



## OCTOBER IS NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Why do we need a whole month of awareness? There are many reasons, but first and foremost, domestic violence claimed the lives of 6 Bucks County residents since January and on average, nearly 20 people per minute are victims of physical violence by an intimate partner in the United States. During one year, this equates to more than 10 million women and men. While these statistics are staggering, they do little to focus on the human stories behind the abuse.

Let me share the story of Kelly, a young mom with a daughter who just turned 3 months. Kelly was so excited to be pregnant and become a mom, but her husband – not so much. When they were dating, he could get mean, checking her phone, questioning who she talked to and often making her think that she was just a little crazy, but he would apologize, and things would be great for a while. After they got married, things were good with a new life and a new house, but when Kelly found out she was pregnant, things really began to change. He began isolating her from family and friends so that when they would call, he would stay in the room and listen to her conversations, eventually making her get off the phone or not answer it. She wasn't allowed to buy things for the baby, herself, or the house without his express permission and an accounting of every penny. The final straw for Kelly was during her last trimester, when he tripped her, causing her to fall, potentially harming the baby. Kelly knew that this was not what she wanted for herself or her daughter. Shortly after the baby was born, he threatened to kill them both and she knew she had to leave. Kelly found AWP and was able to take refuge in the Safe House. Thanks to the generosity of our community, AWP was able to help her with housing, baby clothes, formula, equipment, food and much more. At the same time, AWP provided counseling, legal support safety planning to move on, not just for herself, but so that her daughter could have a brighter future too.

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**Please join us at 7:00PM  
Wednesday, October 12th  
Candlelight Vigil  
to honor those impacted by  
Domestic Violence  
James Lorah House, Doylestown,  
Guest Speaker, Bucks County DA  
Matt Weintraub.  
Light refreshments to follow.**

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Or the story of James, who had been dating his partner, Brian, for more than three years. When they met, there was such intense chemistry! They had so much fun together, but Brian had a dark side too, belittling James at times to the point where he didn't believe he could do anything right. James became depressed and isolated, not wanting to see people because he felt worthless unless he was with Brian. Through phone calls to our hotline and with the help of a counselor, James realized that his relationship with Brian wasn't healthy, and he needed to move on. Unfortunately, Brian struggled to let go, and began stalking James, hacking his social media, phone and computer. Now Brian has started showing up at James' place of employment and his apartment. James became truly afraid and didn't know where to turn, so he again reached out to AWP and was provided support in filing a Protection From Abuse order (PFA) and now finally feels like he is safe once more.

These are just a few of the people that seek out support from AWP. They come from all walks of life and are in need of very different services. However, the one thing they have in common is that they are all survivors of domestic violence. At AWP, we welcome those who need our support and we do it freely, with no judgement or cost to the survivor. We can only do this though, because of the generosity of the community.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness month and there is no better time to support those in our community by attending an event, participating in one of the many fundraisers, or simply just making a gift in honor of the many survivors who pass through our doors. Check out our October Calendar (page 3), social media and [awomansplace.org](http://awomansplace.org) for more information on how you can help survivors of domestic violence.

## Dress Your Pet for Domestic Violence Awareness Month!

One reason survivors don't leave an abusive situation is that they don't want to leave their pets behind. Unfortunately, most safe houses or shelters are not equipped to handle pets along with people. Survivors have good reason not to want to leave their pets. Statistics show that abusers also harm pets at an alarming rate. According to the Animal Legal Defense Fund, a 2017 study showed that 89% of women who had companion animals during an abusive relationship reported that their animals were threatened, harmed, or killed by their abusive partner.

This month, we are bringing awareness to DV by creating the campaign **#pawstoendDV**. We are asking our supporters to take a picture of their pets wearing this cute bandana, post it to Instagram with the hashtag **#pawstoendDV**, **@awpbucks** and **@in\_full\_swing** and follow us. The more traffic we have on our site, the more awareness we bring!



**Don't have a bandana?**  
You can pick one up at our store,

**in Full Swing**  
Benefiting A Woman's Place

**225 West State Street, Doylestown!**  
Get yours for just \$2 and help us raise much needed funds too!



# Calling all Teen Volunteers!



AWP is looking for teen volunteers to serve on our Young Adult Advisory Board, to help out at our thrift store, In Full Swing and provide childcare in our Safe House. We are also looking for an Insta-Army...a group of social media savvy volunteers to help us manage our In Full Swing Instagram page. If you are looking to make a difference in your community and help survivors of domestic violence, we want you! Our next teen volunteer training begins soon, so contact Maddie Bavis for details at [mbavis@awomansplace.org](mailto:mbavis@awomansplace.org).

## You can help domestic violence survivors!

*Our services are free, private and confidential, but we rely on the generosity of our community to help make them available to the 2300 people seeking support each year.*

### Make a gift today:

One hour of  
professional  
legal council  
with a specially  
trained attorney

**\$150**

One night  
of shelter  
in the safe house  
for a child  
or an adult

**\$100**

One hour of  
trauma-  
informed  
Therapy

**\$100**

One day  
of court  
accompaniment

**\$75**

Support group  
run by a  
professionally  
trained  
Advocate

**\$50**

Shelter supplies  
(clothing,  
food, personal  
care items,  
diapers)

**\$50**

Toys, games, art  
supplies, school  
supplies, etc. for  
children at the  
Safe House

**\$25**

Gifts can be made online  
by visiting  
[www.awomansplace.org](http://www.awomansplace.org)



# October 2022

# 31 Days and



*Join us for  
these events  
and more  
during the  
month of  
October.*

*Check out  
our website  
for the most  
up-to-date  
information.*

## SUNDAY

## MONDAY

## TUESDAY

# 2

Treat your sweet tooth!  
All this month, Lucky Cupcake,  
29 Peddler's Village Lahaska,  
will be raising funds for AWP!

Owowcow in Chalfont will be  
featuring a special ice cream flavor  
all month for AWP!

# 3

Look for us in the  
*Bucks County Herald*  
with a story on survival!

# 4

Executive Director Marianne Lynch to  
speak at the Quakertown  
Women's Club, 11AM

# 9

Plan a food drive to help AWP  
during the holidays!

# 10

Lovebird donates 15% of all  
sales to AWP from  
4PM to 8:30PM,  
all locations

# 11

Wear purple to show your support  
to survivors of domestic violence,  
share our social media posts!

Owowcow Chalfont, 101 N. Main St.  
Dine and donate! 5-7 PM

# 16

AWP will be at Tyler Park  
Crafting in the Meadows!

# 17

AWP and the Bucks County SPCA  
partner to shed light on the  
victimization of animals  
all month long

# 18

PCOM Student training with  
AWP's Medical Educator  
10AM to 12PM

Chipotle Warrington fundraiser,  
Dine and Donate— 4 to 8PM

# 23

Treat Yo'self to a Lucky Cupcake!  
29 Peddler's Village, Lahaska –  
a percent of the proceeds go to AWP  
all month long!

# 24

Did you know AWP  
answered more than 10,000 calls  
to the hotline since  
the start of the pandemic?

# 25

Host a donation drive at your  
workplace, civic or faith group.  
For more information and  
our "wish list," visit  
[https://awomansplace.org/  
supportus/wish\\_list.html](https://awomansplace.org/supportus/wish_list.html)

# 30

Share a social media post asking  
followers what is their role in  
preventing DV?

# 31

Happy Halloween!  
Dress up all in purple to  
bring attention to DV

# 31 Ways to End Domestic Violence

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<p><b>1</b></p> <p>AWP featured on the County Theater Marquee, Doylestown 11AM-10PM</p> <p>The Fight For Tomorrow Martial Arts Academy Thon at 10AM-4PM 242 Wood Street, Doylestown <a href="http://www.thefightfortomorrow.com">www.thefightfortomorrow.com</a></p>
<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence Annual Conference</p> <p>Rainbow Room 6:00-8:00PM LGBTQ+ teen workshop, Salem Church, Doylestown</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>PCADV Conference continues</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>BW Nice Red Shoe Event (see more details on page 7)</p> <p>Annabel's Walk Rothman Orthopaedics 650 Carnegie Blvd., Ste. 220A Malvern, PA 19355</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Stop by In Full Swing and pick up your purple pet bandana, post your pet to Instagram with <a href="https://www.instagram.com/pawstoendDV">#pawstoendDV</a></p>
<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Health Cares about Domestic Violence Day, learn more at <a href="http://nnedv.org">nnedv.org</a></p> <p>Candlelight Vigil to honor those who have lost their lives to DV, James Lorah House, Doylestown 7-8:30PM – special guest County DA, Matthew Weintraub</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Lower Bucks Chamber of Commerce Event</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>If you are planning a trip to the Dr. this month, notice if they have information about DV in their waiting room or office. If not, let us know!</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Founding Mother's Society Brunch – for more info on the FMS, contact Marianne Lynch! <a href="mailto:mlynch@awomansplace.org">mlynch@awomansplace.org</a></p> <p>AWP will be at Tyler Park Crafting in the Meadows!</p>
<p><b>19</b></p> <p>AWP's Medical Educator will be at the Neff Symposium on Elder Care from 9AM to 4PM</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Join us for a "Funny Fundraiser" at the Comedy Cabaret 8:30PM Located above Poco's, 625 N. Main St., Doylestown Tickets available at <a href="http://comedycabaret.com/buy-fundraiser-tickets">comedycabaret.com/buy-fundraiser-tickets</a>, follow the link for AWP.</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Interested in volunteering, contact Maddie at <a href="mailto:mbavis@awomansplace.org">mbavis@awomansplace.org</a> to learn how to get involved</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Invite a friend to go shopping at In Full Swing! Open Tuesday through Saturday, 10AM to 5PM</p>
<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Don't forget the Lucky Cupcake Fundraiser all month long!</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Like and follow us on Facebook and Instagram!</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Movie Night! Invite friends to check out a movie or show about domestic violence and have a discussion afterward. See our website for suggestions!</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Watch the TED Talk "Violence against women — it's a men's issue" Jackson Katz</p>

# AWP Advocates for Healthy Relationships



In July 2022, AWP updated its model for providing medical advocacy services in Bucks County. As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, AWP now has a full-time Medical Educator, working in the community to provide resources and training to healthcare professionals throughout the county. The overall goal of the AWP Medical Advocacy Program is to provide healthcare practitioners with knowledge and awareness of domestic violence factors, as well as resources to address the needs of their patients/consumers. By providing these trainings and educational opportunities, AWP believes we will create a “no wrong door” model for survivors to seek help, safety, and resources.

Over the last several years, AWP allocated a small portion of several staff members’ time to engaging the healthcare community. Multiple team members from the Education Department worked to make connections with area hospitals, doctors, local clinics, and women’s centers primarily. This approach created a challenge for service delivery because no one person was the “go to” point of contact for healthcare providers.

Moving forward, AWP is excited to dedicate one full-time Education team member to connect with all current and future healthcare partners in a more meaningful way. AWP was delighted that we had internal capacity and interest in this role, and transitioned Rachele Daniels, who has been working in the Education Department since 2016, to this valuable new position in July.

With this revised model, we were able to commit to monthly trainings at Lower Bucks Hospital. We also conducted weekly trainings for the emergency department at Grandview Hospital throughout the summer. We were also able to expand outreach to substance abuse treatment programs, mental health providers, Rothman Orthopedic Hospital and chaplain services at St. Mary’s Medical Center. We look forward to increasing our engagement with other partners as the year goes on, including school nurses, campus wellness centers, dental offices, breastfeeding/lactation consultants, as well as other health and wellness providers, such as massage, acupuncture, chiropractic, and yoga practices.

Our hope is that using this revised approach to deliver trainings and education, the Medical Educator will provide more resources and information to the community, thus connecting with survivors where every they access health services.

We are looking forward to further celebrating the healthcare community in October, during Domestic Violence Awareness Month, with the National Health Cares About DV Day, on October 12th. **Health Cares About Domestic Violence Day** is a nationally-recognized day that takes place annually on the second Wednesday of October. The awareness-raising day aims to reach members of the healthcare and advocacy communities to offer education about the critical importance of universal education to promote healthy relationships, address the health impact of abuse, and offer warm referrals to domestic violence advocates. You can learn more about the campaign at: [#GiveForDV \(nnedv.org\)](https://www.nnedv.org)

For more information on our medical education program or to schedule our medical educator to meet with your group, please contact Rachele – [rdaniels@awomansplace.org](mailto:rdaniels@awomansplace.org).



# UPCOMING AT A Woman's Place



## *A Luncheon and Fashion Show, Benefitting A Woman's Place*

**Our charity partner, BW Nice will be hosting their annual event  
“The Red Shoe” on October 7th from 10AM to 2PM  
at the Spring Mill Country Club.**

BW Nice has been a tireless partner of AWP, collecting much needed food, personal and specialty items for our clients. Each year, they also host several fundraisers, awareness events and campaigns to support AWP. Not only are we grateful for their on-going support, we are also honored to be their partner in the Red Shoe event.

For information on tickets, sponsorships and vendor opportunities, please Contact Bucks County Chapter President, Hillary Spivak, at [hillaryspivak@gmail.com](mailto:hillaryspivak@gmail.com) to learn more about the amazing opportunities available!

## *The holidays are just around the corner!*

This year, we hope to bring back our Annual Holiday Shop in person. Check our website and social media for details on this beloved event coming up in December.



We will also be collecting Thanksgiving Baskets and Holiday Baskets again this year. Items for Thanksgiving baskets are **due to AWP by November 14th** and items for the Holiday Baskets are due by **Wednesday, December 14th**.

Please contact Amy Griffiths for more information:  
[agriffiths@awomansplace.org](mailto:agriffiths@awomansplace.org)

For a complete list of needed items, click on the QR Code.





# a Woman's Place

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**Administrative Office:** 215-343-9241  
**Fax:** 215-343-3411

[www.awomansplace.org](http://www.awomansplace.org)

Remember to designate AWP  
**A Member Agency**



A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the PA Department of State by calling toll free, within PA, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement. – PA Commission of Charitable Organizations.



## Ways To Get Involved

**Online:** Gifts can be made online by visiting [www.awomansplace.org](http://www.awomansplace.org)



Please contact Amy Griffiths at  
[agriffiths@awomansplace.org](mailto:agriffiths@awomansplace.org)  
for any questions.



**Traditional Mail:** Complete the information on the envelope provided and return it to A Woman's Place to submit your gift for this year.

**Matching Gifts:** One gift can give twice! Many companies match gifts made by their employees. Please check with your employer and include the matching gift form with your donation.

**Plan your gift:** There are many estate and planned giving opportunities, including gifts of securities, bequests, retirement assets, charitable trusts, insurance, IRA rollovers, stocks and annuities, retained estate, and other assets. Please call Marianne Lynch at 215-343-9241 ext. 111 to discuss how to make a planned gift to A Woman's Place.

**Volunteering:** To join AWP's Volunteer Program, please contact our Volunteer Manager, Maddie Bavis, at [Mbavis@awomansplace.org](mailto:Mbavis@awomansplace.org) or 215-343-9241 x108.



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