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Domestic Violence Solutions for Santa Barbara County Announces Expansion of Santa Maria Emergency Shelter

SANTA MARIA, Calif. Mar. 28, 2017– Domestic Violence Solutions (DVS) for Santa Barbara County is pleased to announce the expansion of its Santa Maria Emergency Shelter operations. After careful consideration of community needs and in order to improve its services to the community, DVS will be expanding its emergency shelter.

Over the past four years the number of crisis calls and individuals who need emergency shelter in the Santa Maria area has increased significantly. This shelter expansion allows DVS to more than double the number of victims served during a 45-day period. The shelter will increase its capacity from 28 clients to more than 60 clients at any given time.

Completion of the project is planned for Spring 2017. With the expanded facility, DVS will also be able to better serve all victims including women, children, men and the LGBTQ+ community. DVS will continue to provide exemplary services to victims in the Santa Maria area.

“Domestic Violence Solutions has been assisting domestic violence victims for 40 years and will continue to make organizational decisions with the best interest of current and future clients in mind” said Charles Anderson, executive director of DVS. “Our primary goal is to provide support, help and advocacy to all affected by domestic violence, and to help them move from being a victim to a survivor.”

For more information or to make a donation please contact Laurie Barene at 805-963-4458 or visit our website at www.DVSolutions.org.

Domestic Violence Solutions for Santa Barbara County is the county’s only full-service domestic violence agency, committed to ending the intergenerational cycle of domestic violence through prevention and intervention services, and through challenging society’s attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors to effect social change. DVS provides the county’s only 24-hour shelter services for victims and their children, as well as transitional housing programs for domestic violence survivors. DVS also operates four 24-hour hotlines; accompanies law enforcement on domestic violence calls; works to prevent domestic violence through teen outreach and education programs; and provides comprehensive counseling services to men, women, and children affected by domestic violence.