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# *In Memoriam*

*The South Carolina Silent Witness Story*  
*October 2, 2006*

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The State of South Carolina  
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
S.T.O.P. Violence Against Women Program  
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*Silent Witness*  
*October 2, 2006*  
*South Carolina State House Grounds*

**Musical Selection**

*University of South Carolina Female A Cappella Choir*

**Invocation**

Reverend Christie Gravely  
*Eastminster Presbyterian Church*

**“Not in Vain”**      *Emily Dickinson*  
Ellen Hamilton  
*Pee Dee Coalition Against  
Domestic and Sexual Assault*

**Keynote Address**

Andrea Mullins  
*Domestic Violence Survivor*  
Introduced by Beryl Dakers, SCETV

**Victim Remembrance**

The Honorable Henry McMaster  
*South Carolina Attorney General*

**Musical Selection**

*University of South Carolina Female A Cappella Choir*

**Benediction**

Bishop C.L. “Josh” Lorick, Jr.  
*Rehoboth United Church*

\* **“Amazing Grace”**      *John Newton*  
Greg Hunt  
*The Citadel Regimental Pipe Band*

*\*All those who are able are asked to please stand.*

# *The Silent Witness Story*

In 2005, 32 South Carolinians were murdered by their intimate partners. As citizens of this state, we have a responsibility to take a stand against this injustice. Therefore, our State joined with more than forty other states in a mission “to promote peace, healing and responsibility in adult relationships.”

During the Silent Witness ceremony, wooden silhouettes represent the women and men who have died due to domestic violence in South Carolina during the previous year. This year, there are 32 silhouettes; 27 are for the known female homicide victims, 5 are for the known male homicide victims, and one represents those victims of which we are unaware.

The Attorney General's Office, through the S.T.O.P. Violence Against Women program, hosts this annual remembrance. Other contributing citizens and organizations are acknowledged at the end of this book.

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*This book is dedicated  
to the women and men  
of South Carolina  
who have lost their lives  
due to domestic violence.*

2005

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***Freddie  
Center***

*58 years old  
Anderson County*

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Mr. Center was shot and killed on August 25, 2005.

Vicki Center, Mr. Center's wife, pled guilty to Voluntary Manslaughter and was sentenced to serve five years probation.

Mr. Center is survived by two adult sons.

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***Cathy  
Galloway***

*46 years old  
Anderson County*

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Ms. Galloway was shot multiple times in the chest and killed on August 22, 2005.

Leroy Archie, the victim's boyfriend, has been charged with murder. The couple had a history of domestic violence. Mr. Archie is still awaiting trial.

Ms. Galloway is survived by two adult sons.



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***Polly  
Walters***

*37 years old  
Anderson County*

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Ms. Walters was beaten to death on May 17, 2005.

After enduring a beating that probably lasted for several minutes, Ms. Walters was then dragged from her home to a business almost 300 feet away. William Geer, the victim's boyfriend, pled guilty to Voluntary Manslaughter and was sentenced to thirty years in prison.

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*Genevive  
Sanders*

*47 years old  
Bamburg County*

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Ms. Sanders was shot and killed on April 23, 2005.

Ms. Sanders was kidnapped from her home by her ex-boyfriend, Billy Porter, who then shot Ms. Sanders and turned the gun on himself. Ms. Sanders had received an Order of Protection in the past.

Ms. Sanders is survived by two daughters



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***Pamela  
Gourdine***

*33 years old  
Berkeley County*

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Ms. Gourdine was shot and killed on May 27, 2005.

Ms. Gourdine's husband, Michael Gourdine, shot her in the head before turning the gun on himself.

Ms. Gourdine is survived by her two children.

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***Ludimila Cohe  
Heirs***

*24 years old  
Charleston County*

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Ms. Heirs was shot and killed on March 15, 2005.

Ms. Heirs was shot in her back while she slept. Her husband, Dan William Heirs, Jr., is wanted for her murder. Mr. Heirs is also wanted on charges of criminal sexual conduct in the first degree with a minor and committing a lewd act on a minor.



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***Pamela  
Ownby***

*43 years old  
Cherokee County*

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Ms. Ownby was shot and killed on April 12, 2005.

Mark Pearson, the victim's ex-boyfriend, shot Ms. Ownby when she arrived at work. Ms. Ownby had recently moved to get away from Mr. Pearson. Mr. Pearson pled guilty to murder and was sentenced to thirty years in prison.

Ms. Ownby is survived by her daughter and son.

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***Lucille  
Wilson***

*48 years old  
Clarendon County*

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Ms. Wilson was shot and killed on September 17, 2005.

Ms. Wilson was shot in the head while at her mother's house. Her mother and daughter were also in the home at the time of the shooting. Henry Wilson, the victim's former husband, has been charged with murder, assault and battery with intent to kill, and burglary. He still awaits trial.

Ms. Wilson is survived by three daughters.



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***Jennifer Denise  
Stonerock***

*27 years old  
Florence County*

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Ms. Stonerock was beaten and stabbed to death on May 7, 2005.

Eric Tessner, Ms. Stonerock's boyfriend, has been charged with murder. Witnesses say an argument could be heard and that it sounded as if Ms. Stonerock was being slammed into walls. Mr. Tessner is awaiting trial.

Ms. Stonerock was six and a half months pregnant when she was killed.

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***Leroy  
Wells***

*23 years old  
Florence County*

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Mr. Wells was stabbed to death on November 26, 2005.

Leroy Wells was stabbed in the left side of his chest. His girlfriend, Ashley Lynch, has been charged with his murder and is awaiting trial.

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*Laura  
Ling*

*43 years old  
Georgetown County*

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Ms. Ling was strangled to death on April 8, 2005.

Ms. Ling's daughter was sexually assaulted at the time of the murder. Stephen Stanko, Ms. Ling's boyfriend, has been found guilty of murder, assault and battery with intent to kill, criminal sexual conduct, armed robbery and kidnapping. Mr. Stanko now sits on death row.

Ms. Ling is survived by her teenage daughter.



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***Barbara  
Booker***

*39 years old  
Greenville County*

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Ms. Booker was shot and killed on December 2, 2005.

Johnny Odell Davis, the victim's boyfriend, has been charged with murder and is awaiting trial.





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***Wendy Michelle  
Robertson***

*36 years old  
Greenville County*

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Ms. Robertson was shot and killed on December 18, 2005.

Ms. Robertson met with her estranged husband, Johnny Robertson, so he could retrieve some of his things. Mr. Robertson then shot his wife and turned the gun on himself. Ms. Robertson's mother was in the home at the time of the shooting.

Ms. Robertson is survived by two daughters.

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***Denise  
Omogun***

*41 years old  
Greenwood County*

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Ms. Omogun was shot and killed by May 6, 2005.

Ms. Omogun and her husband, Augustine Omogun, had an argument which their son attempted to intervene. Mr. Omogun then found a gun, shot his wife, and then himself. Their son witnessed the shooting.

Ms. Omogun was survived by two sons and one daughter.

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***Jennifer  
Beury***

*31 years old  
Horry County*

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Ms. Beury was shot and killed on June 24, 2005.

Ms. Beury's boyfriend, Brian Clarke, shot Ms. Beury and then himself. Ms. Beury's body was found two days after the incident occurred.

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***William Paul  
Claridy***

*54 years old  
Horry County*

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Mr. Claridy was stabbed and killed on July 28, 2005.

Beverly Lynn Claridy, the victim's wife, has been charged with murder. Ms Claridy is awaiting trial.

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***Ebonetess  
Davis***

*20 years old  
Horry County*

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Ms. Davis was stabbed to death on February 15, 2005.

Lekan “Tommy” Fawni, the victim’s live-in boyfriend, has been charged with murder and is awaiting trial. According to a witness, there had been previous violence in the home.

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***Malcolm  
Graham***

*50 years old  
Horry County*

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Mr. Graham was shot and killed on February 10, 2005.

Tracy Dowell, the victim's girlfriend, has been charged with murder and is awaiting trial. The couple had been arguing the night before the shooting.

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***Mary Jill  
Hapeman***

*41 years old  
Horry County*

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Ms. Hapeman was shot and killed on October 8, 2005.

Ms. Hapeman was in the parking lot of a local store when her husband, David Hapeman, shot her and then turned the gun on himself. One of Ms. Hapeman's children was with her when the shooting occurred.

Ms. Hapeman is survived by two sons and a daughter.

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***Lluvia Aurora  
Sanchez***

*20 years old  
Horry County*

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Ms. Sanchez was stabbed to death on June 1, 2005.

Ardelio Xabate Lopez, Ms. Sanchez's ex-husband, stabbed her in the parking lot of a local business. The victim's brother was also injured during the incident. Mr. Lopez pled guilty to murder and received a thirty year prison sentence.



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***Jesse  
Lopez***

*25 years old  
Jasper County*

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Ms. Lopez was killed from a knife wound on September 22, 2005.

Jose Pinto Lopez, Ms. Lopez's husband, cut his wife's throat and then attempted to kill himself. Mr. Lopez pled guilty to Voluntary Manslaughter and was sentenced to twelve and a half years in prison.



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***Tiffany  
Williams***

*20 years old  
Laurens County*

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Ms. Williams was shot and killed on October 16, 2005.

Ms. Williams was shot by her boyfriend, Kory Todd, who then shot himself. Mr. Todd chased Ms. Williams, who ran into a neighboring apartment. Mr. Todd shot down the door, killed Ms. Williams, and then himself. Mr. Todd was out on bond for a CDV charge at the time of the murder.

Ms. Williams is survived by three children.

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***Jeanette  
Farrior***

*50 years old  
Lexington County*

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Ms. Farrior was strangled to death on August 2, 2005.

John Rivers, the victim's boyfriend, is awaiting trial for murder. The couple had an argument the day of the murder.



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***Glenda  
Brooks***

*55 years old  
Orangeburg County*

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Ms. Brooks was stabbed to death on November 3, 2005

Ms. Brooks was stabbed in her home. Lee Burns Brooks, the victim's husband, has been charged with murder and is awaiting trial.

Ms. Brooks is survived by four daughters and one son.



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***Michael  
Lusk***

*27 years old  
Pickens County*

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Mr. Lusk was stabbed to death on September 15, 2005.

Tammy Alma Cox, the victim's live-in girlfriend, is awaiting trial for murder.

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***Jamesinia  
Perry***

*45 years old  
Richland County*

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Ms. Perry was shot to death on December 23, 2005.

Ms. Perry had multiple gun shot wounds to her chest and leg. Donald Ray Perry, the victim's husband, has been charged with murder. The couple separated six months prior to the shooting.

The victim is survived by two daughters, two step-daughters and a step-son.

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***Simone  
Garrett***

*24 years old  
Spartanburg County*

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Ms. Garrett was shot to death on August 8, 2005.

John Leroy Brayboy, Ms. Garrett's boyfriend, is awaiting trial for murder. Police had investigated domestic violence in their home before.

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***Latonya  
Jones***

*24 years old  
Spartanburg County*

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Ms. Jones was beaten and strangled to death on July 4, 2005.

Ms. Jones body was found in a closet by a family member. Her boyfriend, Brian Wilson, is awaiting trial for murder.

Ms. Jones is survived by two daughters.



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***Brenda  
Rogers***

*56 years old  
Spartanburg County*

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Ms. Rogers was shot to death on December 17, 2005.

Danny Rogers, Ms. Rogers husband, shot his wife and then shot himself. During this incident, other people in the home were shot and killed as well.

Ms. Rogers is survived by a son.

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***Gloria  
Thomas***

*22 years old  
Spartanburg County*

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Ms. Thomas was stabbed to death on January 4, 2005.

Ms. Thomas was stabbed twenty-two times by her boyfriend, Tyrone Bell Perry. Ms. Thomas was driving to her mother's house and Mr. Perry tried to stop her. Ms. Thomas got out of her car and tried to run away; however, Mr. Perry caught Ms. Thomas and stabbed her twenty-two times. He pled guilty to murder and was sentenced to fifty years in prison. Mr. Perry had been convicted of Criminal Domestic Violence in the past.

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***Caroline  
Lipford***

*26 years old  
Union County*

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Ms. Lipford was shot to death on June 7, 2005.

Mark Bobby Blackwood, the victim's husband, shot his wife and then himself.

Ms. Lipford is survived by one daughter and one son.

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*Jessica Craig  
Gainey*

*21 years old  
York County*

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Ms. Gainey was shot to death on November 13, 2005.

Ms. Gainey and her husband, Curtis Gainey, got into an argument, which ended with Mr. Gainey shooting Ms. Gainey in the face. Mr. Gainey pled guilty to Voluntary Manslaughter and was sentenced to thirty years in prison. Ms. Gainey's son was in the home at the time of the shooting.

Ms. Gainey is survived by her son.

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Domestic Violence affects us all.

Domestic Violence cuts across gender, race and ethnicity. People in every socio-economic status experience this type of violence. Domestic Violence victims are all around us-- in our neighborhoods, work places and places of worship.

Therefore, let us have a moment of silence to remember those victims of whom we are unaware.

# *Domestic Violence Organizations*

## **Abbeville County**

*Laurens County Safe Home*

Post Office Box 145

Laurens, SC 29360

Hotline 864-682-7270

## **Aiken County**

*Cumbee Center to Assist Abused Persons*

PO Box 1293

Aiken, SC 29802

Hotline 803-641-4162

Phone 803-649-0408

## **Allendale County**

*Cumbee Center to Assist Abused Persons*

PO Box 1293

Aiken, SC 29802

Hotline 803-641-4162

Phone 803-649-0408

## **Anderson County**

*Safe Harbor*

PO Box 174

Greenville, SC 29602

Hotline 800-291-2139

Phone 864-467-1177

## **Bamberg County**

*CASA/Family Systems*

PO Box 1568

Orangeburg, SC 29116

Hotline 800-298-7228

Phone 803-534-2448

# *Domestic Violence Organizations*

## **Barnwell County**

*Barnwell County Help Line*

PO Box 1042

Barnwell, SC 29812

Hotline

Phone 803-259-3333

## **Barnwell County**

*Cumbee Center to Assist Abused Persons*

PO Box 1293

Aiken, SC 29802

Hotline 803-641-4162

Phone 803-649-0408

## **Beaufort County**

*Citizens Opposed to Domestic Abuse*

PO Box 1775

Beaufort, SC 29901-1775

Hotline 843-770-1070

Phone 843-770-1074

## **Berkeley County**

*My Sister's House*

PO Box 5341

North Charleston, SC 29405

Hotline (county) 800-273-4673

Phone 843-747-4069

## **Calhoun County**

*CASA/Family Systems*

PO Box 1568

Orangeburg, SC 29116

Hotline 800-298-7228

Phone 803-534-2448

# *Domestic Violence Organizations*

## **Charleston County**

*My Sister's House*  
PO Box 5341  
North Charleston, SC 29405  
Hotline (county) 800-273-4673  
Phone 843-744-3242

## **Cherokee County**

*Safe Homes, Rape Crisis Coalition*  
158 W. Main Street  
Spartanburg, SC 29306  
Hotline 800-273-5066  
Phone 864-583-9803

## **Chester County**

*Safe Passage, Inc.*  
PO Box 11458  
Rock Hill, SC 29731  
Hotline 800-659-0977  
Phone 803-329-3336

## **Chesterfield County**

*Pee Dee Coalition*  
PO Box 1351  
Florence, SC 29503  
Hotline 800-273-1820  
Phone 843-669-4694

## **Clarendon County**

*YWCA of the Upper Lowlands, Inc.*  
246 Church Street  
Sumter, SC 29150  
Hotline 803-775-2763  
Phone 803-773-7158



# *Domestic Violence Organizations*

## **Colleton County**

*Citizens Opposed to Domestic Abuse*

PO Box 1775

Beaufort, SC 29901-1775

Hotline 843-770-1070

Phone 843-770-1074

## **Colleton County**

Hope Cottage of the Lowcountry

PO Box 2502

Beaufort, SC 29901

Hotline 800-637-7237

Phone 843-525-6699

## **Darlington County**

*Pee Dee Coalition*

PO Box 1351

Florence, SC 29503

Hotline 800-273-1820

Phone 843-669-4694

## **Dillon County**

*Pee Dee Coalition*

PO Box 1351

Florence, SC 29503

Hotline 800-273-1820

Phone 843-669-4694

## **Dorchester County**

*My Sister's House*

PO Box 5341

North Charleston, SC 29405

Hotline 800-273-4673

Phone 843-744-4069

# *Domestic Violence Organizations*

## **Edgefield County**

*MEG's House*  
PO Box 3410  
Greenwood, SC 29648  
Hotline 800-447-7992

## **Fairfield County**

*Sistercare, Inc.*  
PO Box 1029  
Columbia, SC 29202  
Hotline 800-637-7606  
Phone 803-765-9428

## **Florence County**

*Pee Dee Coalition*  
PO Box 1351  
Florence, SC 29503  
Hotline 800-273-1820  
Phone 843-669-4600

## **Georgetown County**

*Citizens Against Spouse Abuse*  
PO Box 912  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29578  
Hotline 843-448-6206  
Phone 843-626-7595

## **Greenville County**

*Safe Harbor*  
PO Box 174  
Greenville, SC 29602  
Hotline 800-291-2139  
Phone 864-467-3636

# *Domestic Violence Organizations*

## **Hampton County**

*Citizens Opposed to Domestic Abuse*

PO Box 1775

Beaufort, SC 29901-1775

Hotline

Phone 843-770-1070

## **Horry County**

*Citizens Against Spouse Abuse*

PO Box 912

Myrtle Beach, SC 29578

Hotline

Phone 843-448-6206

## **Jasper County**

*Citizens Opposed to Domestic Abuse*

PO Box 1775

Beaufort, SC 29901-1775

Hotline

Phone 843-770-1070

## **Kershaw County**

*Sistercare, Inc.*

PO Box 1029

Columbia, SC 29202

Hotline 800-637-7606

Phone 803-765-9428

## **Lancaster County**

*Safe Passage, Inc.*

PO Box 11458

Rock Hill, SC 29731

Hotline 800-659-0977

# *Domestic Violence Organizations*

## **Laurens County**

*Laurens County Safe Home*  
500 Academy Street  
Clinton, SC 29325  
Hotline  
Phone 864-682-7270

## **Laurens County**

*MEG's House*  
PO Box 3410  
Greenwood, SC 29648  
Hotline 800-447-7992  
Phone

## **Lee County**

*YWCA of the Upper Lowlands, Inc.*  
246 Church Street  
Sumter, SC 29150  
Hotline  
Phone 803-775-2763

## **Lexington County**

*Sistercare, Inc.*  
PO Box 1029  
Columbia, SC 29202  
Hotline 800-637-7606  
Phone 803-765-9428

## **Marion County**

*Pee Dee Coalition*  
PO Box 1351  
Florence, SC 29503  
Hotline 800-273-1820  
Phone 843-669-4600

# *Domestic Violence Organizations*

## **Marlboro County**

*Pee Dee Coalition*  
PO Box 1351  
Florence, SC 29503  
Hotline 800-273-1820  
Phone 843-669-4600

## **McCormick County**

*MEG's House*  
PO Box 3410  
Greenwood, SC 29648  
Hotline 800-447-7992  
Phone

## **Newberry County**

*Sistercare, Inc.*  
PO Box 1029  
Columbia, SC 29202  
Hotline 800-637-7606  
Phone 803-765-9428

## **Oconee County**

*Safe Harbor*  
PO Box 174  
Greenville, SC 29602  
Hotline 800-291-2139  
Phone 864-467-3636

## **Orangeburg County**

*CASA/Family Systems*  
PO Box 1568  
Orangeburg, SC 29116  
Hotline 800-298-7228  
Phone 803-534-2272

# *Domestic Violence Organizations*

## **Pickens County**

*Safe Harbor*  
PO Box 174  
Greenville, SC 29602  
Hotline 800-291-2139  
Phone 864-467-3636

## **Richland County**

*Sistercare, Inc.*  
PO Box 1029  
Columbia, SC 29202  
Hotline 800-637-7606  
Phone 803-765-9428

## **Saluda County**

*Laurens County Safe Home*  
500 Academy Street  
Clinton, SC 29325  
Hotline  
Phone 864-682-7270

## **South Carolina**

SCCADVASA  
PO Box 7776  
Columbia, SC 29202  
Hotline 800-260-9293  
Phone 803-256-2900

## **Spartanburg County**

*Safe Homes, Rape Crisis Coalition*  
158 W. Main Street  
Spartanburg, SC 29306  
Hotline 800-273-5066  
Phone 864-583-9803

# *Domestic Violence Organizations*

## **Sumter County**

*YWCA of the Upper Lowlands, Inc.*  
246 Church Street  
Sumter, SC 29150  
Hotline  
Phone 803-775-2763

## **Union County**

*Safe Homes, Rape Crisis Coalition*  
158 W. Main Street  
Spartanburg, SC 29306  
Hotline 800-273-5066  
Phone 864-583-9803

## **Williamsburg County**

*Pee Dee Coalition*  
PO Box 1351  
Florence, SC 29503  
Hotline 800-273-1820  
Phone 843-669-4600

## **York County**

*Safe Passage, Inc.*  
PO Box 11458  
Rock Hill, SC 29731  
Hotline 800-659-0977  
Phone 803-329-3349

# *Contributing Agencies and Offices*

The OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL would like to thank all those individuals and offices that contributed to this ceremony, especially:

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South Carolina Law Enforcement Division

South Carolina Sheriffs Offices

South Carolina Coroners Offices

South Carolina Police Departments

Law Enforcement Victim Advocates

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Piggly Wiggly Grocery Store

The City of Columbia

SC Department of Corrections Inmates  
For the silhouettes



# *Contributing Agencies and Offices*

Alpha Chi Omega Sorority

South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic  
Violence and Sexual Assault

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College of Social Work

And

All Those Who Graciously Gave Their Time

For more information about domestic violence in South Carolina,  
please visit the OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL online at

**[www.SCAttorneyGeneral.com](http://www.SCAttorneyGeneral.com)**



# *Silent Witness Information*

The Office of the Attorney General works diligently throughout the year to collect information about domestic violence. This is the ninth year the Office has held the Silent Witness Memorial during October to recognize the victims of this horrible crime.

The information for the Silent Witness Memorial is made possible through the assistance and cooperation of South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) and the offices of South Carolina Solicitors, Sheriffs, Coroners and Police Departments.

Every effort is made to contact the family members of victims remembered during the Silent Witness Ceremony. The loved ones of these victims provided the photographs found in this book.