center to provide training and consultation. We also thank the following generous supporters that made our work possible:

Altria Group, Inc. Avon Foundation Battered Women's Justice Project Board of Directors, National Center Family Violence Department, Texas Department of Human Services (now known as the Texas Health and Human Services Commission) Gerson Family Foundation Individual donors Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice Philip Morris Companies, Inc. Texas Bar Foundation U.S. Department of Defense

Despite this transition, the National Center remains committed to designing, providing and customizing training and consultation; influencing policy; promoting collaboration; and enhancing diversity with the goal of ending domestic and sexual violence. Our Board of Directors will continue to guide the organization's development:

Rhonda Gerson, *Chair* Toby Myers, *Vice-Chair* S. Gail Parr, *Treasurer* Rus Funk, *Secretary* Sarah M. Buel Candace Mosley Marshall Murray Michael Shaw Robert Stein, II Antonia Vann

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Thank you for your support.