



## Community Action Program of Lancaster County

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### **Domestic Violence Services of Lancaster County to Mark 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**(Lancaster, PA)** - Domestic Violence Services of Lancaster County (DVS) will celebrate its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a reception at the Cork and Cap Restaurant located at 480 New Holland Ave, Suite 300 on Thursday, October 6, 2011. The reception will run from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a short program beginning around 5:45 p.m. The program will feature the reading of a congratulatory letter from Vice President Joe Biden, a video-taped message from Sen. Robert Casey and the keynote address by Judy Yupcavage, director of communications for the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence. In addition, DVS will honor several individuals and organizations that have supported the agency through the years with a series of awards.

According to Bonnie Glover, DVS director, the celebration will thank agency volunteers, supporters, legislators and the community as a whole for the work done over the past 35 years in the area of domestic violence. Glover, who has been the DVS director since 1978, says the work in the field of domestic violence over the last 35 years has resulted in a systems change. "Domestic violence was a taboo subject back then and there were very few legal protections and services for victims," says Glover. "As a community today, we are better able to recognize the extent of the problem of domestic violence and address issues for victims. Over the course of time, there has been an improvement in the response and understanding of domestic violence by the legal system, the police, the medical community, and faith-based organizations, but there is more work to do. No one has to suffer in silence today."

In Lancaster County, there are an estimated 10,000 victims of domestic violence each year. In recent years, two domestic violence incidents ended in murder. Michael Roseboro was convicted for the murder of his wife, Jan Roseboro, whose body was found bludgeoned in the family swimming pool in 2008. More recently, a New York grand jury indicted Timothy Handel a former West Hempfield Township resident for the murder of his

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27-year-old girlfriend and mother of his two children, Kathleen Connolly. Investigators found Connolly's body buried in the yard of Handel's residence in New Windsor New York.

DVS provides emergency shelter, transitional housing, legal assistance, individual and group counseling services to victims of domestic violence 24 hours a day and seven days a week. DVS also provides a **24 Hour Domestic Violence Hot Line at 717-299-1249.**

DVS is one of 32 programs provided to the community by the Community Action Program of Lancaster County. Community leaders formed CAP of Lancaster County in 1966 to assist low and moderate-income individuals with the resources, skills, and knowledge needed to become self-sufficient. CAP of Lancaster County has a budget of over \$46 million and employs 300 people who provide services to approximately 35,000 qualified individuals throughout Lancaster County.