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## **Celebrations, Commemorations and Renovations**

### **2010 is going to be a great year for PADV**

ATLANTA, January 4, 2010 - Partnership Against Domestic Violence, a metro Atlanta-based domestic violence nonprofit, is celebrating three major milestones this year.

- Cathy Willis Spraeetz, president and CEO of PADV, is celebrating 10 years with the organization. During her tenure, Willis Spraeetz has grown the budget by 83 percent in revenue (from \$1,655,165 to \$3,022,654) and increased staff by 100 percent (from 21 to 42) since 2000. This growth has enabled the agency to expand its programs serving thousands more every year including women with disabilities and teens.
- PADV is commemorating its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Before 1975 there were no local crisis lines or emergency shelters. Thirty-five years later, PADV is now the largest and one of the oldest nonprofit domestic violence organizations in Georgia. PADV transforms the lives of thousands of domestic violence survivors and their children annually through violence prevention, emergency intervention and long-term advocacy. PADV is the only local domestic violence organization to offer Face-to-Face®, a program that provides free reconstructive and dentistry services to survivors who have sustained permanent injuries and scars from past abuse.
- PADV's Fulton County emergency shelter is getting a facelift. The first phase of the project is expected to be completed this spring. Once the second phase is complete, PADV will be able to serve an additional 24 women and children bringing the total number of beds to 60.

About PADV: For thirty-five years, PADV has provided professional support, safe shelter and empowering advocacy to battered women and their children in metro Atlanta. Operating the only state-certified domestic violence shelters in Fulton and Gwinnett Counties, PADV also offers a 24-hour crisis line, long-term housing, support groups, legal advocacy, corporate and community education and a teen dating violence prevention program. To learn more about domestic violence and PADV programs and services, please visit [www.padv.org](http://www.padv.org) or call 404-870-9600.

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