

Speaking Out

Supporting women and their children in their efforts to live violence free

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In Her Own Words...



Melanie serves on the Board of Directors for PADV.

My story is dark, and it's difficult to describe. How can I convey what it's like to wake up every day of your childhood and wonder if today is the day your father will kill your mother? How can I describe the terror of waking up in the dark of night to screams and opening your bedroom door to see your mother cowering on the floor as your father punches her again and again and again? How can I explain the horror, the fear, the helplessness, and the despair of watching your father hold a gun to your mother's head?

My world stood still that night. I remember a single scene, nothing more than a snapshot really: My father standing over my mother, menacing and sinister, and the gun—that shiny, silver gun. It was such a small thing, so small, but I knew what it meant—the end of my world as I knew it. She was my rock, the center of my universe, and he was going to take her away from me. There is tightness in

my chest even now describing this scene to you. My mother survived that night, but their marriage didn't. She rebuilt herself after the divorce and poured all she had into giving my sisters and me a better life. Suddenly a single mom, she gave up a lot of her own dreams to help us succeed. Though she doesn't have a prestigious job or a lot of money, she is the proud mother of three daughters, one of whom is a lawyer, another who is a director of a mental health center, and the youngest is in college with plans to go to medical school. She is my hero.

- *Melanie*

Each year, an estimated 3.3 million children witness their mothers or female caretakers being abused.

Kilgannon Lends Creative Talent to PADV

Did you notice our new logo and format in this edition of *Speaking Out*? The logo was designed by the creative team of Kilgannon, a leading full-service advertising agency. An ad hoc task force representing staff, board members, volunteers, and survivors worked together to capture our essence—women-centered, empowered, supportive, and community—all in a single symbol.



Aside from creating the logo, Kilgannon is giving our corporate image a fresh new look by redesigning all of our outreach materials. The Kilgannon creative team

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Cathy Willis Spraetz, CEO
Partnership Against Domestic Violence

Letter from the CEO...

We know that intimate partner violence is caused by the inappropriate use of power and control. We also recognize that a combination of individual, relational, community, and societal factors may contribute to the risk of experiencing domestic violence.

Hurricane Katrina significantly increased the community risk factors associated with poverty, overcrowding, stress, frustration, and hopelessness. In 2002, there were 61,355 occurrences of family violence in Georgia, and we did not encounter the additional—and stressful—human dynamics associated with a natural disaster and evacuation.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, we began housing women from New Orleans who were escaping both a natural disaster and an abusive partner. The

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demand for our lifesaving services has increased by 50 percent. At the same time, donations to PADV are down.

Hurricane Katrina has already caused too much death and destruction, much of it preventable. Intimate partner violence is also preventable if victims receive support and develop safety plans.

Please help us continue to provide lifesaving services to battered women and their children. As the largest nonprofit domestic violence agency in Georgia, our services are critical to many in our community who

are underserved and marginalized. Our mission of assisting women and their children in their efforts to live violence free is more important than ever.

Top Five Ways You Can Help PADV Today!

- 1. Make a cash donation.** No amount is too small.
- 2. Make an in-kind gift.** Our shelters operate 24-7 and we can always use: paper products, cleaning supplies, trash bags, disposable latex gloves, zip lock bags and diapers (sizes 3, 4 and pull-ups).
- 3. Give at the workplace** through payroll deduction. PADV is proud to be a United Way community agency and a member of the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). You can direct your gift to PADV through specific designation. For more information, contact the United Way.
- 4. Become an advocate** for domestic violence survivors and their children. Volunteer with PADV to answer the crisis line, facilitate a support group, tutor a child, or pick up donations.
- 5. Propose a Casual Day at your office.** Pick any Friday of the month, and ask employees to donate \$5 to wear jeans or shorts to work. It's an easy way to let employees have fun and make a difference in their community.

To learn more about gift opportunities, please call 404.870.9603. For volunteer opportunities, please contact 404.897.1611, or e-mail us at info@padv.org.

Circle of Sisters

Circle of Sisters is a philanthropic and mentoring initiative started by a group of professional women and community leaders with the goal of facilitating family economic stability and success. Soon after their official launch in September, Circle of Sisters adopted a PADV SUCCEED client, assisting her with medical bills, utilities, rent, and a student loan payment. The client also received assistance in developing her professional resume. On behalf of our clients, thank you Circle of Sisters for your community spirit of giving.



Community Support Groups Are Lifesavers

Community support groups provide assistance to women who have left violent relationships or continue to live with their abuser. Last year, our community support groups served more than 1,000 women.



San Davis, a survivor

For many women, PADV's community support groups can be a lifesaver. One such success story is that of San Davis.

San met her abuser when she was 19 years old. At first he treated her like a queen, but six months into the relationship the abuse began. Embarrassed by the injuries and black eyes, San hid the abuse with baggy clothes and excessive makeup.

Throughout the seven-year relationship with her batterer, San was beaten, raped, psychologically assaulted, robbed of her money, and isolated from her friends and family. But for San, the worst part of the abusive relationship was how law enforcement repeatedly let her down. San can't recall how many times she called the police. Her abusive boyfriend was never arrested, even when she stood outside her home bruised and bleeding. "Finally

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the police got tired of me calling and threatened to arrest us both if they had to come back. I felt utterly powerless, alone in the world and insignificant. I had run out of options," said San.

She left him and moved to a different city, but he found her and started stalking her. "When he threatened to kill

me, I just shrugged it off and said, 'Why would you want to go to jail for killing me?' His reply was, 'I'll go to Hell before I go to jail, and I'll take you and the kids with me.'" Terrified for her children, she filed a restraining order. And by some miracle, this time the police gave her PADV's number.

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"PADV helped me when no one else would. They invited me and my children to attend a support group and offered us a place to stay." With both a restraining order and a safety plan in place and continued support from PADV, San is enrolled in college and living violence free.

At the 18th annual *Hearts With Hope* gala, held on February 11 at the Omni Hotel, San was honored with PADV's 2nd annual Purple Heart With Hope Award for her perseverance in overcoming obstacles to become a domestic violence survivor.

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also produced the edgy four-ad public awareness campaign that ran in the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* in October to commemorate National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Be sure to look for a complete overhaul of our Web site in late spring, courtesy of Kilgannon.

"Our agency is always looking outward—to our clients, their customers, and our community. We are pleased to help PADV as they ask others to look outward, too, and support the cause of women and children affected by domestic violence," said Rena Kilgannon, president of Kilgannon.



Silence Is Broken During National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Every October, PADV hosts two events to raise public awareness, celebrate survivors, remember the women killed because of domestic violence, and commemorate National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

More than 150 people attended PADV's Silent No More candlelight vigil on October 6, at the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site. This year's powerful event included an interpretative dance, music, statements by domestic violence survivors, and a candlelight ceremony in memory of the 93 Georgians who were murdered last year because of domestic violence. Community partners cohosting the

vigil included Fulton County District Attorney's Office, Fulton County Solicitor's Office Victim-Witness Assistance Program, Baitul Salaam Network, American

Medical Student Association of Emory, Refugee Family Services, and SCLC/Women.

PADV also hosted the Domestic Violence Survivor Speak Out on October 26, in collaboration with the Gwinnett Solicitor General's Office, Caminar Latino, Gwinnett Legal Aid, Gwinnett Coalition for Health and Human Services, and the Gwinnett County Family Violence Task Force. More than 90 individuals heard several domestic violence survivors publicly share



their personal stories of despair and victory in escaping the cycle of violence. Linda Torrence, Public Service Director with Fox 5 TV, hosted the Speak Out. The event concluded with attendees participating in a flower ceremony to honor those who lost their lives to domestic violence.

The public awareness events were covered by FOX 5 TV, WSB-TV, CBS 46, WXIA 11 Alive, and the *Gwinnett Daily Post*.



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You are making a positive difference in the lives of the women and children we serve.

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