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*30 Years of Working to "Make Every Home a Safe Home"*

Dear Domestic Violence Advocate:

**This year marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the movement to end family violence.** In 1978, over one hundred women's advocates came together in Washington, DC to attend the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights' hearing on battered women. NCADV was created at this historic event to unite advocates who had previously addressed in isolation the common problems their programs faced. NCADV remains the only national organization of grassroots shelter and service programs for domestic violence survivors, and currently serves as a national information and referral center for Congress, the general public, the media, domestic violence survivors and their children, and allied and member agencies and organizations.

A lot of progress has been made in 30 years. We now have over 2,000 shelter and service programs and laws like the "Violence Against Women Act," which help to provide millions of women and children with a safe environment free from violence and the threat of violence. In honor of these achievements, NCADV will host several events this July, including a **Legislative Action Day** on **July 22<sup>nd</sup>** when nearly 600 survivors, advocates, and coalition and community members will unite on Capitol Hill to urge Members of Congress to support laws and fund programs that promote the prevention and elimination of family violence and violence against women.

Members of Congress work to serve their constituents, and they want to know what is happening in their own districts and states. This is why Legislative Action Day holds such great potential for survivors and advocates to influence important legislation related to domestic violence. Survivors and advocates can make the most persuasive argument and memorable impression by providing current information about domestic violence in a Member's district or state. NCADV is currently updating state-specific information that will be used for Legislative Action Day, and **WE CAN USE YOUR HELP** to make these updates and corrections.

Click [here](#) to access the "fact sheet" for your state. Please review the "fact sheet" and **MAKE ANY UPDATES OR CORRECTIONS YOU CAN TO BOTH THE FACTUAL AND THE CONTACT INFORMATION.** **Be sure to keep track of the sources** from which you draw information and provide those sources to us, along with your changes. Then, just fax the "fact sheet" (and any other relevant materials) back to us at 202.745.0088 by July 9, 2008. If you have any questions, contact us at 202.745.1211 or [publicpolicy@ncadv.org](mailto:publicpolicy@ncadv.org).

Thank you in advance for supporting your sisters in the movement by providing them with the latest and most accurate information. We hope to see you this July!!!

Sincerely,

The NCADV Public Policy Office