

September 16, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Empty Chair Project

The number of Domestic Violence incidents across the nation and in our community is staggering. Injury and death, as well as psychological issues, are a direct result of this type of abuse. Not only are adults affected, but our children are being harmed on a daily basis as well.

In Pueblo, there are many organizations, agencies and individuals who work to bring awareness to the issue of Domestic Violence.

The Pueblo Domestic Violence Community Task Force is a collaboration of many of these entities. It is the Task Force's mission that through education, knowledge, services and support, there will be a reduction in the numbers of incidents.

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Each year the Task Force partners with the community to help to bring about awareness and make a statement to the community that domestic violence will not be accepted.

For the month of October we are asking local businesses, companies, agencies, churches, synagogues and other groups to participate in this year's **Empty Chair Project**.

This project is designed to make a powerful statement regarding the impact of domestic violence in this community when a victim is absent from home, the workplace, place of worship, etc. The decision as to what type of chair is used and how that chair is adorned would be up to each host. We only ask that you do not name a specific victim, that the chair is placed in a prominent area and it be displayed for the entire month of October.

Since Domestic Violence happens across all lines of social economics, and the impact of an event has an affect on all ages, you could use a rocking chair, a desk chair, a high chair or whatever type chair you feel will best make your statement.

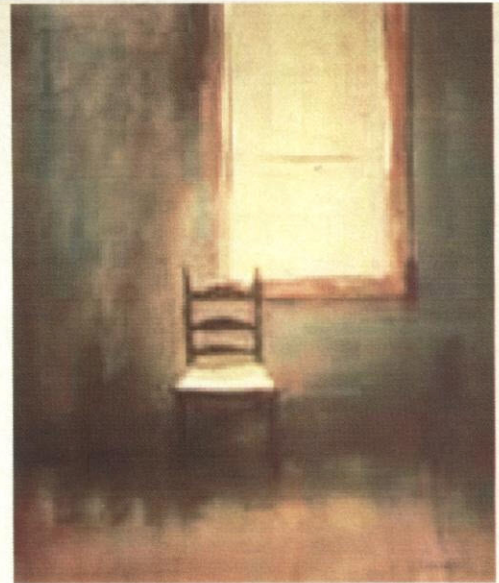
Please complete the attached form and return it to us so we know that you have decided to partner with the Task Force in bringing awareness to this important issue within our community. We hope to have media coverage for this event so your contact information is vital. Also, members of the Task Force would like to stop by to visit and see what you and your staff have created.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to participate.

Regards,

Lois

Lois Harder, Chair
Pueblo Domestic Violence Community Task Force



Pueblo Domestic Violence Community Task Force

Mission Statement:

The Domestic Violence Task Force provides leadership through collaboration to educate and advocate for the elimination of Domestic Violence in our community.

Member Agencies:

10th Judicial District Attorney's Office
10th Judicial Probation Department
ACOVA
Colorado Legal Services
House of Peace Publications
Intervention Inc., Pueblo
Oasis Counseling
Posada
Pueblo Child Advocacy Center
Pueblo Combined Court

Pueblo Community College
Pueblo Community Health Center
Pueblo County Sheriff's Office
Pueblo County Dept. of Social Services
Pueblo League of Women Voters
Pueblo Police Department
Pueblo Rape Crisis Services
St. Mary Corwin Medical Center
Teresa's Place
YWCA of Pueblo

Community Representatives and Advocates

For more information, please visit us at www.domesticviolenceptf.com

or

Call our 24-hour Crisis Line at (719) 545-8195

We're very excited about your participation!

Name of Organization: _____ Contact: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Location in the facility where chair will be located: _____

If media inquires, would you be willing to have them come to your location? Yes No Maybe
Would you be willing to send us a picture of your display to be used on our website, Facebook page and/or other marketing sites? (Credit will be given to your agency) Yes No Maybe

Please email, fax, mail or drop-off your registration form to:

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Pueblo, CO 81003

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No one deserves to be abused. Together we can make a difference!