

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE STATISTICS

- In the United States, more than 10 Million adults experience domestic violence annually. Because domestic violence is a pattern, many experience repeated acts of abuse annually.
- 1 in 4 women and 1 in 10 men experience sexual violence, physical violence and/or stalking by an intimate partner during their lifetime with 'IPV-related impact' such as being concerned for their safety, PTSD symptoms, injury, or needing victim services.
  - ◊ Approximately 1 in 5 female victims and 1 in 20 male victims need medical care.
  - ◊ Female victims sustain injuries 3x more often than male victims.
  - ◊ 1 in 5 female victims and 1 in 9 male victims need legal services.
  - ◊ 23.2% of women and 13.9% of men have experienced severe physical violence by an intimate partner during their lifetime.
- From 2016 through 2018 the number of intimate partner violence victimizations in the United States increased 42%.
- On a typical day, domestic violence hotlines nationwide receive over 19,000 calls.
- An abuser's access to firearm increases the risk of intimate partner femicide by 400%.
- Intimate partner violence accounts for 15% of all violent crime.
- Intimate partner violence is most common against women between the ages of 18-24.
- 19% of intimate partner violence involves a weapon.

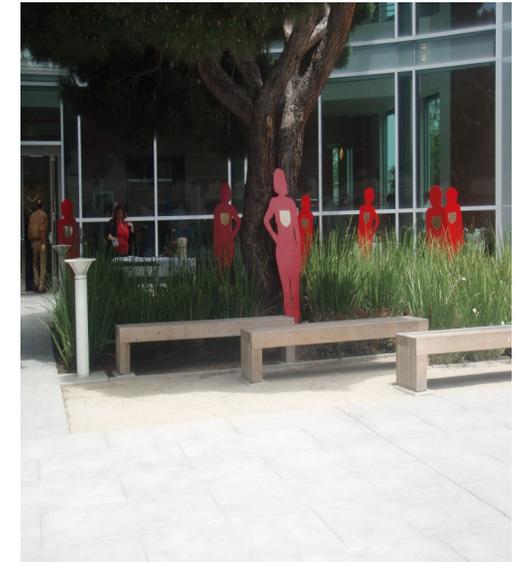
Domestic violence is prevalent in every community, and affects all people regardless of age, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, gender, race, religion, or nationality. Physical violence is often accompanied by emotionally abusive and controlling behavior as part of much larger, systematic pattern of dominance and control. Domestic violence can result in physical injury, psychological trauma, and even death. The devastation consequences of domestic violence can cross generations and last a lifetime. [www.ncadv.org](http://www.ncadv.org)

## Tell Us Again

Tell us again, as you stand so tall, in scarlet red, sound the battle call. Cry from the city, cry from the town, cry from the quiet countryside round. Remind us, behind those curtains drawn, beyond that perfectly manicured lawn. When someone comes home, terror arrives, those they should love fear for their lives. Some little ones, coming home from school are beaten with words that are brutal and cruel. Some receive bruises from blow after blow, hidden by clothing so others won't know. Some children sadly are dreading the night, clutching their pillow, they hear parents fight. Secrets they live with, secrets they fear, secrets unknown by everyone near. Secrets they carry to church, to the store, secrets that might be living next door. For these figures standing, these figures in red, these secrets tell us, why they are dead. These figures once wore fine clothes and a smile, hand in hand, one bright day, they walked down the aisle. These figures once may have played in a park, their bright sunny days were then lost to the dark. These figures were someone's child, someone's mother, someone's husband or wife, someone's sister or brother.

They didn't deserve to die by violence or strife, at the hands of one with whom they trusted their life. Their love made them vulnerable, they hoped for the best. Many new starts to their story, these figures now tell the rest. All their dreams they have vanished, their hopes disappeared. Their walk with us ended in a way they always feared. Now silent, they stand, as witness for all. In scarlet, among us, they silently call. Who will dare to listen, who will dare to hear, the cries of the wounded who are living in fear? Who'll fight for the broken, who will help show the way, for those in the darkness to find their new day? In your comfort at home, in your own family's love, remember the hurting ones, God sees from above. Pray for their safety, for calm, for release. Continue the cause until all live in peace.

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## Silent Witness Exhibit

**Now WE must be their  
voices...and end the  
violence.**

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## THE HISTORY OF SILENT WITNESSES IN MONTEREY COUNTY

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The Junior League of Monterey County, Inc. created the Silent Witness exhibit, featuring life-sized silhouettes representing Monterey County women who were killed as a result of domestic violence.

The exhibit began as a signature project in 1997, as part of the Silent Witness National Initiative. The exhibit started with sixteen silhouettes displayed at community events.

In 2008, Junior League donated the exhibit to the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council for Community Education presentations.

In 2010, the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council voted to add to the display men and children killed during a domestic violence incident.

In 2017, the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council collaborated with Rancho Cielo Youth Corps. Participants repaired damage and repainted the silhouettes. Additionally, DV homicides committed after 2010 were created, expanding the collection.

The exhibit consists of silhouettes, each representing individuals who once lived, worked, had neighbors, friends, family, children and whose lives ended violently at the hands of a spouse, ex-spouse, partner, parent, or acquaintance.

The silhouettes are displayed throughout Monterey County during special events honoring individuals who were murdered during acts of domestic violence.

## THE SILENT WITNESSES

The figures you see before you represent women, men, and children who were murdered in acts of domestic violence.

As you look at these figures we hope that you will become aware of the many individuals who are still being hurt and in danger.

We hope you will be moved enough to take some form of action to create more safety and peace in our community.



## GOALS OF THE SILENT WITNESS EXHIBIT

1. **Remembering;** to honor those who were murdered in acts of domestic violence.
2. **Awareness;** to raise the awareness of communities of the extent of domestic violence.
3. **Advocacy;** to help connect people with local resources for ending the violence in their families.
4. **Legislation;** to encourage community and legislative action to end the violence in our society.

## IN LOVING MEMORY OF

<b>Darlene G.</b> (age: 22) June 9, 1979	<b>Lorna W.</b> (age: 35) Oct. 31, 1981	<b>Sarah D.</b> (age: 27) Sept. 9, 1982	<b>Lindy M.</b> (age: 22) Feb. 12, 1983
<b>Suzanne N.</b> (age: 30) Mar. 2, 1983	<b>Aurora G.</b> (age: 39) Mar. 5, 1984	<b>Mary A.</b> (age: 27) Sept. 30, 1984	<b>Lillian M.</b> (age: 26) May 17, 1987
<b>Concepcion E.</b> (age: 36) Jan. 7, 1990	<b>Luis Orland E.</b> (age: 12) Jan. 7, 1990	<b>Mary P.</b> (age: 35) July 14, 1990	<b>Shirly T.</b> (age: 25) Jan. 4, 1991
<b>Nancy C.</b> (age: 21) Jan. 19, 1992	<b>Patricia M.</b> (age: 24) Sept. 15, 1992	<b>Lorraine O.</b> (age: 23) Feb. 7, 1993	<b>Lori J.</b> (age: 34) Oct. 13, 1993
<b>Janet K.</b> (age: 39) Mar. 13, 1994	<b>Phyllis G.</b> (age: 70) Nov. 3, 1994	<b>Michelle K.</b> (age: 32) Dec. 29, 1994	<b>Charlene Z.</b> (age: 33) June 11, 1995
<b>Lila P.</b> (age: 52) Nov. 7, 1995	<b>Belisa G.</b> (age: 29) April 18, 1996	<b>Gina L.</b> (age: 18) April 26, 1996	<b>Penelope V.</b> (age: 42) July 13, 1996
<b>Maria D.</b> (age: 30) Dec. 11, 1996	<b>Beatrice Y.</b> (age: 62) May 2, 1997	<b>Jennifer M.</b> (age: 22) May 29, 1999	<b>Teresa C.</b> (age: 39) Aug. 14, 2000
<b>Jacqueline B.</b> (age: 33) Aug. 29, 2000	<b>Isabel G.</b> (age: 20) Oct. 24, 2001	<b>Iracema Q.</b> (age: 37) Oct. 27, 2001	<b>Loretta P.</b> (age: 24) Aug. 8, 2002
<b>Joseph C.</b> (age: 82) May 27, 2007	<b>Jean F.</b> (age: 46) Feb. 7, 2008	<b>Jose Z.</b> (age: 38) April 11, 2008	<b>Roshni S.</b> (age: 43) Sept. 28, 2008
<b>Maria G.</b> (age: 53) Oct. 31, 2008	<b>Rosalinda C.</b> (age: 44) Oct. 5, 2009	<b>Ramon J.</b> (age: 27) Jan. 1, 2010	<b>Ryann B.</b> (age: 23) Jan. 20, 2010
<b>Mark H.</b> (age: 58) Aug. 27, 2010	<b>Norife H.</b> (age: 29) Aug. 31, 2012	<b>Maria C.</b> (age: 44) July 5, 2014	<b>Carole S.</b> (age: 20) Nov. 29, 2014
<b>Tara D.</b> (age: 50) Jan. 28, 2015	<b>Hong Ngoc N.</b> (age: 41) April 14, 2014	<b>Rubie G.</b> (age: 58) Dec. 10, 2015	<b>Abigail C.</b> (age: 19) Mar. 29, 2016

For additional information regarding domestic violence please visit: [www.ywca.org](http://www.ywca.org)  
[www.CommunityHomelessSolutions.org](http://www.CommunityHomelessSolutions.org)  
[www.endabuse.org](http://www.endabuse.org) and [www.ncadv.org](http://www.ncadv.org)