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To all our friends and supporters,

As 2017 draws to a close, we would like to share with you some of the milestones we reached this year. Attaining these goals is what continues to inspire us to work toward ending abusive behavior in the Eastern Panhandle. It is your support which drives us to end violence and restore families.

- Once again, we surpassed 2016 with our Fourth Annual Elimination Dinner, grossing \$25,000!
- And again, we were one of the few nonprofits in the Eastern Panhandle to commit in a big way to Giving Tuesday on November 28th.
- Expansion of the nationally-recognized Mentors in Violence Prevention Program continues at Martinsburg High School.
- Referrals to CAV classes quadrupled this year to over 100 male and female participants, with renewed recognition of CAV as a viable resource to ending the revolving door of violence and abuse.
- The relationship with Shenandoah Women's Center again rose to new heights, with greater communication regarding victims and exposing the potential danger for lethality which can exist with abusers.
- Active work is beginning on a Domestic Violence Task Force, so there can be more coordination between all agencies which deal with domestic violence.
- A recidivism study was finalized for completers and non-completers of CAV classes from 2014 through 2016. Results of this study showed that individuals who do not complete CAV classes are twice as likely to reoffend (domestic-related offenses) as those who complete the program.
- Finally CAV was awarded the WISH grant from Shepherd University, which allows us to hire a part-time client recruitment staff-member who will work to increase referrals to 240.

We know that much more needs to be done in 2018. With upwards of 600 arrests for domestic-related offenses in Berkeley and Jefferson Counties in 2017, 104 individuals (16%) were referred to CAV classes. We continue to approach this challenge by educating the community more intensely so that silence turns to outrage and then to action.

Will you join us in making the end of violence and abuse YOUR BUSINESS? Please visit www.comnav.org to volunteer your time or to donate to our critical cause. Your involvement energizes us to continue.....until the violence ends.

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