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Law Enforcement Update Observing National Crime Prevention Month



Each October, National Crime Prevention Month encourages communities across the country to renew their focus on crime prevention. The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) is committed to working with law enforcement across the state to protect Texas communities, so each October we work to focus on this worthy endeavor.

Preventing crime takes citizen involvement and partnerships with local law enforcement. To further this effort, the OAG has an Outreach Coordinator who addresses consumer and senior groups, law enforcement expos and conferences statewide. Our coordinator answers questions and warns Texans about a multitude of topics, including identity theft, fraud, and scams against seniors, to name a few.

Longtime OAG Outreach Coordinator Nancy Gresham retired last month after more than 20 years of tireless, dedicated service to Texas communities. We recently named John Elizarde, who has worked in the OAG's Crime Victim Services Division and Criminal Investigations Division, to serve as our new Outreach Coordinator. John's professional background—including his recent work with the OAG's Special Investigations Unit, where he helped facilitate the Southwest Border Anti-Money Laundering Alliance—makes him well prepared to oversee and lead the OAG's outreach events. Law enforcement associations and consumer advocacy groups who want to schedule an outreach event with John should contact him at (512) 936-1317 or by e-mail at John.Elizarde@oag.state.tx.us.

To better protect our communities, law enforcement agencies must continue working cooperatively to combat crime. With that in mind, we are working with city, county and federal law enforcement officials to take sex offenders out of Texas neighborhoods. The OAG's Cyber Crimes Unit and the Fugitive Unit, which locates sex offenders who have violated the terms of their parole, have combined to arrest more than 2,000 sex offenders. Our investigators are also helping to educate parents and educators about cyber safety by offering tips, training and other valuable resources through our website: www.texasattorneygeneral.gov.

Our duty to protect Texans also compels us reach out to victims who are left battered and broken—physically, emotionally and often financially—in the wake of violent crime. The OAG's Crime Victim Services Division administers the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund, which helps innocent victims and their families when they have no other means of paying for the financial cost of crime.

We also partner with crime victim advocates across Texas who walk victims through the recovery process. Many advocates are victim assistance coordinators (VACs) or crime victim liaisons (CVLs) who work for local law enforcement agencies and prosecutors' offices. Others are sexu-

Side Notes:



Viewing October 1st - 10th
Reception October 10th, 5-8pm

THE CLOTHESLINE PROJECT

@ Coffee Groundz
2503 Bagby Street
Houston, TX 77006

For Reception RSVP: amcdonough@amacolutions.com

AMAC SOLUTIONS
DEMPSEY'S SPORTS PUB
OCTOBER 23rd
2-6pm
Live Music
Raffle
Silent Auction
BBQ Plate
\$15

present: **2010**
Annual Charity Event
benefiting
ASIANS AGAINST DOMESTIC ABUSE
& ALCN WALK FOR BREAST CANCER

HARMONY: EXPERIENCE EAST ASIA



SAVE THE DATE

Harmony

EXPERIENCE EAST ASIA

Benefiting Asians Against Domestic Abuse (AADA)

Honoree: **Dee Koch**

Friday, Oct. 8th, 2010
11:30 am-1:30 pm

Hilton Post Oak
2001 Post Oak Blvd

For information call: 713.974.3743 or 713.339.8300

The card features a red background with a green bamboo stalk on the left and a white butterfly with black markings. The text is in black and gold. A decorative border with yellow and red floral patterns is at the bottom.

*With entertainment provided by the
Houston-based Korean Dance Company*



He Hurts Too

Violence by women against their male partners or family members is often ignored or not identified as domestic violence. Law enforcement, the judicial system and the media have a difficult time accepting scenarios outside of “man: perpetrator, woman: victim.” While male victims are a smaller percentage of reported cases, male victims do exist. We also know that males report violence at a lower rate than female victims. According to the 2008 Texas Department of Public Safety Crime Report, 25.3 percent of reported family violence cases involved a male victim. That’s over 50,000 reported male victims of family violence in a single year in Texas.



What are reasons men stay in abusive relationships with their significant others? Batteredmen.com has identified the following reasons:

Shame

What will my friends, family, colleagues and neighbors think?
 What will people think if they knew I let a woman beat up on me?
 It's a private matter--belongs in the family
 If I say anything, she'll tell everyone I'm the abusive one, and shame me in public
 I'm ashamed I'm not strong enough to defend myself.
 Everyone knows it's men that are the violent ones (shame of male for being male)

Self-Worth

I probably deserved it.
 This is the best I deserve.
 With my looks, or age, or personality, or income, this is as good a relationship as I'll ever be able to get.

Denial

It's not that bad.
 All I have to do is leave the house until she cools down.
 I can weather this one, just like I did the others.

Reluctance to Give Up the Good

If people got to know her, they'd see what a creative, or loving, or wonderful person she is.
 She's like this only some of the time.
 I'd be lost without a relationship with her.
 I'd be lost without a relationship.

If you find yourself in an unhealthy and abusive relationship, know that you are not alone. There are other men who are experiencing similar situations and help is available. Asians Against Domestic Abuse offers all of the same non-residential services to men as they do women. Services include:

24 Hour Crisis Hotline, Court Accompaniment, Assistance with filing Protective Orders and Crime Victims Compensation, Information & Referral, Legal Advocacy, Violence in the Workplace Intervention/Training Programs, Assessment Counseling, Police/Hospital Accompaniment, Clothing and Food Assistance by Referral.

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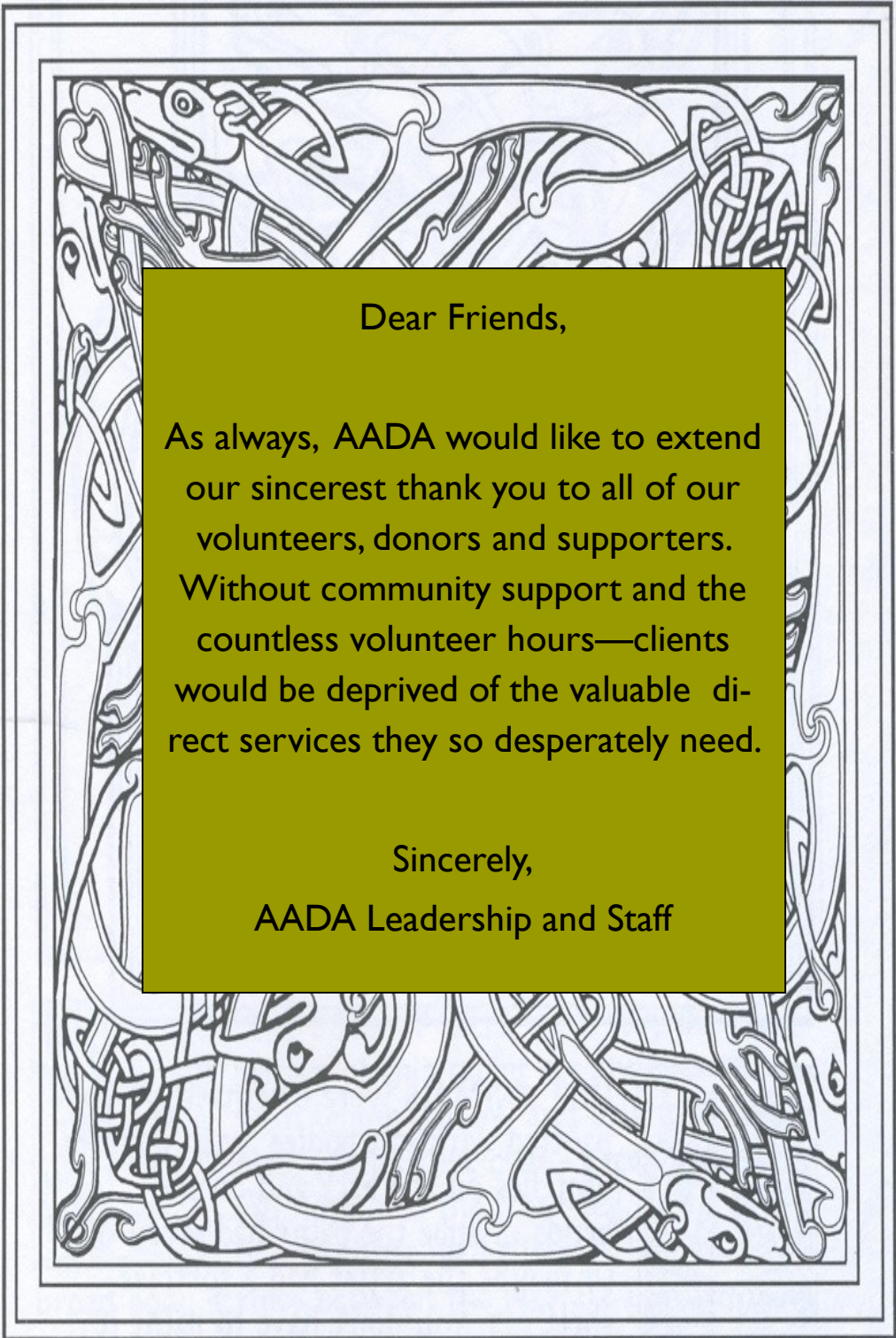
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Sincerely,
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