

## Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Nearly 20 people per minute are victims of physical violence by an intimate partner in the United States. Each year in October, we mourn those who have died from this violence, celebrate those who have survived, and work to keep it from happening in the future.

Here in the Wabash Valley, we launched this month-long observance with a series of events on October 6th. In the morning, Mayor Duke Bennett proclaimed October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Terre Haute as a banner was unfurled in the Vigo County Courthouse Atrium for display throughout the month.

At noon, CODA hosted a luncheon at the Vigo County Sheriff's Department to recognize the members of the law enforcement and legal communities who work so hard on behalf of victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. We are extremely grateful to the numerous local companies who donated food and door prizes to this event.



*Appreciation Luncheon*

In the evening, a Candlelight Vigil was held in front of Terre Haute City Hall to remember local residents who have lost their lives to domestic violence. Attendees came from hundreds of miles away to remember their loved ones.

After Mayor Bennett delivered opening remarks, Vigo County Prosecutor Terre Modesitt spoke about prevention and education. Following a musical tribute by Linda Jeffries, CODA's Executive Director, Sarah Campbell, read aloud the names of victims as balloons were released in their memory. A very heartfelt closing speech

was delivered by Irene Miller, the domestic violence investigator for the prosecutor's office.



*Candlelight Vigil*

In order to raise the funds necessary to continue our mission, we also held our annual fundraiser in October. The event, known as Monte Carlo Masquerade because it combines casino-style gaming with a costume party, took place at the Indiana Theatre on the 17th. The fun-filled night would not have been possible without the support of our two major sponsors, Terre Haute Regional Hospital and Terre Haute Savings Bank, as well as numerous others who donated funds and silent auction items.



*Monte Carlo Masquerade*

Finally, since October is also Car Safety Month, our generous friends at Finzel's Mastertech not only held a free car-care clinic at which donations to CODA were accepted, but they also donated the proceeds from the sale of a vehicle.

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Crisis  
Line

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To learn more about domestic violence and CODA's services, visit [www.codaterrehaute.org](http://www.codaterrehaute.org).

## Winter Wish List

It's time to start thinking of ways to make the winter warmer and the holidays brighter for our shelter residents. If you can help by donating any of the following, please call our office at 812-234-3441. Thank you!

### Help for our holiday party

- Now that we are no longer based at 1400 Hulman, we do not have enough space to hold the annual holiday party for our shelter residents at our office. We are looking for a location that can accommodate 40-50 people from 6:00 - 8:00 pm on December 19.
- We would also greatly appreciate donations of food for the party.

### Holiday gifts for our residents

- *For children:* new unwrapped toys, educational items (books, flash cards, puzzles, etc.)
- *For teens:* electronics (handheld games, video games, etc.), movie tickets, makeup, lotion, nail polish, socks, new shoes
- *For adults:* gift cards (gas, grocery, restaurant, etc.), luggage/tote bags, new clothes (sweaters, robes, slippers)

### Winter clothes and accessories for our residents

- Coats, hats, gloves, scarves, boots, and blankets

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## Calendar of Events

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| <b>October 30</b>      | <b>Indiana State University Women's Soccer Domestic Violence Awareness Day</b><br><i>7:00 pm</i><br><i>Memorial Stadium, Terre Haute</i><br><br>Admission to the game is only \$2 with a donation of 2 items to CODA's wish list. A silent auction will be held at halftime to benefit both CODA and the foundation that honors Amanda Reed, a domestic violence victim who was the sister of ISU soccer alum Taylor Reed. |
| <b>December 19</b>     | <b>Holiday Party for Shelter Residents</b><br><i>6:00 - 8:00 pm</i>  |
| <b>October 24 2015</b> | <b>Monte Carlo Masquerade</b><br><i>Indiana Theatre, Terre Haute</i><br><br>We're already planning next year's fundraiser. Mark your calendar!   |

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