


# Speaking Out

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

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## Public-awareness events spark change




**How does your daughter see you?**

As a loving father? A hero? Or simply the monster that abuses her mother. Your violence is not only destroying the mother of your child—it's destroying your whole family. Get help now.

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### How does your child see you? ad campaign

**“I’m guilty of hurting my wife and I need help.”**

- Because of your support, PADV crisis lines are available 24/7
- Fifty percent of men who batter their wives also abuse their children

**We must hold batterers accountable for their behavior.** Education is vital to ending intimate partner violence.

The first day PADV’s public-awareness campaign ran in *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, a shelter advocate received a call from a man indicating that he was guilty of hurting his wife. He said he had seen PADV’s ad and wanted a referral so he could get help. Because of your generous donations, this caller got the resources he needed by calling PADV’s crisis line.

◀ *This ad was one of a four-part, ethnically diverse campaign designed by Kilgannon, a full-service advertising agency providing pro bono support to PADV. The AJC donated the advertising space in October to commemorate Domestic Violence Awareness Month.*

## PADV honors and empowers survivors



- Hundreds of community leaders and residents honored more than 80 victims who were killed last year
- PADV supporters like you helped raise public consciousness

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◀ *Amanda Planchard, left, of Fulton County Solicitor General's Office Victim Services, helps Tyler Crichlow light her candle at PADV's sixth annual Silent No More Candlelight Vigil. Crichlow, a spoken-word artist, performed in front of 200 guests.*

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*Eight-year-old Dazia listens solemnly to the names of victims, many of them children, who were killed last year because of domestic violence. Dazia attended the vigil with her mother, Lakesha, a former PADV client and domestic violence survivor.*



*Sgt. Brandon Bizzell, with the Gwinnett County Sheriff's Department, participates in PADV's annual speak-out.*

**Domestic violence survivors realized an ultimate fear**—the fear of judgment as they exposed their secrets of living in homes filled with violence, rape and incarceration. Imagine being sexually assaulted and punched in the face by your boyfriend, then arrested for defending yourself. Courageous survivors shared their stories at PADV's annual *Silent No More Candlelight Vigil* and *Domestic Violence Survivor Speak-Out*. These events empowered those who publicly spoke about their experiences and inspired other survivors to seek support.

*Photos courtesy of Mary Plotts, Totally Focused.*



*Former PADV client and her daughter celebrate their courage and new life free from violence.*



*These flowers, each representing a victim who was killed last year, were part of the Remember My Name ceremony at the speak-out. The ages of the victims ranged from 1 to 70.*

## In her own words...



*Lauren is a survivor who refuses to turn her back on her fellow sisters. She is a passionate volunteer legal advocate who provides emotional support to other survivors.*

**“Despite my commitment to love him, I was tired of wiping blood off my face.”**

Bleeding, sweating and shaking, the phone unplugged from the wall, I cried myself to sleep. I was crying not because of the physical pain but because I finally realized I had to give up. Despite my commitment to love him, I was tired of wiping blood off my face.

I moved out of our apartment on February 11, 2006. I now volunteer for PADV as a legal advocate, which allows me to give back to our community. As Gandhi said, “Be the change you want to see in the world.” I know I am.  
—Lauren

• **You can be the change you want to see in the world**

• **Volunteer your time just once a week and you can make a difference**

**My ex-boyfriend and I, both college educated, were raised in loving homes.** Together, we shared hobbies like camping, hiking and a love for music.

I refused to leave, hoping he would change as promised. He did change; he got worse. He kicked, punched and slapped me; dragged me across the floor by my hair; locked me out on the porch in freezing temperatures; deprived me of sleep; stole my credit cards and refused to let me see my friends or family. He told me I was fat, ugly, undesirable and emotionally unstable.

One night, he locked me in a hotel room and beat me.

## Wow, what a gift

PADV received a Ford Explorer from Gwinnett Federal Credit Union through a vehicle lease of \$1 per year. At the end of the lease term (2 ½ years), the Ford Explorer will be donated to PADV. The day the lease was signed, PADV used the new vehicle to pick up eight cases of paper supplies donated by Georgia-Pacific. Gwinnett Federal has served its members and community for more than four decades. PADV thanks Gwinnett Federal for this generous donation. It will take us a long way!



*Cathy Willis Spraez, chief executive officer of PADV, receives the Ford Explorer keys from Marshall Boutwell, president and CEO of Gwinnett Federal Credit Union.*

## Hold that date!

**“When Domestic Violence Goes to Work” conference April 26, 2007**

**“Please don’t beat me in front of the boys,” Susan Still pleads with her husband, her left eye purple and swelling.** But it was too late. Her 13-year-old son was already recording the 50-minute verbal and physical assault—forced by his father to film it.

Learn about the case that made headlines! Featured on ABC’s 20/20, the story of Susan Still and the video record of her abuse will be shared by Lisa Bloch Rodwin, Erie County, NY, assistant district attorney. Rodwin successfully prosecuted the history-making case against Susan Still’s husband, Ulner Lee Still. Still was sentenced to 36 years in prison.

PADV is also commissioning a series of innovative training presentations on domestic violence in the workplace. Theater-based training is proving to be one of the more effective ways to educate and initiate behavior change. Verizon Wireless is underwriting the cost of the training presentations, which will be a major component of the April conference. To learn more about this conference, please call 404.870.9605.

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