

Federation Friday

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GFWC-NC is calling and I must go

Friday's Focus: Domestic Violence Awareness

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

GFWC's Signature Program is Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention. On both a local and national level, GFWC supports victims of domestic violence.

As part of the GFWC Signature Program: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention, the GFWC *Success For Survivors Scholarship* was created in 2012 to lend a helping hand to those impacted by intimate partner violence who are pursuing higher education. The scholarship aims to provide survivors with a means to achieve both financial and personal independence. Since its inception, GFWC has awarded over \$60,000 in scholarship funds. Applications for the scholarship funds are being taken now through February 1, 2019. For more information;

<https://www.gfwc.org/success-survivors/>

Through the GFWC Legislative Action Center, members advocate for laws that protect victims of domestic violence. Sadly, domestic violence will continue if we don't speak up. That's why we refuse to back down and will show the world that we as GFWC members are united in the fight to end domestic violence. Use Domestic Violence Awareness Month as a platform to begin talking about this issue in your community. <http://cqcengage.com/gfwc/home?1>

For more than 20 years, the **National Resource Center on Domestic Violence** (NRC DV) has been a comprehensive source of information for those wanting to educate themselves and help others on the many issues related to domestic violence.

Through its key initiatives and special projects, NRC DV works to improve community response to domestic violence and, ultimately, prevent its occurrence. <http://www.ncadv.org/>



National Domestic Violence Statistics

- 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men will experience severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime. (CDC, 2017)
- 1 in 10 women in the United States will be raped by an intimate partner in her lifetime. (CDC, 2010)
 - Approximately 16.9% of women and 8.0% of men will experience sexual violence other than rape by an intimate partner at some point in their lifetime. (CDC, 2010)
 - Data on sexual violence against men may be underreported.
- An estimated 9.7% of women and 2.3% of men have been stalked by an intimate partner during their lifetime. (CDC, 2017)
- Nearly half of all women and men in the United States will experience psychological aggression by an intimate partner in their lifetime. (CDC, 2017)
- Over half of female and male victims of rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner experienced some form of intimate partner violence for the first time before 25 years of age. (CDC, 2010)