

Activities and Ideas

- Ribbon Campaign: Distribute purple ribbons to clergy, police chiefs, judges, librarians, emergency room personnel, and others in your community.
- Table Tent Campaign: Print table tents with a reminder that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and information about services and how to access them. Distribute table tents to area restaurants and hospital cafeterias.
- Utility Company Campaign: Ask local utility companies to include a message in their October bills. (Sometimes banks are also willing to include information in their monthly statements.)
- Library Displays: Contact public libraries in your area and provide them with materials for a display. Church Campaign: Send a mass mailing to all religious institutions in your area asking them to address the issue from the pulpit or in their newsletter during October.
- Children's Campaign: Have children from the shelter write thank you cards with painted hand prints on them to be distributed to police departments, judges, probation officers and prosecutors in the county.
- Chili Cook-Off: Have a chili cooking contest with prizes and entertainment. Invite individual cooks, teams and restaurants to compete, with tasting open to the public. The proceeds benefit the local shelter.
- Clothesline Project Display: Display tee-shirts created by survivors of domestic violence in a public place. The shirts depict their stories, their pain and their hopes. Teen Dating Violence Essay Contest: Hold essay contests in area schools with an awards ceremony.
- Wish List Drive: Put posters in area beauty salons displaying the shelter's wish list and making literature and information available. For every item contributed, the person's name is entered in a drawing for a prize.

DVA Fundraising Projects

- Pound Sale – Everyone bring a wrapped present that weighs 1 pound. Auction off presents & give money to local DV Shelter.
- Pillow Talk – Hold a social and everyone bring 2 new pillows to donate to local DV Shelter.
- Assemble Clothing to donate to hospitals to give to Rape victims who have given their clothing as evidence.
- Collect gift cards, hygiene items, flip flops, towels, clothing, etc. to donate to your local DV Shelter.
- Adopt a shelter for holidays and provide gifts for women and children.
- Conduct a Bake Sale to raise funds for your local DV Shelter.
- Provide baked goods, meals, or gifts for shelter staff.
- Work at the hotline.
- Donate your time to help clean at the shelter.
- Help with childcare at the shelter.