



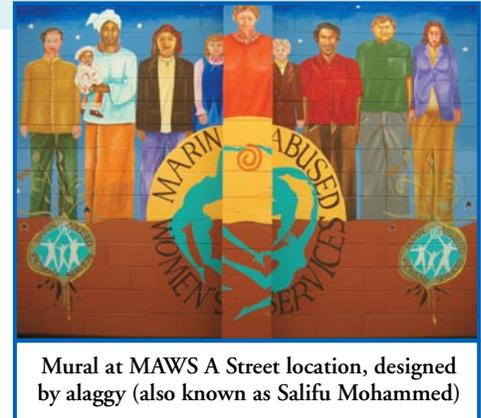
MARIN ABUSED WOMEN'S SERVICES

NEWSGRAM SPRING 2010

DID YOU KNOW:

Domestic Violence (DV) is a National Epidemic.

- ❖ Nearly one in four women reports experiencing violence by a current or former spouse or boyfriend at some point in her life.
* Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, February 2008.
- ❖ Approximately one in three adolescent girls is a victim of physical, emotional or verbal abuse by a dating partner – a figure that far exceeds victimization rates for other types of violence affecting youth.
*The National Council on Crime and Delinquency Focus, 2008.
- ❖ Women who have experienced domestic violence are 80 percent more likely to have a stroke, 70 percent more likely to have heart disease, 60 percent more likely to have asthma, and 70 percent more likely to drink more heavily than women who have not experienced intimate partner violence.
* Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, February 2008.
- ❖ In 2009, 809 domestic violence reports were filed with the Marin County District Attorney's Office.



Mural at MAWS A Street location, designed by alaggy (also known as Salifu Mohammed)

MAWS assisted 3,712 victims of domestic violence last year, a 23% increase over 2008.

In 2009 we:

- ❖ provided emergency shelter for 88 women and 121 children (50% increase over 2008), and transitional housing for 29 women and 52 children;
- ❖ received 2,518 total hotline calls, a 31% increase over last year;
- ❖ provided advocacy and assistance within the legal and criminal justice system to 458 people of which 7% are men;
- ❖ educated 86 participants in the ManKind Program, up from 33 last year; and
- ❖ trained DV prevention practitioners throughout California and the nation via MAWS' national technical assistance and training division, which conducted 15 workshops for more than 300 participants.



One of MAWS' planning groups

EXCITING THINGS ARE IN THE WORKS AT MAWS

In 2007, MAWS celebrated our 30th anniversary. As we looked back and thought about the amazing legacy that had been created, we also knew that we needed to plan for the future. MAWS started out as a grass-roots organization with volunteers housing women and passing the hat to fund the hotline. In 2010, MAWS has become so much more - from emergency and transition housing to developing prevention programs for men and teens, to training other organizations about domestic violence nationwide.

To help us, MAWS worked with the Taproot Foundation, a group that provides non-profits with pro bono talent in the areas of marketing and strategic management. In October, MAWS will be transitioning to a new corporate name that will encompass all of the programs we currently operate, including the core services MAWS provides. We are excited about the possibilities for the future so watch for our announcement about the celebration on October 6th, 2010.

MAWS RECEIVES \$413,023 THREE-YEAR GRANT FROM RECOVERY ACT



One of two transitional housing sites operated by MAWS.

MAWS was one of 6 recipients in California awarded a Recovery Act grant via the national Office on Violence Against Women in support of our transitional housing program, Second Step.

Through the Recovery Act grant, Second Step will place 2 – 3 additional families in affordable housing and offer support services. Additionally, MAWS will develop an economic development training program for the residents of Second Step. MAWS has partnered with Women's Initiative for Self Employment (WI) to create and pilot this new training. The module will include topics such as: debt reduction; developing a personal financial plan; establishing checking and savings bank accounts; procuring child support; credit card management; and other relevant financial topics.

MAWS COLLABORATES WITH MARIN FAITH COMMUNITY IN SEASON FOR NONVIOLENCE

The Season for Nonviolence, January 30 - April 4, is a national 64-day campaign inspired by the 50th and 30th memorial anniversaries of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to honor their vision of an empowered, nonviolent world.

At the launch of this year's Season for Nonviolence, MAWS, in partnership with Community Congregational United Church of Christ of Tiburon, launched the Marin Interfaith Communities of Nonviolence Project, which was funded by Marin Community Foundation and the California Department of Public Health. The project, which has been endorsed by the Marin Interfaith Council and Cornerstone Community Church of God in Christ, includes representatives from across the diverse Marin faith landscape.

The project recently hosted a workshop for faith and lay leaders with a keynote address by Reverend David C. Isom, Director of Faith Partners Against Family Violence of Associated Ministries-Tacoma/Pierce County. The all-day event served as an opportunity to discuss how religious traditions and values support or challenge domestic violence, and to develop action plans to prevent violence. In the following weeks and months, participants will implement prevention strategies such as posting hotline numbers in their faith building's restrooms, addressing domestic violence in sermons, and adopting a sanctuary statement that declares the faith institution will maintain official policies and procedures to provide a safe, supportive community to protect its members and visitors. Resource materials purchased through the project (e.g., videos, discussion guides and training curricula) are available for check-out at the Marin Interfaith Council. Please contact Kimberly Peeren at MAWS for more information about the project. 415-526-2545.



Rev. Carol Hovis, Executive Director of Marin Interfaith Council, addresses workshop.

Tips To Engage Your Faith Community

- **Work with allies in the community:** find a faith leader or lay person from within your faith community who is invested in preventing domestic violence and can be your ally.
- **Share resources:** offer information about domestic violence, such as brochures or resources. Videos such as "Broken Vows" or "Religion and Newsweekly" as well as "What Every Congregation Needs to Know about Domestic Violence" may be helpful. Purchase resources at Faith Trust Institute (www.faithtrustinstitute.org) or borrow resources at the Marin Interfaith Council (www.marinifc.org).
- **Start the discussion:** invite MAWS to speak to your membership to actively discuss the issue or host a donation drive for contributions to support our work. For more information, please call 415-526-2545.

24-HOUR HOTLINES

Women's English 415-924-6616
Women's Spanish 415-924-3456
Men's 415-924-1070