

Remembering Those We Have Lost

Our annual Candlelight Vigil was held in front of Terre Haute City Hall on October 5 to remember local residents who have lost their lives to domestic violence.

Speakers at the vigil included Mayor Duke Bennett, CODA Executive Director Sarah Campbell, Raeanna Moore, and Irene Miller. Following a musical tribute by Linda Jeffries, candles were lit and victims' names were read aloud as balloons were released in their memory.

Earlier in the day, Mayor 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. Additionally, a display outside the Mayor's office in City Hall provided information on domestic violence and how to contact CODA.

At noon on the 5th, 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.



Candlelight Vigil

Supporting Our Mission

October, with its designation as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, is a natural time for us to enlist the community in supporting our work. We are pleased to say that our friends turned out in greater numbers than ever before to attend our annual **Monte Carlo Masquerade** fundraiser at the Indiana Theatre on the 17th. This fun-filled evening of casino-style gaming, dancing, and bidding on auction items would not have been possible without the support of our major sponsors: Terre Haute Regional Hospital, Anytime Fitness, Nutrishop, Terre Haute Savings Bank, and the HSC Group at Morgan Stanley. We are also grateful to all the businesses and individuals who donated additional funds and auction items. A big thank-you also goes out to our volunteer gaming dealers, and to all of you who dressed in costume to add a special sparkle to the evening!

Several organizations throughout the community provided support in October as well:

- Finzel's Mastertech held a free vehicle safety inspection at which donations to CODA were accepted.
- The Alpha Chi Omega sorority at Indiana State University held a "Touchdown in Her Shoes" fundraiser for CODA that featured an all-day football tournament with the last two teams playing in high heels.
- The ISU Women's Soccer Team held its annual Domestic Violence Awareness Day. Attendees who donated at least two items to our shelter received discounted admission to the game, and a silent auction to benefit CODA was held at halftime.
- The Women's Medical Alliance held a luncheon to benefit CODA.

Thanks to all of you for making it possible for us to continue our mission of helping victims of domestic violence and sexual assault throughout the Wabash Valley.

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To learn more about domestic violence and CODA's services, visit www.codaterrehaute.org.

CODA's Wish List

If you haven't had a chance to donate to CODA yet this year, please consider contributing before the end of 2015. Here's what your donation can do:

\$25 buys 5 items to give to shelter residents who make positive contributions to the shelter environment

\$50 provides a starter kit of personal care items for an adult, child, and baby entering shelter

\$75 buys a set of cleaning products for the shelter (laundry detergent, bleach, trash bags, toilet paper, etc.)

\$100 provides school supplies for 5 children at the shelter

\$150 feeds a shelter resident for a week

\$200 funds a remodel of a bedroom at the shelter (paint, wall decor, new sheets)

As an added bonus, any donations of at least \$100 made by the end of December qualify you to receive a 50% credit on the tax you pay to the state of Indiana, thanks to the Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP). For example, if you donate \$200 to us, your Indiana tax liability will be reduced by \$100. All you have to do is fill out the one-page NAP application form, which is available by calling us at 812-234-3441.

We are looking for sponsors for the printing and mailing cost of future newsletters. If you or your business might be able to help, please contact us at 812-234-3441 or codadirector@codaterrehaute.org.

	CODA encourages you to support the United Way of the Wabash Valley. As one of the United Way's partner agencies, we receive critical support from them for our children's program, our education program, and our emergency shelter client support.
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Correction

In our previous issue, we stated that CODA was founded by a group of local residents who had been involved in abusive relationships. What we should have said is that CODA was founded by a group of local residents, some of whom had been involved in abusive relationships. CODA regrets the error.

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