



*Happy Holidays*

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# Citizens Against Domestic Violence The Advocate

## Christmas at the Big Blue House

As the days grow shorter and the air gets colder, we all start anticipating what lies ahead... the holiday season! For many of us, the holidays, especially Christmas, are a time of celebration, family, and that warm fuzzy feeling you get inside. However, these warm "fuzzies" aren't the only emotions that come when anticipating the holidays. Many associate this time as a reminder of the pain they've suffered, a time of being alone, or fear of not being able to provide for their families. Unfortunately these uneasy emotions are often a reality for the victims of domestic and sexual violence that we serve.

Each year CADV, along with the support of our community, works hard to ensure the victims we serve are able to provide for themselves and their children, allowing



them the experience that brings the warm fuzzy feelings we want and need at Christmas. Last year, 38 women and over 90 children were assisted through CADV's Christmas Program, providing gifts, food and other daily necessities. This year we have seen an alarming increase in the number of victims reaching out for help. With the communities help we hope to assist as many families as last year or more.

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are looking for people to "adopt" families that are in need. Whether you are an individual, family, neighborhood, church, civic group, business, or a group of co-workers, you are encouraged to participate. Families of all sizes, from single women to families with 5 children need adopting. If you are unable to "adopt" an entire family, we will still take contributions of individual items.

**We will be collecting gift cards, NEW toys, games, coats, socks, gloves, hats, food, new gift items for mom's.**



I am a 39 year old single mother of a six year old boy. I was raped and physically abused and my son was kidnapped by his father. My son is now back in my custody and I have been staying at the shelter for the last three weeks. Since residing at CADV I have had weekly goal planning meetings. I have met with a legal advocate and volunteer coordinator. I

### To Whom It May Concern

attend weekly support groups while my son attends the children's group. I am not sure where I would be today if it were not for these women at CADV. I came here with no clothing, transportation and no employment. In my time here I have received clothing for myself and my son. I am working full time

and have transportation to and from work. I have also placed my son in a daycare. I am much stronger and self reliant and know that my son and I will make it and have our own home soon. Thanks to CADV, I am no longer a victim, but a survivor and I owe that to everyone at CADV.

## Volunteers continue to play a vital role at CADV

Do you love working with children, providing them with the safety, affection, and care they deserve? For children that have been victims of domestic violence, often the most basic care they require is not provided. It is important the children sheltered here receive the care and compassion needed to thrive and regain a sense of security or worth that may have been lost. You can help make that difference.

We need volunteers to provide child care Tuesday nights while mothers attend support group. The number of children and ages vary. Volunteers are asked to arrive by 6:45pm and stay typically until 8-8:30pm. You may choose to volunteer this service 1-4 times per month.

### SART Advocates

Violence and crisis don't just happen during business hours; it can happen any day of the week, day or night. Therefore, it's important victims of domestic and sexual violence have access to services 24 hours/day, 7 days/week. As part of the Lake Area SART (Sexual Assault Response Team), CADV responds to the hospital emergency room when a victim comes in to be treated for injuries and/or have a sexual assault forensic exam. We are looking for volunteers to be on-call each month to respond to the Emergency Room. You will be providing information about available services and providing support to victims. Adequate training will be provided to all volunteers prior to serving.

If you are interested in volunteering your time to the above programs or learning more ways volunteers can serve, please contact Heather Durbin at 573-346-9630 or [heather@cadv-voc.org](mailto:heather@cadv-voc.org).

## Counselor's Corner By Jill Wade

Just to update everyone on what has been going on with my position since I started January 26, 2010. I officially started counseling clients in February. Services are available to women 17 years and older who have experienced domestic or sexual violence in their lives. Individual and group therapy sessions are offered with the women in the shelter as well as residents of Miller, Morgan and Camden Counties. In my last article, I explained how we

were getting the word out about the new service. **Well the word is out!**

As of October 31st, I have seen 76 women for individual therapy sessions.

**70% of the clients** are coming from the community and 30% are coming from women staying in the shelter. Approximately, one fourth being survivors of childhood sexual assault and/or sexual assault victims.

In addition to individual therapy sessions, I have also had speaking engage-

ments at Project Healthy Living's monthly meeting's and to New Beginnings Baptist Church Women's group.

Please feel free to contact us if you would like someone from CADV to speak about Domestic and Sexual Assault issues and prevention.

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Counselor: 573-873-2277



## Sound the Alarms: It's the 3rd Annual CADV Chili Cook-Off

All are invited to participate in Citizens Against Domestic Violence/Victim Outreach Center's 3rd Annual Chili for Charity Cook-Off, date to be announced soon. The event will be held at Tan-Tar-A Resort Osage Beach, MO.

We expect a fierce competition for the grand prize of \$500, with \$250 and \$100 for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams. There will also be prizes for the team voted "People's Choice" and "Best Team Theme." The community is encouraged to attend and find out who makes the best chili at the lake! Admission tickets are \$5 per person and include an afternoon of fun with chili sampling, cake walks, face painting, a cash bar and musical entertainment, games for the kids. Tickets will be sold at the door or can be purchased in advance at CADV/VOC in Camdenton.

All proceeds will benefit CADV/VOC, serving victims of domestic and sexual violence in Camden, Miller and Morgan counties.

If you are interested in entering a team or would like further information about the event please call CADV at 573-346-9630.



First Place Winners 2010  
Osage Beach Police Department

I look at the calendar and cannot believe another year is passing. I am saddened to still be in this old house, but thankful it is still serving a purpose. We will be re-submitting the CBDG grant for the new building in 2011 and hope to be successful recipients of the grant by July of 2011.

In 2010, we will be recording record numbers at CADV. This has been a very busy year for our volunteers and staff. We are thankful to live in such a supportive community that has allowed us to provide and expand valuable resources to victims of domestic and sexual violence.

I have been blessed to have met so many new people through the years. I have gotten to know their stories and be a part of their lives if even for a short amount of time. Each man, woman and child we work with gives us the opportunity to provide them with the tools they need to make life changing decisions. This does not work with everyone or even with the first contact, but when they are ready we are here for them.

CADV had several successful fundraisers this year and the community involvement was outstanding. We will be continuing with our fundraising efforts consistently until we

raise enough funds for the new building. The new proposed shelter will allow CADV the opportunity to house 22 more people than we currently shelter. We have had to turn victims away the last few months because of the lack of beds. It is very disheartening and difficult to turn away families in need. The resources and opportunities the new shelter will allow us to add are essential to the victims we serve. This is such a wonderful project and we thank each and everyone of you who have taken the time to learn more about CADV and get involved.

Wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Angie Fiene

## Dear Santa, Wish List

Women and Children's Pajama's  
Women and Children's underwear  
Vacuum Cleaner  
Paper Towels  
Toilet Paper  
Paper Napkins  
Liquid Laundry Detergent  
Fabric Softener/Dryer Sheets  
Diapers – All Sizes

Food – nonperishable goods, frozen foods, turkeys, hams  
Women's and Children's gifts –candles, jewelry, makeup, lotions, scarves, hats, games, toys, family/child friendly DVD's, etc.  
Bath and Kitchen Towels  
Laundry Baskets  
Because these items will be used as Christmas gifts, we ask that all items are new, not used.  
Thank you for your support.

2011 Brunch  
Theme  
Announced  
Holidays Around  
The World



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STILL AVAILABLE

\$180,000 at 70%

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## What do we need for Christmas you ask? Attorneys

As Legal Programs Coordinator, I have navigated the legal system with more victims this year than ever before. We have had 360 legal contacts with victims so far this year, in 2009, we had 358 legal contacts and in 2008, we had 339 legal contacts. Thus, we have already surpassed the number of legal contacts we had in the last two years. These contacts include assisting victims with Adult Orders of Protections, Child Orders of Protections, making police reports and advocating for victims with law enforcement, referrals to Legal Aid and local

attorneys and accompaniment to court for civil and criminal matters.

Since the number of victims we are serving is ever increasing our need for local attorneys to donate their services is greater than ever. If you are an attorney or know of one interested in doing ANY pro bono work, please contact CADV/VOC as soon as possible. There are victim's currently needing assistance with divorce, child custody and immigration and without a pro bono attorney will not receive the representation they need.

### 2009 CADV SERVED

New Victims served 187women  
185children;

**January 2010 – October 2010**  
176women and 157 children We will likely surpass last years numbers in November.

**2009 Bednights 876women,**  
486 children

**2010 bednights**  
so far 982 women, 629children

**This is a 12% increase in women  
and a 29%increase in children.**

# Reserve Your Space On the CADV Donor Wall Today

## Pledge Levels

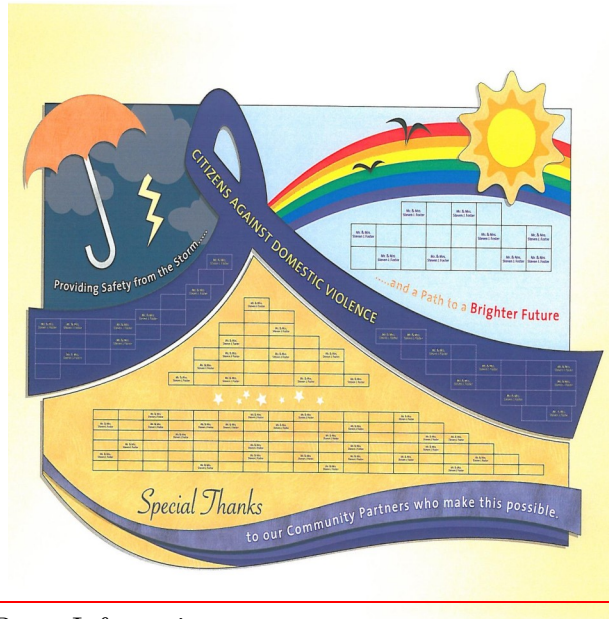
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## Payment Method

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Pay Now  
 \$\_\_\_\_\_ Twice a Year  
 \$\_\_\_\_\_ Quarterly  
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**Mail to: CADV**  
**PO BOX 245**  
**Camdenton, MO 65020**

CADV is a 501(C)3 organization. NAP Credits and state and federal tax deductions or credits as laws allow.



## Donor Information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

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Donations of \$1000 or higher are recognized as our Community Partner on the donor wall.

Donations of \$500 are recognized on a Friend of CADV perpetual plaque.

Please List information for engraving:

Blue & Purple Wall

3 Lines 14 Characters per line

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