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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS NEWSLETTER

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October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Intimate Partner Violence affects over 12 million Americans every year (National Domestic Violence Hotline, n.d.) Don't stay silent- take a stand and speak out against domestic abuse!

October became National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in 1981 by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence in order to create unity and advocacy for victims of domestic abuse across the country. There have been many improvements made since then. In 1994, the Violence Against Women Act was passed by then Senator Joe Biden (Break the Cycle, 2014). The legislation implemented provisions that hold offenders accountable as well as provide services and programs to victims. This resulted in a two-thirds drop in the rate of domestic abuse between 1993-2010. Additionally, it encouraged states to create new laws regarding issues including stalking, employment discrimination, and dating abuse in the workplace (Break the Cycle, 2014).

Did you know...

- A woman in the United States is beaten or assaulted by a current or ex-significant other every 9 seconds (National Day Calendar, 2020).
- 1 in 4 men are victims to some form of violence from an intimate partner (National Day Calendar, 2020).
- Between 2001 and 2012 the number of women killed by a current or ex-partner was 11,766, nearly two times more deaths than that occurred in combat in Iraq and Iran at the same time period (National Day Calendar, 2020).
- An average of 24 people every minute are victims of rape, stalking, or physical violence in the United States (National Domestic Violence Hotline, n.d.).
- More than half of the male and female victims of rape, stalking, or physical violence by an intimate partner experienced it before the age of 25 (Safe Horizon, 2020).
- It is estimated that almost half of all women and men in the United States will experience psychological aggression by a partner (Safe Horizon, 2020).

How to be an advocate:

- Save the domestic abuse hotline (1-800-799-7233) on your phone in case anyone ever needs it.
- Offer victims your phone or computer for them to safely research and/or contact abuse shelters.
- Never be a bystander to domestic violence.
- Educate yourself and others on facts of domestic violence.

Take the pledge!

Take the pledge to support survivors, raise awareness, and take action to break the cycle of domestic abuse! <https://www.itsonus.org/pledge/>

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