



891 Auto Parts Place Box 136
Martinsburg, WV 25403
304-262-4424
866-332-2906 fax
www.comnav.org

December 2016

To all our friends and supporters,

As 2016 draws to a close, we would like to share with you some of the milestones we reached this year. Attaining these goals are 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 2015 with our Third Annual Elimination Dinner, grossing over \$20,000!
- And again, we were one of the few nonprofits in the Eastern Panhandle to commit in a big way to Giving Tuesday on November 29th, along with a brand new matching grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Board member Stacy Dugan contributed food and drink so that we could welcome Workforce clients into Auto Parts Place on this very important Day of Giving.
- Expansion of the nationally-recognized Mentors in Violence Prevention Program continues at Martinsburg High School.
- Referrals to CAV classes doubled this year, 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 rose to new heights, with greater communication regarding victims and exposing the potential danger for lethality which exists with abusers.
- The Martinsburg Police Department, under the direction of Maury Richards, became a stronger partner with the appointment of Patrolman Teresa Gibbons as Domestic Violence Liaison to the community.
- Active work is being done to establish a DV court in Berkeley County, where all DV cases would be consolidated under one Magistrate.

We know that much more needs to be done in 2017. With the over 500 arrests for domestic-related offenses in Berkeley and Jefferson Counties in 2016, only 25 individuals (5%) 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.

Carolyn