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Save the Date for “ Celebrating the Victories!

Join us for CADV's 15th Annual Fall Fundraiser
Sunday, September 26, 2010 12:30 p.m.
at Brown's Run Country Club in Middletown.

We will be celebrating accomplishments that have exceeded our hopes and dreams of reaching people with our work and our vital message. The ultimate being the signing of the Tina Croucher Act this past December. We will be honoring present and past board members and Jim and Elsa Croucher will reflect on their inspiring and poignant journey.

There is no charge for the luncheon since this is a fundraiser. Please RSVP with the number of people who will be in attendance by calling 513-423-0044 or e-mailing elsa@cadv-ohio.com.



Update on House Bill 19 “The Tina Croucher Act”

House Bill 19, “The Tina Croucher Act,” passed in December 2009 and became effective March 29, 2010. Since that time Citizens Against Domestic Violence has received numerous phone calls from across the nation and into Canada for help in passing similar laws and requests for workshops and presentations. Currently only a handful of states have laws that mandate dating violence education in the schools. Several states have legislation pending for mandates while others include only an encouragement for the education.

The Tina Croucher Act mandates:

- education about violence in dating relationships in grades seven through twelve, age-appropriate instruction in dating violence prevention education, which shall include instruction in recognizing dating violence warning signs and characteristics of healthy relationships;
- updating of the harassment, intimidation, and bullying policy to include violence in dating relationships;
- specified staff members are required to be trained about violence in dating relationships by October 2011 and every five years after the initial in-service training takes place;
- School Boards are also directed to incorporate training in the prevention of dating violence into the in-service training required by current law for nurses, teachers, counselors, school psychologists, or administrators.

Ohio is a home rule state which means that schools have the right to choose the programs they will have. The Ohio Department of Education is directed by the mandate to provide free resources for schools. The Ohio Domestic Violence Network is serving as a resource guide to curriculum and CADV will be posting resources on our web site. Currently there are a number of different programs and curricula available in Ohio and there are two evidence based programs in existence - Safe Dates and the Fourth R.

Northeast Ohio Coalition creates The Tina Project™

Immediately following the signing of House Bill 19, The Tina Croucher Act, into law, 14 organizations in Northeast Ohio that deal directly with victims of violence formed a coalition. Their mission is to ensure that the communities they serve are able to address this critical issue with maximum impact. Dubbed ‘The Tina Project’ with the blessing of Tina’s parents, Jim and Elsa Croucher, the coalition developed a comprehensive curriculum for teachers and staff, students and their parents. *The Tina Project’s* goal is to provide schools with resources and support as they address violence among teenagers as well as assuring Ohio schools are in compliance with the mandate.

The issue of teen dating violence should be a part of a continuum of anti-violence education. The character building principles that have become a big part of our schools’ curricula lay the groundwork for education on anti-violence and healthy behaviors. Schools that have implemented programs targeting bullying have seen incident reports decline as much as 20% so there is reason to believe that teen dating violence education would follow this trend.

Having age appropriate discussions throughout their school life, including education and awareness around teen dating violence and crimes that go hand in hand – like sexual harassment, bullying and date rape - helps our kids reach a full understanding of healthy behaviors. They learn that their actions contribute to the personal safety and wellness of themselves and their peers - preschool through 12th grade.

Violence education is not just an extra curricular program, it is our responsibility as the adults in our community. Through training, education and community involvement we not only provide a window of opportunity for young people to ask questions, but we are more likely to reach the high risk student who would not ordinarily reach out for help.

As educators, parents and community leaders we are the primary adults in the lives of our students. Their interactions with us will impact their entire life. When they are in trouble we are uniquely positioned to be one of their primary sources of help and support.

The Tina Project™ hopes to make that job a little bit easier.
For more information on The Tina Project visit www.thetinaproject.org

Scholarship Luncheon A Success

CADV's 10th annual Tina Croucher Scholarship Luncheon "A Pathway to Peace" was the most successful to date raising \$3640. All proceeds from the Luncheon go toward scholarships for area high school and college students. This year CADV awarded three \$1,000 scholarships to Abbie Birchwell, Lauren Hensley, and Brenda McGinnis



Dan and Kathy Schaub delivering raffle baskets.



Abbie Birchwell

Ms. Birchwell graduated this spring from Middletown High School and has been involved in golf, cheerleading, diving, Spanish Honor Society, Cross Country, Show Choir, A Cappella Choir, Sans Souci Sorority, Academic Quiz Team, Young Life, and Musicals. She has volunteered for Junior Golf Clinic, Little Middies Cheer Clinic, Light Up Middletown, Network of Strength Breast Cancer Awareness, San Souci Spaghetti Dinner volunteer (proceeds to CADV). Crew Leader for Vacation Bible School, and Teacher Assistant. She has received the following awards: Greater Miami Conference All Academic, Honor Roll, Second Team All GMC-Girls Golf, Pigskin/Roundball Athlete of the Quarter, Varsity Letter in Girls Golf, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Diving, Academic Quiz, Anthony Munoz Straight "A" Student, Best Performer MHS Show Choir, and Cheer Camp All American. Abbie will attend Belmont University, major in Music Education, and become a teacher.



Lauren Hensley

Ms. Hensley graduated this spring from Franklin High and has been active in Soccer, Softball, Student Government (Secretary), Homecoming Committee, Students Against Destructive Decisions, National Honor Society, Spanish Club, Link Crew, Middletown Community Foundation, Prom Committee, Summer League Volleyball Coach, Soccer Clinic, Teacher and Office Aide, Traveling Vietnam Wall, and Study Buddy working with a dyslexic fourth grader. She has received High Honor Roll, Principal's Scholar Athlete, Academic Award, Academic Letter, Excellence in Spanish, and Defensive MVP. Lauren will attend Wright State University, majoring in Education, to become a Special Education Teacher.

Brenda McGinnis is a non-traditional student attending Miami University. She has been involved in Community Action Partnership Youth Leadership Program, Cultural Diversity Conference, Red Flags Workshop, Teens and Sex Seminar, Room to Grow Volunteer, Butler County Commissioner's Forum on Families and Children, Butler County Department Job/Families Services – Bridges Out of Poverty Training, Butler County Child Care Coalition, Ohio Job and Family Services Preventing Shaken Baby Syndrome Training. She works with Career Opportunities Coordinator of Youth Program, organizes and facilitates Group Mentoring Sessions for Youth, and is a chaperone for youth to visit colleges, etc. Brenda has volunteered with Community Action Partnership/Youth Empowerment Center, Multi Cultural Festival, Mid-Fest, Middletown Community Day, North Kentucky University Youth Day, Youth Conference, Miami University's Youth World's Aid Day, Youth Speak Out/Cincinnati Urban League, and parenting classes.



Board member Etta Carver introduces CADV Scholarship recipient Brenda McGinnis.

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two primary
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CADV CITIZENS AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MISSION STATEMENT

Citizens Against Domestic Violence is an organization which acts to promote an awareness of Domestic Violence and the damage it does to individuals, and to family, church and business relationships. Citizens Against Domestic Violence seeks to educate through information and to implement service to those who desire freedom from Violence/Abuse.

A Survivor's Story

I grew up in a home filled with violence. My father was very angry and abusive. He only knew two ways to communicate...kiss you or hit you, there wasn't much emotion in between. Being the oldest, I was spared a lot of the physical abuse because I learned early on to "dance for him." That is what I called keeping him happy at all cost. I grew up the care giver in my family. I made sure that he was never mad at me by caring for my brother and sister, keeping the house spotless, getting excellent grades in school and being nice and quiet while he was around.

Most of the violence was directed towards my mother. She was very intellectual, loving and passive. The tension was terrible because we never knew what would set him off and make him start beating my mother. He was extremely jealous and controlling. I grew up seeing my mother lie under the covers to hide her bruises, totally depressed and stunted in her growth as a woman. Finally when I was a teenager, she divorced him. We had to flee my father regularly. He stalked my mother and forced his way into our home and held us hostage and threatened to kill us kids if she did not go back to him. There were a couple of hostage standoffs, but the police managed to get us out safely.

As a young woman, I have had multiple relationships and all of them to some extent were abusive. A few years ago, I met a man and fell in lust. (It was not love; I did not have a clue what real love was at the time.) He was very handsome, charming, and smart and he lived in a beautiful home. Our courtship was fast and furious and we were married within three months. I had seen him become emotional, but he never raised his voice or hand to me once during the time we were dating. The red flags were there, but I did not recognize or pay heed to them at the time- constant supervision, calling and stopping by my job, trying to control everything – money, friends, jobs, clothes, make up, even time I spent with my family – including my kids. He tried to present it as being loving and concerned. When I decided to stand up for my rights, he began the name calling, then the shoving and finally the beatings. I tried to "help" him. I felt that if I just loved him enough and helped him feel safe and secure and loved he would be okay. I took my marriage vows very seriously. I could not imagine divorcing a man that I had just married. The violence escalated when I asked for a separation to get counseling and work on the relationship. When I decided to move out he waited until I got home from work and attacked me. I ran to the front door to run away like I always did and found a newly installed dead bolt lock on the door. I knew then that he would hurt me that day and many days more if I stayed with him. In counseling, I learned how having grown up in a family of domestic violence, I was at risk of either becoming an abuser or being a victim of abuse. I learned that I had low self esteem regarding men and how I allowed myself to be treated disrespectfully due to learned behavior from childhood. I learned to identify the red flags. I divorced him after a year and will never be abused again.

Welcome to New Board Members

Welcome to our newest Board Members, Stuart Locke and Ted Lockard.

Mr. Locke of Middletown brings a wealth of business experience to the CADV Board. He is the owner and CEO of Locke Enterprises, Locke Properties, and the Towne Athletic Club in Franklin. Mr. Locke is also a part time business manager for Breiel Blvd. First Church of God.

Also bringing business experience to the board is Mr. Lockard, also of Middletown. He currently owns and operates Imprint Promotions. Mr. Lockard retired from AK Steel in 2000, after being employed as an electronic technician for 30 years.

Thank you!

We are very appreciative of the donations we receive from our supporters. We couldn't do it without your continued generosity. In these hard economic times foundations have had to scale back on their contributions. Public support has become even more vital. Please use the enclosed envelope to mail your donation today. All donations are tax deductible.

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“Dating Violence :101”

Elsa and Jim,

Another great presentation. You guys just get better and better every year. Congrats on passing “Tina’s Law.” You two have worked so hard to bring this problem to the forefront. Everyone is so proud of you! Especially me! Thank you for all you do for our kids.

----Pat Kreke Bishop Fenwick High School

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for a presentation at your school or organization.