Connecting the Dots

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MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

MAKING CONNECTIONS

When you support STAND!, we not only connect survivors with emergency shelter, court accompaniment, and our crisis line—we connect with families before the urgent calls to 911, before batterers lash out in anger and their own pain, before children are exposed to the toxic stress of an abusive homelife. We’re there to prevent—and end—family violence through education and action. When you partner with us, we connect with everyone from children to business leaders and teach how to recognize, respond, and refer. We also equip law enforcement and other first responders to effectively support survivors with understanding and empathy.

When we all connect, we protect ourselves and those around us; we ensure everyone lives safely in community. Only then can we end the physical and psychological damage to survivors of all ages. Only then can we break the devastating cycle of multi-generational family violence. Only then can we stop the profound costs of abuse on law enforcement, justice systems, and businesses—on our communities.

Connect with us. Together we will not only help survivors rebuild their lives after violence, but we will prevent it from ever happening. Together we will provide hope and healing.

In the following pages you can learn about how your support has helped provide life-saving and perspective-changing programs for the thousands of people we serve each year.

Thank you.

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YOUR DOLLARS STRENGTHENED FAMILIES & COMMUNITIES

We know that our supporters trust that we will put their investments to good use; last year, 79 percent of funds went directly to programs for family violence survivors. In order to serve more than 10,000 people last year, 21 percent of funds were used for costs—such as rent, electricity, planning, and fundraising—that make our life-changing work possible.

Through government funding, foundation grants, and donations from individuals, more than 90 staff provided a comprehensive range of services at locations throughout Contra Costa County.

• **Crisis & Safety**: We provided critical advocacy and supportive services such as a safe shelter for women and children, 24-hour Crisis Line, emergency response team, and court accompaniment and legal help.

• **Rebuilding Lives**: Survivors were able to build violence-free lives with support groups, parenting classes, counseling and therapy, transitional housing, respite and support to relative caregivers, and treatment for people who used violence.

• **Social Change / Community Awareness**: Educational presentations, teen dating violence prevention programs, early childhood education, bystander programs, and parenting resources are concrete steps towards breaking the multi-generational cycle of violence.

**THE NUMBERS**

- 216 women & children found safety at STAND!’s emergency shelter
- 2,300 support group sessions took place, helping people heal from trauma
- 550 people who used violence in relationships were held accountable and participated in behavior change classes
- 1,650 adults and youth in the community attended a presentation about violence prevention
- $96,400 worth of volunteer time contributed to STAND!
- 83% increase in parenting skills & knowledge for young mothers & fathers
Daveena found safety & accessed vital services to begin rebuilding her life. ‘I thought my relationship was normal but STAND! helped me see my life could be better.’

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Daveena woke up in the hospital with machines and tubes connected to her body. She groggily turned to her aunt who was sitting quietly at her bedside and together they recollected the horrific events that had happened just hours ago. Daveena’s boyfriend had appeared at a family gathering and violently attacked her with a knife, slicing and fracturing her face. This wasn’t the first instance of abuse. She looked closely at the business cards that the responding police officer had left for her. Her aunt pointed to the STAND! emergency resources card, urging her to seek help.

Daveena called STAND!’s 24-Hour Crisis Line and was connected with an advocate who helped her file a restraining order, arrange safe housing at STAND!’s emergency shelter, create a safety plan, access the Victims of Crime compensation program, and participate in therapy and support groups.

After accessing emergency resources, Daveena set out to rebuild a new life with moral support and encouragement from her STAND! advocate, friends, and family. Today, Daveena has a fulfilling job editing resumes and cover letters at a local employment agency and she is happily engaged to a loving and caring fiancé. She plans to pursue a degree in Early Childhood Education. Daveena said, “I never knew happiness could be like this. I thought my relationship was normal, but STAND! helped me see that my life could be better.”

With advocates at 14 satellite locations and four central offices throughout Contra Costa County, STAND! is able to help thousands of victims like Daveena access the services they need when they need them so that they can heal from trauma and rebuild a life free of violence. Daveena now has a positive outlook for her future and is looking forward to having kids of her own: “I am going to teach them what it is like to be treated right. I want to make sure they understand that they shouldn’t allow anyone to take their joy.”

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STAND!’s partnership with various community agencies makes it possible to effectively serve a large population. Daveena’s first meeting with a STAND! advocate took place at the West Contra Costa Family Justice Center (FJC). The FJC houses a variety of agencies including police, prosecutors, social service agencies, and community organizations under one roof to make the healing process easier and more welcoming for family violence survivors.

STAND! is a proud founding member of the FJC, which has served more than 700 people since it opened in 2011. Because of its incredible success, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors approved expansion to Central and East county locations. The Central location is slated to open in March 2015 in Concord’s Salvio Pacheco Square and is expected to serve hundreds of families each year.

After discussing details of her relationship history and the dangerous abuse she endured, Daveena’s STAND! advocate referred her to Contra Costa County’s High Risk Assessment Team. The team is a collaborative of public and private agencies that intervene in high-lethality domestic violence cases. With a swift and coordinated response, the District Attorney’s office, local law enforcement, Children and Family Services, and agencies like STAND! are able to minimize further violence and provide enhanced safety and support to victims.

In September 2014, Attorney General Eric Holder announced $2.6 million in funding for four pilot programs that evaluate the lethality risk and the potential for domestic violence-related homicides before they happen. Contra Costa County is one of the locations across the country that was selected to lead this national effort because of current initiatives like the High Risk Assessment Team.

“It is very exciting to be one of the few groups leading this nationwide effort. Too often we are faced with horrible tragedies that are a result of domestic violence. By developing tools that other organizations can replicate, we will be able to save our clients’ lives and the lives of many other victims across the country,” said STAND!’s CEO Gloria Sandoval.

By working with the Zero Tolerance for Domestic Violence Initiative, STAND! will provide leadership, expertise, and assistance throughout the two-year process.
At 13 years old, Alicia was trapped by shame, fear, and an abusive boyfriend. As the only African-American student enrolled in her middle school, Alicia was constantly insulted and bullied by her classmates. When she started dating Mark, the discrimination subsided; however, peace in Alicia’s world was short lived.

Mark began to physically abuse Alicia and he closely tracked where she went, who she talked to, and what she did. To Alicia, leaving did not seem like a great option—she dreaded being harassed by her schoolmates again and hoped that if she stayed with him, they would continue to accept her.

“I knew that wasn’t the way I should be treated, but I was too embarrassed to tell anyone,” recounted Alicia. “At home I’m pretty confident and I speak my mind. I wasn’t sure if my family would have believed what was happening to me.” She endured the abuse and stayed silent for nearly two years.

When Alicia started high school in a different city, Mark still attempted to contact her even after she cut ties with him. Eventually he left her alone, but the trauma stuck with her. At her new school, Alicia got involved with STAND!’s youth program, which provided school-based dating violence prevention education to more than 1,300 youth last year. Alicia finally felt safe enough to open up about her past relationship and began to rebuild her self-esteem.

Alicia has been involved with STAND! for three years facilitating group discussions to educate her peers on safe relationships and to encourage them to appreciate themselves: “I tell others that they should never take disrespect and that their boyfriend or girlfriend is not ‘too good for them,’ which is something I didn’t realize in my own relationship.”

Alicia has learned through her past experience and through her work with STAND! that it is possible to have a non-violent relationship built on respect and trust, and she is passionate about sharing this message with others. Through strong partnerships with the West Contra Costa Unified School District and classroom teachers, STAND! is making further inroads towards breaking the cycle of family violence. Our youth programs help young men and women heal from violent experiences and empower them to have healthy relationships now and in the future.
SERVING CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

10,000 PEOPLE SERVED BY STAND!

1.08 MILLION
2014 CONTRA COSTA COUNTY POPULATION

18 LOCATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTY

STAND! LOCATIONS

We operate three service locations within Contra Costa County—Concord, Richmond, and Antioch. Additionally, our Bay Point First 5 Center is an early learning education resource for parents and children under five years old. In one year, STAND! staff and volunteers provide intervention, treatment, and prevention services to more than 10,000 women, men, and children.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LIAISONS

To serve such a large county, STAND! has strong partnerships with local agencies, law enforcement, and healthcare offices. Our Domestic Violence Liaisons are located at 14 different organizations so that victims and their families can easily access vital services. Last year, Liaisons helped more than 2,200 people who came to the following locations:

- West Contra Costa Family Justice Center - Richmond
- Rubicon Programs - Richmond and Antioch
- Employment & Human Services Department - Richmond, Hercules, Pleasant Hill, Antioch, and Brentwood
- Richmond Police Department
- Temporary Restraining Order / Domestic Violence Clinics - Martinez, Concord, and Pittsburg
- Kaiser Permanente - Antioch
- Rainbow Community Center - Concord

SUPPORT GROUPS

Support group meetings are safe spaces for survivors to share their experiences and discuss and learn about topics such as building self-esteem, understanding the dynamics of domestic violence, setting boundaries and limits, and safety planning. Counselors guide the participants in making their own contributions and in learning from the experience of others. Last year, more than 2,300 support group sessions took place at STAND! and partner locations across Contra Costa County.
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