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Win a red-hot Porsche!

Local nonprofit sponsors raffle to benefit battered women in metro Atlanta

ATLANTA, January 12, 2009 – What’s red, accelerates from 0 to 60 in 4.1 seconds and makes the perfect Valentine’s gift? A 2008 Porsche 911 Carrera S Coupe, the ultimate sports car, valued at \$94,000. Partnership Against Domestic Violence (PADV) is sponsoring a raffle to help meet its \$700,000 fundraising goal at the 21st annual *Hearts with Hope* (HWH) gala.

A special feature of the 2009 gala is the Porsche raffle. Tickets are \$100 and only 1,500 tickets will be sold. The raffle began January 1, 2009. The drawing will take place at *Hearts with Hope* on February 21, 2009. You do not need to be present to win. All proceeds to benefit PADV.

HWH will be held at the InterContinental Buckhead Atlanta. The gala raises approximately half of PADV’s general operating budget annually. With these funds the agency provides quality programs and services in support of Atlanta-area battered women and their children.

Call 404-870-9616 to purchase tickets or for additional information.

Hearts with Hope Background: The 2009 gala is being led by co-chairs Suzanne Sitherwood, president of Atlanta Gas Light, and her husband Guy Griswold, principal of Blue Ridge Strategies. The gala will feature a reception; gourmet dinner, full bar and desserts; live and silent auctions and a live performance by Shawn Mullins, singer-songwriter. Mullins is most recognized for his song “Lullaby” which dominated the airwaves in 1998. Verizon Wireless will be honored with the Hope Award in recognition of its long-term commitment to improving the lives of women. More than 600 people are expected to attend the black-tie *Hearts with Hope* affair. Sitherwood and Griswold are joined by a host committee of executives from diverse companies including Atlanta Gas Light, Verizon Wireless, GE, Pink Magazine, The Coca-Cola Company, IBM, Cisco Systems and many others. HWH raises more than half of PADV’s annual general operating budget.

PADV Background: As the largest and one of the oldest nonprofit domestic violence organizations in Georgia, PADV operates the only two emergency shelters for battered women and their children in Fulton and Gwinnett Counties. Essential services include 24-hour crisis line, supportive housing, teen dating violence prevention, legal advocacy, support groups, and access to free medical services to repair facial injuries caused by domestic violence. Last year, PADV provided safe shelter to 547 women and their children, fielded more than 10,000 calls to its crisis line, reached out to 4,272 teens and youth leaders with vital information on healthy relationships and served 745 children in its Children and Youth program. For more information about PADV visit www.padv.org