

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE STATISTICS

On average, more than three women and one man are murdered by their intimate partners in this country every day. In 2000, 1,247 women were killed by an intimate partner. The same year, 440 men were killed by an intimate partner. Intimate partner homicides accounted for 30% of the murders of women and 5% percent of the murders of men.

Married immigrant women experience higher levels of physical and sexual abuse than unmarried immigrant women. Abusers often use their partners' immigration status as a tool of control. In such situations, it is common for a batterer to exert control over his partners' immigration status in order to force her to remain in the relationship.

Approximately one in three adolescent girls in the United States is a victim of physical, emotional or verbal abuse from a dating partner, a figure that far exceeds victimization rates for other types of violence affecting youth.

15.5 million children in the United States live in families in which partner violence occurred at least once in the past year, and seven million children live in families in which severe partner violence occurred.

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)

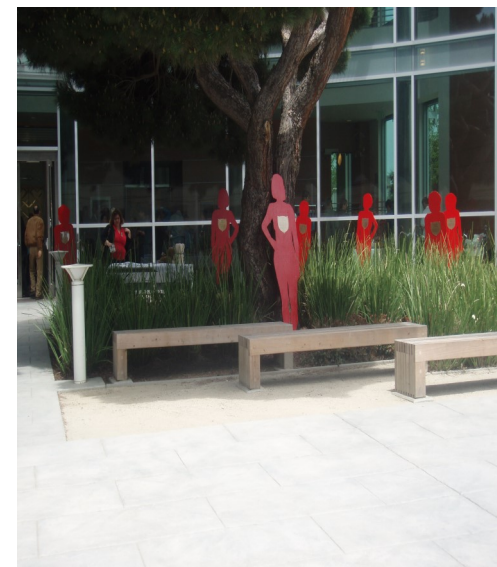
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## Tell Us Again

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.

Written by a member of the Domestic Violence Committee  
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## Silent Witness Exhibit

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

## THE HISTORY OF SILENT WITNESSES IN MONTEREY COUNTY

### COUNTY



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 is made up of silhouettes, each representing an individual who once lived, worked, had neighbors, friends, family, children and whose life 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