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Charles Anderson Retiring as Executive Director of Domestic Violence Solutions, Board Announces Executive Search



(Photo from left: Charles Anderson, Executive Director, Yvonne Williams, Community Supporter, and Maura Mitchell, Board President)

SANTA BARBARA, Calif., Jan. 16, 2018 – Domestic Violence Solutions (DVS) for Santa Barbara County’s Executive Director Charles Anderson will be retiring June 30. He has graciously committed to remain with DVS until a new Executive Director is chosen and fully on-boarded.

Charles joined DVS as Executive Director in 2014, bringing with him more than 20 years of management experience leading non-profits, start-ups, company turnarounds and high growth organizations.

“I will always fondly remember my time with DVS,” said Anderson. “Although it’s time for me to move back home to Los Angeles and spend time with my family, I am intensely proud of my accomplishments here.”

“Charles’ accomplishments have indeed been many. We are sorry that he is retiring, but understand his desire to take a well-deserved break,” said Maura Mitchell, DVS Board President. “It has been a pleasure working with Charles and witnessing how the DVS team, under his strong leadership, has revitalized the agency.”

Under Charles's leadership, DVS has:

- Expanded its North County shelter capacity from 28 to 60 clients
- Operationally improved its shelters and made capital improvements and enhancements
- Returned the agency to financial stability, with four years of excellent financial audits from its auditors
- Expanded DVS's services to include men and the LGBTQ community, as well as women and children
- Launched a domestic violence education program with at-risk youth at Los Prietos Boys Camp
- Transitioned to a fully bilingual program in all locations to support the diversity of DVS clients
- Secured funding and built a playground for Santa Barbara shelter residents

The DVS Board of Directors is currently in the process of searching for a new Executive Director and plans to secure a replacement by June 30. Interested candidates can apply by emailing HR@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. For more information please call 805-963-4458 or visit our website at www.DVSolutions.org.