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Happy St. Patrick's Day and Spring Season!

Dear Friends,

Spring is almost upon us. All of us at DVS wish you a wonderful spring season full of new growth and new beginnings.



We also wish you a very safe and **Happy St. Patrick's Day!** May you have good health, luck and happiness now and always.

The Irish shared their luck with us this year at our 10th Annual Luncheon event, which we celebrated on Sunday, February 25, 2018. It was an outstanding

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affair hosted at the Hotel Californian. We want to personally thank each and every attendee who showed up to support our organization, along with all of our event sponsors, donors and volunteers who gave their time and effort.

We were overwhelmed by the amount of warm wishes and donations we received. We could not have asked for a better outcome and are so blessed to call Santa Barbara County our home.

I want to extend my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you for your support of DVS and the clients we serve! We are incredibly lucky to have such a wonderful network of sponsors, donors, community partners, staff, volunteers, and other supporters.

Warmly,

Charles Anderson
Executive Director

10th Annual Luncheon

Almost 200 people gathered at the Hotel Californian on Sunday, February 25 for Domestic Violence Solutions' 10th Annual Luncheon - *Stories of Resilience*. The afternoon not only celebrated DVS providing safety, shelter and support to the Santa Barbara community, but also raised awareness and funds to directly support victims of domestic violence.



Thanks to your generous support, we reached our fundraising goal!

Read more about the Luncheon [here](#).

Special thank you to our Phoenix Sponsor, Brandology!

Thank You Women's Fund of Santa Barbara!



We are excited to announce that our shelter playground renovation is now complete!

Heartfelt thanks to the Women's Fund of Santa Barbara for granting DVS the funds to replace our 25-year-old institutional playground. It is now a bright and inviting outdoor space that will help the children in our shelter for years to come.

Play is an important element of a child's recovery from trauma, especially for very young children who respond to stress and stressful feelings behaviorally. Through play, children are able to tap into their innocence and use their imaginations to escape their hurt and pain. Therapeutic play activities are encouraged at all of our shelters, and a stimulating and colorful playground environment encourages normal social interaction and learning with both adults and other children.



Thank you again to the generous members of the Women's Fund of Santa Barbara! We are so grateful for all you do in our community.



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Volunteer of the Month: Melissa Rick

Melissa Rick is our amazing Volunteer of the Month!



Melissa is pictured above with the DVS Luncheon Committee.
She is second from the right.

Melissa is one of the kindest and most generous souls you will ever meet. She is incredibly sweet and always willing to lend a helping hand. She has only been volunteering for a few months, but has jumped in with both feet and made a tremendous impact.

She is a very active and involved member of our 2018 Luncheon Committee, and spent hours assisting with tasks ranging from securing donations to alphabetizing name tags. We don't know what we would have done without her!

In the Outreach Department, Melissa has been instrumental. She has assisted with tabling at resource fairs and outreach presentations at local high schools during February's Teen Dating Abuse Month. She's also completed the Domestic Violence 40-Hour Training Certification.

Melissa's commitment to DVS and educating others about the services DVS provides is inspiring. We are truly lucky she is a part of our team.

We can't thank you enough for all you do for DVS and the clients we serve, Melissa!

SBAOR Golf Tournament



We are thrilled to announce that the Santa Barbara Association of Realtors has selected DVS to be the beneficiary of their upcoming golf tournament. We hope you can join us for this amazing event!

Friday, May 11, 2018

Golf all day

Charity cocktail party afterwards

- 4-person scramble tourney, shotgun start at noon
- Golf includes lunch, cart, fees, drinks, and more!
- Party includes live band, awards, auction, food and drink

[Click here](#) for the flyer

[Click here](#) for sponsorship opportunities

Thank you SBAOR for this incredible opportunity!

Other Upcoming Events

40-Hour Training

Santa Barbara - April 5, 6, 9, 10 & 11

Community Partner Center, Union Bank
15 E Carrillo Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Santa Maria - August 2, 3, 7, 9 & 10

Community Health Centers of the Central Coast
2050 S Blosser Road
Santa Maria, CA 93458

Trainings are \$225 per person, and run from 8:15 am until 5:00 pm.

Why Take Our 40 Hour Training?

- Trainings meet requirement for certification by the State of California for those who wish to work directly with victims or perpetrators of domestic violence
- Learn evidence-based strategies for counseling and client advocacy that support recovery
- Develop referrals and network with other professionals serving in the local community
- Learn about the legal system that protects the rights of intimate partner violence survivors

For more info or to register please email Eloisa Patterson at EloisaP@DVolutions.org or visit our [website](#).

Annual 5K Run/Walk For Love Benefit Event



UCSB Sigma Alpha Zeta's annual Run For Love 5K is next month!

100% of the proceeds collected from the run will be

Please join us for an incredible event hosted by our wonderful longtime community partner.

When & Where?

- **Sunday, April 22, 2018**
- The UCSB Lagoon
- Check in 9:15 am, race begins 10:00 am

Course Description:

The course will be taking place on the beautiful UCSB Campus. It will begin on the UCEN Lawn and work its way toward the lagoon. Once the runner reaches the top, they will turn around and proceed on the same route.

To register and for more info: [visit the website](#)

Community Partner Appreciation!

Brandology - Brandology is our Luncheon Phoenix Sponsor and dedicated DVS supporter. They allow us to continue providing important services to domestic violence victims throughout Santa Barbara county. A million thanks to you, Brandology!



United Way - They have continued to support our organization throughout the years. We cannot express how grateful we are!



Macy's - Macy's continues to be a longtime supporter of DVS. We are forever thankful!



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