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A Word from Our Executive Director, *Jan Campbell*


Dear Friends,

While raising kids, I always thought that the "year" began in September when school started. The anticipation of a new lunch box or backpack sent my daughters in to a tizzy. As a working parent, I looked forward to the stability of a routine I could count on and often the beginning of a new surge in productivity flavored with a sense of new opportunities - for me and



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for my girls.

At Domestic Violence Solutions, we have seen a month of productivity and growth for our clients. Our amazing housing advocate, Dora Dorado has been very successful in getting four of our Second Stage clients Section 8 housing vouchers - making it easier to find affordable permanent housing. Four other clients are in the process of transferring from our emergency shelters to our second stage/transitional housing...All are very excited!

And jobs...Five clients have secured employment in Santa Barbara and Santa Maria. Bearing witness to the efforts they put in to spiff up their resumes and tirelessly pursue job opportunities, reaffirms my belief in the resilience of the human spirit and the value of tenacity! It feels hopeful across all our shelters! It feels like new beginnings!

Thanks to our wonderful donors and [Present Now!](#) for the donation of 9 backpacks for our kiddos in the Santa Barbara and Second Stage Shelters - they came in beautiful boxes and were filled with brand new school supplies!



Please enjoy the last bit of summer and watch our [website](#) for the latest news and list of needed (and much appreciated) items for our clients.

On behalf of our board and our amazing DVS team, I wish you the very best!



Jan Campbell
Executive Director

Community Partner Appreciation!



Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians - We are incredibly excited to announce that DVS has been selected as one of three nonprofit beneficiaries of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians' upcoming 14th annual Charity Golf Classic!

Heartfelt THANK YOU from the DVS board, staff, and clients we serve - we are honored to be a part of this event. The golf tournament will be held on August 22 and 23.

Funds raised will ensure we can continue providing safety, shelter and support to domestic violence victims and their families throughout Santa Barbara county.

The other worthy charity recipients are American Cancer Society-West Region and Search Dog Foundation.

Learn more [here](#).

Spruce Up Our Counseling Room!

We are asking for donations to make our Santa Maria emergency shelter counseling room a safe, comforting and healing place for our clients.



[Click here](#) to view our registry of items needed!

For questions about donating, please email Carolina Najera-Magana at CarolinaN@DVolutions.org.

Welcome New Staff!



Wendy Naruse
Director of Programs & Client Services

It is with great pleasure that I have joined the DVS team. I bring with me over 10 years of experience in human services as a clinician and team leader. I have worked with non-profit and government agencies to include residential programs for women

with children who have co-occurring disorders, community programs for persons with severe mental illness, as well as Child Welfare Services and Adult Services in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties.

I have come to understand that successful programs are made by collaborating with our community partners with whom I enjoy building strong relationships to best serve our clients.

My years prior to human services were in the banking and tech industries where I learned a great deal about organizational structure, business management, and employee productivity. I now have the privilege to join these two passions into one in an effort to make DVS a great experience for our clients and employees.

I am a Southern California native who migrated to the beautiful central coast to continue raising my children 10 years ago. My education includes a BS in Business Administration and Master's Degree in Psychology/Organizational Development.



Jenni-Elise Ramirez
Development Officer

Jenni-Elise is thrilled to join the DVS team. She is 31 years old, born and raised right here in beautiful Santa Barbara. She has been a loving and passionate caregiver to many children of all ages for over 17 years and an educator for 6 years.

She has her BA in Liberal Studies with a multiple

subject teaching credential and her MBA in social responsibility and non-profit management.

She wears many hats here in Santa Barbara and loves to give back whenever she can. She owns her own adventure business serving the Santa Barbara community with fun scavenger and geo-location hunts customized for her clients, called EPIC Adventures. She is on the board of the Junior League of Santa Barbara and is excited to be at the forefront of the wonderful work they are accomplishing for our well-deserved community. She has also been in the wedding world for over 3 years as a day-of coordinator; she loves to see her clients' visions come to life in her beautiful hometown.

In her very limited spare time she loves challenging herself and learning new things. She has been a musician all her life, as a jazz singer and playing different instruments.

You Are Not Alone



Join our FREE domestic violence support group, Mondays from 4:00 - 5:15 pm.

- Increase your self-esteem
- Gain support
- Recognize signs of abuse
- Create a safety plan

Location:

CALM (Child Abuse Listening Mediation)
1236 Chapala St, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

To attend or for more information:

Contact Carolina Najera-Magana
at CarolinaN@DVolutions.org or 805.963.4458.

40-Hour Domestic Violence Training



Another successful Domestic Violence 40-Hour Training is in the books! This wonderful group finished up their training on Friday, August 10 in Santa Maria. We are so grateful for them and their passion for working with domestic violence victims.

Special thanks to [Community Health Centers of the Central Coast](#) for being such an amazing and accommodating training host! Thank you also to our superstar Outreach & Program Development Coordinator and training facilitator, Eloisa Patterson!

Upcoming Training:

Santa Barbara - December 4, 6, 7, 10 & 11
Community Partner Center, Union Bank
15 E Carrillo Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Trainings are \$225 per person, and run from 8:15 am until 5:00 pm. We offer partial scholarships for nonprofit participants.

Why Take Our 40 Hour Training?

- Trainings meet the 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](#).

Upcoming Events



Mary Kay "Think Pink" Fundraiser:

Cathy Calabro is hosting a Mary Kay Makeover event on Thursday, September 13, 6:30 pm, at Rusty's Pizza on Hollister Ave.

Join us to support DVS and test out a new look. Check our [Facebook page](#) for more info...coming soon!



Candlelight Vigils:

This October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month!

Please join us in Lompoc, Santa Barbara and Santa Maria for candlelight vigils to honor the lives of victims and survivors. The Santa Barbara Vigil will be held on Thursday, October 25 at Paseo Nuevo. Lompoc and Santa Maria dates TBD. Please stay tuned for more info!

Annual Luncheon:

Mark your calendars for Sunday, February 10, 2019!

The Luncheon will be held at the Biltmore.



We're Hiring!

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Calling all superheroes!
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Join our team and make a huge impact on domestic violence victims and their children throughout Santa Barbara County.

Client Advocate (Lompoc) - [click for job description](#)

To apply, please email your resume and cover letter to Jan Campbell at JanC@DVolutions.org.

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