



August 23, 2017

RE: Request for donation

Dear Kind Friend,

The Need

When you are a victim of violence, where do you turn for support? In 2015, more than 2060 violent assaults were reported in Solano County. Solano County is rich in culture and diversity. Unfortunately, our culturally diverse community includes a marginalized and underserved segment, with many barriers to accessing services for survivors of violence. Our county has few agencies that offer services for victims, and many of these services are scattered throughout the county and difficult to access. Imagine the difficulty in navigating the county's limited resources, while trying to heal from violence induced trauma. The founders of Solano Advocates for Victims of Violence (SAVV), a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization, identified gaps in services valuable to the healing of those impacted by violence. Motivated to help reduce the barriers encountered by survivors, SAVV was founded on December 1, 2016. The conception of SAVV was a collaborative effort, as the founders worked with key community figures for help in identifying services that are currently lacking for survivors. The founders of SAVV, supported by a knowledgeable and diverse Board of Directors, envision a comprehensive delivery of programs, to empower a victim's journey, and eliminate barriers, in the transformation into a survivor.

Overall Goals

To overcome obstacles and eliminate barriers, the goals of Solano Advocates for Victims of Violence (SAVV) are:

1. To provide supportive services to victims of violence, such as peer counseling, case management, crisis intervention, court accompaniment, advocacy, support groups, and referrals to community partners.
2. To aid in the healing process of a survivor by reducing the number of barriers that may prevent a survivor from accessing the proper resources through collaboration with community partners.
3. To promote activities and programs meant to strengthen and unify the prevention and treatment of various violent victimizations through community education and training.
4. To encourage and support cooperation and collaboration with community agencies that provide related services.
5. To provide training opportunities to community agencies such as police agencies and judges, that provide services to the public, to ensure a cohesive plan of action when a victim of violence is identified.

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How Can You Help?

On October 20, 2017, SAVV is hosting a fundraising concert at the Vacaville Performing Arts Theatre. The concert, titled “Just Breathe Justice”, is appropriately timed for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. We hope to spread a message of peace, non-violence, and a sense of community. This will be an excellent opportunity to spread the word about SAVV, grow relationships, and strengthen our community. This is where your generosity can play a vital role in helping us achieve these goals. Your generous tax-deductible investment will help SAVV plan a successful fundraising event to generate funds to provide direct services to survivors of violence. Any amount helps. If you cannot give financially, maybe you would be willing to help with in-kind donations. In-kind donations are donations of services or supplies such as food, drink, or other materials needed for the event. Anything that you can give is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for considering SAVV as a recipient of your kindness. Please do not hesitate to call us at (707) 820-7288 with any questions regarding this request. We look forward to partnering with you to help fill this vital need for our community.

Respectfully,

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Kindly make checks payable to: Solano Advocates for Victims of Violence or SAVV. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 571, Vacaville, CA 95696. Our tax ID is 61-1582626. Please call (707) 820-7288 if you are interested in donating goods. We are available to pick up donated goods at your convenience. Thank you!

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