



NEWSGRAM SPRING 2014

DID YOU KNOW?

- ❖ Every resident who moved on from our transitional housing program, Second Step, secured permanent housing, and all chose to remain independent from their abusers.
- ❖ Among Second Step residents who left, **82%** increased their income by at least **50%** from entry to exit, with an average increase of **288%**.
- ❖ **97%** of hotline callers who completed a survey about the support they received rated our support as "excellent."

Center for Domestic Peace assisted 4,504 individuals impacted by domestic violence in 2012/2013:

- ❖ Answered 3,551 *hotline calls* (in both English and Spanish), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We provided safety planning, emotional support, referrals, and information.
- ❖ Provided *emergency shelter for 92 women and 114 children* for a total of 4,183 bednights.
- ❖ Provided *transitional housing via 21 separate units to 30 adults and 64 children*, for a total of 21,515 bednights, along with economic empowerment activities and help securing permanent housing.
- ❖ Provided *2,347 sessions of advocacy within the legal and criminal justice system to 392 individuals*, improving their ability to achieve effective results with restraining orders, police reports, and more.
- ❖ *Served 23 youth, young adults*, and adults seeking help for youth through Marin Youth Services.
- ❖ Provided *support groups to 229 participants*.
- ❖ Educated *85 men* through ManKind *and 16 women* through WomanKind to teach them skills *to stop their violent behavior*.
- ❖ Trained *2,490* professionals, community members, and prevention specialists.
- ❖ Engaged *82 volunteers*, who donated *24,965 hours* of their time, equal to *12 full-time paid staff*.

C4DP HOSTS BREAKFAST FOCUSED ON CHILDREN

On October 24, 2013, Center for Domestic Peace hosted a free breakfast event, *Changing the Future for Children*, at Terrapin Crossroads in San Rafael. Seventy-five donors, supporters, community members, partners, and friends – including Mary Jane Burke (Marin County Superintendent of Schools), Dana King (former newscaster), and Doug McConnell (*Bay Area Backroads* host) – participated in this inspirational and celebratory event honoring children as the seeds of change to end domestic violence. Sisters Annette and Leasley shared their personal journey from being children in our shelter to advocates for change as college students and volunteers. We hope to see you at our next breakfast in October. Visit our website, www.c4dp.org, for more details later in the year!



Sisters Annette & Leasley
Advocates for domestic peace



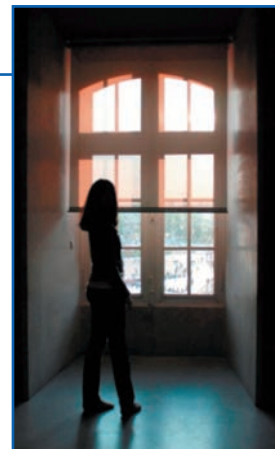
Doug McConnell
& Dana King

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

You hear voices raised-next door and it sounds like an escalating fight between your neighbors. You're scared and want to do something but you're not sure what. Should you call the police? Should you go over there? Here are several options to consider.

- ▶ **Use caution.** Going over could be dangerous, and could place the individual experiencing abuse in greater danger. Consider this carefully.
- ▶ **Call your local police.** Tell them you want to remain anonymous and are concerned. Request a "welfare check" for law enforcement to check on the wellbeing of your neighbors who are fighting.
- ▶ **Call Child Protective Services.** You can make an anonymous report if you fear there are children at home. 24 Hour CPS Hotline: (415) 499-7153.
- ▶ **Call 911** if you believe someone is in danger.
- ▶ Find a private way to let those in danger know about C4DP. Suggest they call our hotline at (415) 924-6616, staffed 24/7 with highly-trained advocates who will ask a range of questions to assess the situation and provide direction on next steps. C4DP can help in a variety of ways:
 1. **Help individuals** sort through their options for being safe, including how to get help; things to do to be safer in their home without leaving the relationship; how to plan to leave; how to protect themselves financially; and the **safest way to proceed** with these options.
 2. **Our Support Groups** allow people to safely share and learn how to evaluate their unique situation and find emotional support and referrals from others who are dealing with similar situations.
 3. **Our Community Advocacy Program (CAP)** provides assistance with confusing paperwork for protection orders, criminal proceedings, victim impact statements, and assistance in applying for child support and/or custody, as well as finding attorneys knowledgeable about domestic violence.

*We are often asked if we will contact someone directly, or send them information. For their safety, we do this only if they directly request info/assistance. Recommend that they find us online at www.c4dp.org, or call the hotline (415)-924-6616.



NURTURING THE ACCIDENTAL VICTIM..... HOW TO HELP A CHILD WHO WITNESSES DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

All children and youth who live with domestic violence are affected by the experience. Some children are severely traumatized while others are seemingly able to cope well. If you know a child, are a caregiver, or are a professional working with children, and you think domestic violence exists in their home, here are some tips to consider:

- ▶ Provide opportunities for them to talk, be listened to, and feel supported, individually and with other children.
- ▶ Recognize their unique strengths and abilities, and help them feel good about themselves.
- ▶ Help them develop skills for critical thinking, learn that violence and abuse are wrong, and learn nonviolent ways to solve problems and get along with others.
- ▶ Understand your institution's policy on child abuse and mandatory reporting.
- ▶ Consider calling Children and Family Services for anonymous advice at (415) 473-7153.
- ▶ For more, visit PromisingFuturesWithoutViolence.org

CDP'S 24-HOUR HOTLINES

English. 415-924-6616
Spanish 415-924-3456
Men's 415-924-1070
Marin Youth Services
9AM-5PM 415-526-2557