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## **HELP SHINE LIGHT ON THE ISSUE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

*The community is invited to attend Domestic Violence Solutions' Annual Candlelight Vigils in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month and support of intimate partner violence victims.*

**SANTA BARBARA, Calif., September 27, 2018** – Domestic Violence Solutions (DVS), Santa Barbara County's only full-service provider of 24-hour emergency shelter and services for domestic violence victims, is proud to present October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Every year since 1987, the month of October has been set aside to bring awareness to the prevalent societal issue of domestic violence. The facts are shocking: one in three women and one in four men will be the victims of intimate partner violence in their lifetimes.

Throughout the month of October, DVS will be hosting and participating in candlelight vigils in Lompoc, Santa Maria and Santa Barbara. Please join the community in raising a candle to honor survivors and remember victims of domestic violence.



Family and friends remember the lives lost to intimate partner violence at the 2017 candlelight vigil in Santa Maria.

The vigils will be held at the following locations and times:

- **Thursday, October 11 in Lompoc at Centennial Park. Vigil begins at 6:00 pm.**
- **Thursday, October 18 in Santa Maria at Ethel Pope Auditorium (Santa Maria High School). Memorial Walk (starts at City Hall) at 6:00 pm and Vigil at 6:30 pm.**
- **Thursday, October 25 in Santa Barbara at Paseo Nuevo Mall. Community Resource Fair at 4:00 pm, Vigil at 6:00 pm and Memorial Walk at 6:30 pm.**

"Domestic violence knows no boundaries," said Jan Campbell, executive director of Domestic Violence Solutions. "It can happen to anyone, anywhere. You may not be aware that your neighbor or a co-worker you see every day is in an abusive relationship."

Domestic Violence Solutions is dedicated to ending the cycle of domestic violence by providing prevention and intervention services, emotional support and advocacy to those in crisis, and playing a leadership role in effecting social change. For more information, to make a donation or to learn about upcoming events, please contact Julia Black at [juliab@dvsolutions.org](mailto:juliab@dvsolutions.org) or visit [www.dvsolutions.org](http://www.dvsolutions.org).

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