



# CODA News

Summer 2015

## CODA Celebrates 30th Anniversary

Domestic violence has been discussed openly in the media in the past year, but as we know, this has not always been the case. Although the problem has been around for ages, the first recorded use of the term “domestic violence” was not until 1973.

Federal grant money for providing shelter and assistance for domestic violence wasn't even available until 1984, when Congress passed the Family Violence Prevention Services Act.

Around that time, a group of local residents who had been involved in abusive relationships began a grassroots effort to establish what we now know as the Council on Domestic Abuse. They gathered together over several months, receiving technical assistance from the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV).

CODA was established in January, 1985 for two purposes:

- To establish and support a shelter for survivors of domestic abuse and their minor children
- To educate the community about the existence of domestic violence in the local area and across the country



Under sponsorship of the Terre Haute Housing Authority, CODA opened its first shelter in July 1985. It was a small four-bedroom home that served as the shelter until December 1986. At that time, the shelter moved to a large, renovated facility that provided office space, storage areas, and air conditioning. This second shelter was also a Housing Authority property. Through the assistance of the Housing Authority, CODA was able to establish sound fiscal management and become an independent organization.

In August 1988, we purchased our first facility. Major renovations of the attic, bathroom, and yard were required. Grant monies, donations, and the hard work of many volunteers enabled us to convert the house into livable space by November of that year.

Over the years, CODA has grown from being an all-volunteer organization to having several full-time employees. These staff members are responsible for the 24-hour-a-day, 365-days-a-year operation of our shelter and crisis line. They also conduct educational programs in local schools, offer support services such as assistance in obtaining housing and job training, and work to make sure that the needs of the children in our shelter are addressed.

While the location of our shelter is confidential, we do maintain an Administrative Office in a suite on Houseman Street that was donated to us by Woodco, Inc. We are very grateful that we were recently able to expand into the adjoining space so that we now have a meeting room and more storage space.

We also staff an office at the Vigo County Courthouse through which we help victims by explaining options, accompanying them through the criminal justice system, securing protective orders, and providing referrals for additional services.

In January 2010, CODA began offering Sexual Assault Victim Advocacy as well. Our trained sexual assault advocates provide support for victims through the medical/forensic examination and preliminary investigations by law enforcement.

During the past 30 years CODA has helped thousands of people throughout the Wabash Valley. One former client recently spoke to us about what CODA meant to her. She does not want us to use her name, but offered the following statement:

“I had a bad situation at my home and I called the police who suggested I get help from CODA. This was a very, very bad time in my life. Everyone that came to CODA while I was there was at a very low part in their life. CODA never asked for anything in return for my stay and protection there and they never pushed me out. CODA is a wonderful organization.”

24-Hour  
Crisis  
Line

800-  
566-  
2632

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

## Please Support our Annual Fundraiser

Our fourth annual **Monte Carlo Masquerade** will be held on **Saturday, October 17** at the Indiana Theatre from 7:30 pm to 11:00 pm. Featuring casino-style games, dancing, a silent auction, and a fortune teller, this fun-filled event provides several fantastic opportunities to support CODA. Visit [www.codaterrehaute.org](http://www.codaterrehaute.org) for more details.

### Plan to attend

Advance-purchase tickets are available for \$40 at [www.codaterrehaute.org](http://www.codaterrehaute.org) or from any CODA board member. Your ticket price includes an appetizer buffet and an initial set of gaming chips. A cash bar will be available. Costumes are encouraged, but not required!

### Sponsor

Available at a variety of levels, sponsorships include 8 tickets to the event and exposure for your company's logo. Call 812-243-3646 if interested.

### Donate to the Silent Auction

To get people excited about bidding, we'll be featuring the silent auction items on our Facebook page. We'd love to see your business included in one of those posts! And we're not just looking for merchandise; perhaps you could provide a unique experience. Are you a chef, gardener, pilot, artist, or some other amazingly talented person who would like to share your skills with the highest bidder? Call 812-234-0403 to help.

### Tell your friends

If you are a Facebook user, please "like" CODA's page at [www.facebook.com/coda.terrehaute](http://www.facebook.com/coda.terrehaute) and share the Monte Carlo Masquerade event page with your friends!

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## Calendar of Events

**October 5  
2015**

### Candlelight Vigil

*City Hall, Terre Haute*

Join us in remembering local residents who have lost their lives to domestic violence.

**October 17  
2015**

### Monte Carlo Masquerade

*Indiana Theatre, Terre Haute*

## Receive Tax Credit for Supporting CODA

Would you like to reduce the amount of tax you pay to the state of Indiana while supporting CODA at the same time? It's easy! Thanks to the Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP), you may make a donation to CODA and receive a tax credit for 50% of the amount of your donation. For example, if you donate \$2,000 to us, your Indiana tax liability will be reduced by \$1,000. All you have to do is fill out the one-page NAP application form, which is available at the CODA office. Give us a call at 812-234-3441 if you're interested in participating!

To be removed from our mailing list, or to receive an electronic version instead, please contact us at 812-234-3441 or [codadirector@codaterrehaute.org](mailto:codadirector@codaterrehaute.org).

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