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Wednesday, October 1st  
**Paint the Town Purple**  
Paint the Town Purple during our 5th annual domestic violence awareness month kick-off event. DCCADV staff, member programs and volunteers will be at 10 local metro stations sharing resources, information and purple buttons to engage the community in preventing domestic violence. If you're interested in volunteering please email agleaves@dccadv.org.

Thursday, October 2nd  
**Keep DC SAFE**  
Join us for the 4th Annual Keep DC SAFE Awards Reception. We'll enjoy live music, light refreshments, and good company while we celebrate the partners and volunteers who help us make DC a safer place for domestic violence survivors. We are thrilled to have Deaf Dog and the Indictments as this year's musical guest. The band includes seven DC Superior Court judges, and we are honored to have them support our work by performing at this event.  

Tuesday, October 7th  
**D.C. Council Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation Presentation**  
Wear your purple and join the Council in ringing in Domestic Violence Awareness Month in DC. The proclamation will be presented at 10 a.m. by Council Chair Phil Mendelson, a longtime champion and Councilmember Tommy Wells, Judiciary Chair and passionate advocate for victim services. Be there by 10 am to ensure everyone’s ready for their moment on camera with the Council.  
10AM | John A. Wilson Building | 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW | Room 500

Wednesday, October 8th  
**Domestic Violence and Guns: a Community Forum**  
Over 70% of domestic violence victims have been threatened by their abuser with a gun. In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the DC Chapter of the Brady Campaign is proud to partner with the DC Coalition against Domestic Violence to co-host a community forum on the intersections of domestic violence and firearms. Together, we can spread awareness, call for sensible gun policies, and save lives.  

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Wednesday, October 15th

**Mobilizing Youth for Love & Respect!**

A event for young people to raise their voices and share their stories, learn about dating and sexual violence resources in the community, and talk with their peers about healthy relationships, love, and respect! Raise your voice and join our movement!

3PM-6PM | Latin American Youth Center | 1419 Columbia Road NW | Community Room

**Mobilizando a la Juventud por Amor & Respeto!**

Un evento para que los jóvenes levanten sus voces y compartan sus historias, para que aprendan sobre los recursos comunitarios en contra de la violencia sexual y violencia en el noviazgo, y para que hablen con sus compañeros sobre las relaciones sanas, el amor y el respeto! Levanta tu voz y únete a nuestro movimiento!

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Saturday, October 18th

**End Domestic Violence by Dancing to the Beat**

The Ward 8 Council Against Domestic Violence will host the 2nd End Domestic Violence by Dancing to the Beat Dance Party featuring DJ Rosie Mac and Lady Mac and Danette Dani Tucker of Go-Go Fitness. Proceeds from the event benefit Kodie Brown. For more information contact Sandra “S.S” Seegers, Founder, at 202-561-6616 or beasurvivortoday@aol.com.

5PM-8PM | The Merrick Center | 4275 4th St. SE |

Wednesday, October 22nd

**WKF Joint Circle (Men's + Women's Circle)**

The William Kellibrew Foundation "Joint Men and Women's Circle" is a place for men and women to come and have an open dialogue. With October being Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) the theme for the circle will be domestic violence. Anyone who is over the age of 14 is welcome to come to the circle and participate in the conversation. Free food and drinks will be provided!

6:30PM-8:30PM | Shiloh Baptist Church | 1510 9th St NW | RSVP [http://bit.ly/1uU3d1Q](http://bit.ly/1uU3d1Q)

Wednesday, October 22nd

**Art as Voice: Raising Awareness of Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault in the Asian American Pacific Islander Communities**

The Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project (DVRP) presents a creative art showcase with tea featuring stories, expressions and messages from survivors, advocates, staff, volunteers and friends to raise awareness of domestic violence and sexual assault in the Asian American Pacific Islander communities. We invite our community members and friends to witness the different ways one can engage and shed light on a topic that is often left in dark silence. Through art, we want to inspire our communities to break the silence and learn the power of collective action. Join us as we speak up, act now through art to no more silence.

6PM | Chinatown Community Cultural Center | 616 H St NW # 201 | Tickets [http://bit.ly/1qK2X6y](http://bit.ly/1qK2X6y)
Thursday, October 23rd

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Thursday, October 23rd

Share Your Story
Art and creative expression continues to be one of the most powerful forms of healing after experiencing victimization. As such, NVRDC will host the Third Annual Share Your Story Event. Share Your Story—facilitated on one selected evening, each October—operates as a juxtaposition of art and testimony for survivors of crime. Oftentimes, in the acute stage a trauma, there is a process of having to tell and re-tell the unfolding events of what happened. Afterwards, many survivors become silent and develop a hesitancy to verbally process their experienced incident. Here words do not have to be the primary medium; color, texture, and visual expression will express what words cannot. The pieces created, by survivors at Share Your Story, will be part of a larger celebration—the Annual NVRDC Fundraiser in November.

Victimization happens in isolation, but healing takes place with community—NVRDC aims to reach out and rise up for all individuals impacted by crime. We hope that you will reach with us to share your story. For more information on Share Your Story, please [http://www.nvrdc.org](http://www.nvrdc.org).

5PM| Lighthouse Center for Healing | 5321 First Place, NE

Friday, October 24th

Latin@ March and Vigil to Stop Violence Against Women
Latino Agencies United to Stop Violence Against Women hold their the annual Vigil and March in the Greater Washington DC Metro area for the Latin@ community on Thursday, October 24th. Come support and help us make noise to educate and create awareness about domestic violence in our Latin@ immigrant community. The march begins at at Lamont Park in Mt. Pleasant ends in front of the Suntrust Bank on 18th & Columbia Rd. NW

6PM | Lamont Park | 3258 Mt Pleasant St NW

Thursday, October 30th

BalderDASH 2014
The District Alliance for Safe Housing (DASH) is gearing up for Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October. To celebrate, we host our annual BalderDASH evening event, which will take place on October 30th from 6:30pm to 9:00pm at the O Street Mansion in DC. DASH supporters and survivors attend and wear purple to honor the work of DASH and Domestic Violence Awareness Month. It’s a lively event with music, refreshments, and of course, purple gear. Proceeds from the event support DASH’s Cornerstone emergency safe housing program, so no woman has to choose between living with abuse or living without a home.

6PM-9:00PM | O Street Mansion | 2020 O Street NW | Tickets [http://bit.ly/1rOgQfS](http://bit.ly/1rOgQfS)
Our Spread Love DC campaign is back! We’re focused on talking about healthy relationships, engaging in open and honest communication and recruiting positive role models who will join us in the movement to end domestic and sexual violence.

It takes all of us to end domestic violence and we each play a role in creating healthy relationships and thriving communities. This October we’re asking everyone to give back to their community and encourage their loved ones, friends and neighbors to pay it forward. We challenge you to take the Spread Love DC Challenge. It’s like the ice bucket challenge, only better.

Three Steps to the #SpreadLoveDC Challenge:

1) Do a random act of kindness for a loved one, friend or neighbor. Need help thinking of a random act of kindness? Check out the next page.

2) Post your random act of kindness to social media. Make sure to use #SpreadLoveDC in your post! Or do it anonymously and leave a note directing them to www.spreadlovedc.org.

3) Challenge and tag THREE others to pay it forward. They have the entire month of October to give back to the community.

We know that 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men will experience domestic violence in their lifetime. We know that young people between the ages of 16-24 experience domestic violence at the highest rates. This is the reality in our city and the truth we are faced with every day. But, we also know that domestic violence can be prevented. We know that there are generations of people who never have to feel its effects, which is why this DVAM we are returning to LOVE - spreading it, teaching it, living it.

Will you take the #SpreadLoveDC Challenge?
Random Acts of Kindness

Make a wish come true for a domestic violence program.  
*Check out their DASH and SAFE’s Amazon Wish Lists online!*

Collect toiletries and donate to your local domestic violence shelter.

Donate to your local food bank.

Give a bottle of water to a bus driver.

Give flowers to a friend or loved one for no reason.

Share a positive thought or inspirational quote on social media.

Spend time picking up trash in your neighborhood park.

Call a family member or friend just to say “I love you.”

Give up your seat on metro.

Bake cupcakes or other treats for a neighbor.

Give a neighbor a ride to the grocery store.
Each day in October you can help raise awareness about domestic violence. Just use one of the suggested messages below for your social networking site status update:

**October 1, 2014**
Check out @DCCADV’s full #DVAM Calendar www.spreadlovedc.org Please join us in promoting #healthyrelationships #SpreadLoveDC

**October 2, 2014**
#DomesticViolence is preventable. We can stop this violence & promote #healthyrelationships, families & communities. #SpreadLoveDC #DVAM

**October 3, 2014**
In #DC, more than 30,000 victims of domestic violence placed a call for help last year. www.spreadlovedc.org #SpreadLoveDC #DVAM

**October 4, 2014**
1 in 4 women & 1 in 7 men are victims. @NDVH Asks how do you #SeeDV in your community? http://www.thehotline.org/how-i-see-dv/ #DVAM

**October 5, 2014**
#DV affects millions of people across this nation regardless of age, economic status, race, education or sexual orientation #DVAM #NoMORE

**October 6, 2014**
DYK: Girls who are victims of dating violence are 4 to 6 times more likely than non-abused girls to become pregnant. #DVAM #NoMORE

**October 7, 2014**
#Financial Abuse is one of the least commonly known but one of the most powerful tactics of entrapping a victim in the relationship. #DVAM

**October 8, 2014**
Domestic violence hurts entire communities. Spread awareness & take our #SpreadLoveDC Challenge. www.spreadlovedc.org #DVAM

**October 9, 2014**
Advocacy can help a victim find her voice. Get involved, become an #advocate today! #DVAM #SpreadLoveDC

**October 10, 2014**
DYK: #DomesticViolence is one of the leading causes of homelessness. Victims & their families need access to safe & affordable housing #DVAM

**October 11, 2014**
Today is National Coming Out Day! Everyone deserves healthy, happy & loving relationships! Excited to celebrate with @RainbowReponse! #DVAM

**October 12, 2014**
DYK: On average, 3 women die at the hands of a current or former intimate partner every day. Help us #EndDV #DVAM #NoMORE
October 13, 2014
Every year, more than 3 million children witness domestic violence in their homes. #NOMore #DVAM

October 14, 2014
43% of college women experience violence and abusive dating behaviors. Learn more by visiting @BreaktheCycleDV and @LoveisRespect #DVAM

October 15, 2014

October 16, 2014
Need to talk about relationships, dating or more? We'll listen. Text "loveis" to 22522, call 866-331-9474 or visit http://loveisrespect.org

October 17, 2014
Are you ready for #PurpleThursday? It's not too late to register your organization.
http://bit.ly/Purple14 #DVAM #SpreadLoveDC

October 18, 2014
To the #advocates & #volunteers who answer hotline calls, work in shelters, assist in writing petitions and safety plans, #ThankYou! #DVAM

October 19, 2014
Please share the Nat’l Domestic Violence Hotline. Advocates are available 24/7 to offer support: 1-800-799-SAFE (7234) #DVAM

October 20, 2014
Talk to your friends about abuse. Break the silence, show your support & build a community that is ready to #EndDV #DVAM #31in31

October 21, 2014
Join @NNEDV's #tweetchat today on DV & HIV at 3 PM (EST) Hosted by #PositivelySafe http://bit.ly/inaCy8L #DVAM #31in31

October 22, 2014
Tomorrow is #PurpleThursday! Will you be making a statement with your fashion?
http://bit.ly/Purple14 #SpreadLoveDC #DVAM

October 23, 2014
Today is #PurpleThurday!! Share your best purple pictures & outfits and you could WIN!!
www.spreadlovedc.org #SpreadLoveDC #DVAM

October 24, 2014
An estimated 10.7% of women & 2.1% of men have been stalked by an intimate partner during their lifetime. #DVAM

October 25, 2014
#Healthy Relationships require #respect #love #equality and #communication. What makes your relationship healthy? #SpreadLoveDC #DVAM

October 26, 2014
Everyone can speak out against #DomesticViolence. The problem will continue until we stand up w/ one resounding voice & say #NoMORE! #DVAM

October 27, 2014
As October and #DVAM come to a close, how will you continue to #SpreadLoveDC and promote #healthyrelationships?

October 28, 2014
1 in 4 women experience #DV. You probably know someone who could use help. Victim resources worth sharing: http://bit.ly/DVAMResources #DVAM

October 29, 2014
The annual cost of lost productivity due to #DomesticViolence is estimated as $727.8 million. #DVAM #NoMore #SpreadLoveDC

October 30, 2014
Who are the role models of healthy relationships in your life? Learn more about #healthyrelationships: http://bit.ly/OMRVYA #SpreadLoveDC

October 31, 2014
We must continue to raise awareness year round. Please use your voice and join the movement to end violence. www.dccadv.org #DVAM
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Register your organization, business or school group and enter for a chance to win amazing prizes including a Pizza Party, gift cards to Sprinkles Cupcakes, Down Dog Yoga and more! Register Your Organization Here: http://bit.ly/Purple14

We’ll be awarding organizations and individuals in multiple categories including: most spirited, cutest critter, and largest group.

Join us on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook to learn more about DVAM events throughout the Month. Remember to email your pictures to agleaves@dccadv.org on Thursday October 24th and to share your Purple Thursday Pictures on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

We all have a role in promoting healthy relationships and building a healthy community. Join us in purple on Thursday, October 23rd.

We’ll announce the winners of the prizes on October 30th!
visit
www.spreadlovedc.org
to learn more