

Speaking Out

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

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Planning her legacy with PADV: Susan Carini



Susan Carini and Sable, her one-year-old Siberian husky. Susan is the executive director of Emory's Creative Group and former chair of Emory's Commission on the Status of Women.

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Susan Carini is a writer/editor with an insatiable love of storytelling. She purports to be incurably shy, a workaholic, a keen observer, a family woman, and an avid dog lover.

She began supporting PADV by donating her writing and editorial skills and answering the crisis line. In 2007, she became a PADV board member. Today she actively participates on the board and continues as a volunteer, an annual donor, capital campaign supporter and, last year, a planned gift donor.

Susan's involvement with PADV is an enduring passion. She said, “If you get involved with a cause, why would you ever *not* be involved with it?” She believes that lifelong supporters make a strong nonprofit.

This sentiment compelled Susan to make a major gift to PADV in her will. Though, she said, there is a sort of “unreality” about planning to do something at the time of your death, “The editor in me believes in planning.” She asked herself, “What is the best thing, the most productive thing I can do with my assets?” Her answer was, “Give to an organization like PADV.” When asked why she chose PADV, Susan reflected and said: “You can see the decades of hard work. There is a proven track record. You can't say that about all nonprofits. You're going to see good things from PADV for many years to come.”

To learn how a planned gift can benefit you and PADV, visit www.padv.org, and click on **Donate** and **Planned Giving**. Gift planning has tax benefits and is usually transmitted through a will, trust, bequest or life insurance policy. For more information, contact PADV's Director of Development Alexa Adamo-Valverde at 404.870.9761 or alexa@padv.org.

THE BEST TIME TO SAVE SOMEONE'S LIFE JUST MAY BE AFTER YOU'VE DEPARTED.

When considering your will or estate, take a moment to reflect on the good you can do for survivors of domestic violence by making PADV a beneficiary. Learn more at PADV.org/plannedgiving.asp or by calling 404.870.9616.

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Susan helped PADV launch its Planned Giving Campaign by purchasing ad space in Emory Magazine. This ad was unveiled in conjunction with a new planned giving page on PADV's Web site.



Saint Mark hits the mark for supportive collaboration

Community partnerships help stretch PADV's limited resources

In the current economic climate, community partnerships are vital for PADV to continue providing

lifesaving programs and services to battered women and their children. One exemplary community partner is Saint Mark United Methodist Church in Midtown. The Outreach Ministry at Saint Mark is as varied and diverse as the people who enter its doors each Sunday morning. "Saint Mark has a long and vibrant history of social justice and advocacy, often on the cutting edge of social change," said Rev. Phillip Thomason, minister of outreach & pastoral care. "It is important to the people of Saint Mark to support PADV because it is our responsibility as a faith community to be involved in the lives of people who are hurting or suffering. It is through our rich and varied resources that we are able to be a part of breaking the cycle of abuse."

For more than two years, Saint Mark has helped PADV with housing relocation, space for trainings and meetings, financial and in-kind donations and supportive housing.

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Saint Mark also helped form the first taskforce to support lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered (LGBT) domestic violence survivors in Georgia.

Aisha* is one of many PADV clients to whom Saint Mark has helped provide a fresh start. After escaping a physically violent relationship, Aisha lived in a PADV shelter for an extended period. As an immigrant awaiting her work permit, she could not secure employment or housing. Her pending status made her ineligible for all transitional housing programs.

*Pseudonym

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From L to R: Chastity Rogers, Fulton legal advocate, and Robin Taylor, Fulton legal advocate volunteer, standing outside PADV's new facility at the Fulton County Courthouse. PADV has increased the number of clients served each month from 20 to 80 since acquiring the new space in early March 2009.

PADV improves access to its legal services

- The number of legal clients served in Fulton County increased by 400 percent in a two-month period.
- Last year PADV assisted 878 individuals in obtaining Temporary Protective Orders in Fulton and Gwinnett Counties.

In March 2009, PADV and its Fulton County legal community partner, Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation (AVLF), moved into a new spacious office provided by and located within the Fulton County Courthouse. With the new facility, PADV is better able to focus on helping domestic violence survivors navigate the complex court system, ensuring that their rights and interests are protected.

PADV honors its top volunteers



From L to R: Fay Josephs, Gwinnett volunteer of the year, and Christine Sisco, Fulton volunteer of the year. Fay and Christine were recognized at PADV's annual volunteer celebration, held at Six Feet Under.

PADV celebrated National Volunteer Appreciation Month by saluting two special individuals. **Christine Sisco** and **Fay Josephs** were honored with the Volunteer of the Year Award on April 20, 2009.

"Both Christine and Fay have a track record of going the extra mile for PADV and the women and children we serve," said Cathy Willis Spraez, president and CEO. "Our volunteers are more important than ever during this economic recession. PADV volunteers help us continue to meet the increasing demand for our services."

Christine Sisco has volunteered for two and one-half years in the Fulton shelter Children's Program. When asked why she loves volunteering, Christine said: "One of the biggest rewards for me is watching the progression that the children make while in our program. For many of the new children, I see the trauma they've experienced. They are withdrawn, insecure and uncomfortable in their surroundings. Weeks later, they've learned to be kids again."

Fay Josephs has volunteered for four years. A support group facilitator, she is compassionate because she's been down the same road. Growing up in a violent home, "I had to learn

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how to survive since I was 16," said Fay. "I understand what these women have been through. I know their pain." Fay's past experiences help her bring empathy and authenticity to the support group, showing the women that they can "make it on their own."

Allene Pritchett, Gwinnett crisis line volunteer, and **Robin Taylor**, Fulton legal advocate volunteer, were also recognized in April for donating the most hours. Even though we only recognized four outstanding women, we appreciate the contributions and dedication of all of our 249 volunteers. If you'd like more information about volunteering with PADV, please call 404.870.9615.

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Saint Mark hits the mark for supportive collaboration

In legal limbo, staying in a small room with no space to grow, she was desperate to live on her own. PADV advocates reached out to Saint Mark for help. While its program generally houses only women with children, Aisha's barriers and circumstances caused Saint Mark to waive its criteria and provide her with housing.

Since her move, Aisha now feels independent, transformed and empowered. PADV appreciates Saint Mark for helping Aisha and for their years of compassionate support and community service.

To learn how your organization can support PADV, call 404.870.9616.

PADV conference prepared employers to tackle workplace domestic violence



From L to R: Ashley Palermo, attorney at law, Bryan Cave; Jasmine Williams Miller, director of programs, PADV; and April Ledom, assistant VP, employment manager, Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta. These three served on a cross-disciplinary panel following the theatrical training. One hundred percent of attendees thought the conference was a positive learning experience.



Nearly 100 corporate, government and nonprofit employees attended PADV's 2009 annual When Domestic Violence Goes to Work conference. One attendee summed it up by declaring, "It was an excellent program! Well researched, coordinated, facilitated and presented."



Sketchworks, the cutting edge theatrical group, was also at the top of its game. By answering questions in character, the actors gave the audience a unique perspective.

Special Report: PADV's response to the economic crisis

While PADV is proud to report that we ended fiscal year 2009 in the black, next year holds many uncertainties. To continue to ensure sound management of your financial contributions, we will execute the following strategies in FY2010:

- (1) **Develop contingency plans** to answer "what if" questions if revenue is reduced.
- (2) **Maintain strong reserves** with approximately \$1 million in unrestricted net assets.
- (3) **Decrease spending** for equipment, supplies, technology, communications and staff training.
- (4) **Cut budgets, not programs.** Maintain current initiatives to respond to the increase in need, but limit program growth and capital expansion.
- (5) **Increase foundation and government grant submissions** by 85 percent over CY2008.
- (6) **Increase collaborative efforts** with our partners for services and funding.
- (7) **Remain fiscally responsible and transparent** about our economic standing and challenges. We are cutting costs, maintaining controls and keeping our money safe in amounts that are FDIC insured.
- (8) **Diversify funding sources.** Actively pursue economic stimulus funds and nongovernmental funders to maintain services and balanced revenue.
- (9) **Connect with our constituency at all levels.** We are keeping our direct mail and volunteer programs active, while working harder to personally engage our major donors.
- (10) **Stay optimistic.** PADV will use the current crisis to sharply focus our efforts, recognize and involve our best donors and volunteers, and take new approaches that are flexible and creative.

Thank you, PADV Cash Donors January 1, 2009 – June 30, 2009

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

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■ **October 8, 2009**

Silent No More! Candlelight Vigil

The Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site

■ **October 29, 2009**

Domestic Violence Survivor Speak-Out

Gwinnett Justice & Administration Center



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1. Toilet paper and paper towels
2. Diapers and baby wipes
3. Towels and wash cloths
4. Household cleaning supplies
5. New bras and underwear in adult and children's sizes

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