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North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Celebrates 30 Years of Service

DURHAM, NC (August 15, 2011)— On Thursday, August 18th, over 100 advocates, allied professionals, and survivors will gather at Sarah P. Duke Gardens in Durham, NC, to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCCADV). The event will also honor advocates across the state who have worked in the movement to end domestic violence for 30 years or more. Through the support of members, allied professionals, staff and Board, NCCADV has provided training to over 28,000 community advocates, supported and/or drafted over 50 pieces of legislation and answered over 40,000 technical assistance calls just in the last 10 years of its existence. NCCADV is the only statewide non-profit organization focused solely on the issue of domestic violence.

Keynote speaker at the event will be Debby Tucker, Executive Director of the National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence, who will highlight milestones and successes of NCCADV over the last 30 years. Kit Gruelle, national advocate and trainer, will be previewing a clip from Private Violence, a documentary film about the history of battering in America. Mary Margaret Flynn, the first Executive Director of NCCADV, will close the evening with a cutting of the cake and toasts to honor the work of dedicated advocates who have committed their lives to making a difference in North Carolina.

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“It is NCCADV’s goal to continue providing innovative information, training, advocacy, and technical assistance as the work that we do evolves over the next 30 years,” states NCCADV Board Co-Chair Chimi Boyd-Keyes, who will be emceeing the event. “We thank you in advance for supporting us over the next phase of our evolution into the premier state advocacy organization focused on working with all of you to end intimate partner violence in North Carolina.”

NCCADV’s 30th Anniversary Celebration is sponsored by Coastal Federal Credit Union and Sarah P. Duke Gardens. In addition, the NC Department of Health and Human Services has provided support for printing Building a Culture of Peace: the History of the Domestic Violence Movement in North Carolina, which will be distributed at the event. For more information, please visit www.nccadv.org.

About NCCADV (www.nccadv.org)
The North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCCADV) is a statewide non-profit membership organization providing support services to local domestic violence agencies and allied professionals. NCCADV was founded in 1981 and provides training and technical assistance to 90 local domestic violence programs throughout the state of North Carolina. The purpose of NCCADV is to strengthen the network of people working to end domestic violence in NC. NCCADV also advocates to improve statewide policies and legislation to positively impact the lives of victims of domestic violence and their children.

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