

# October is ...



# Domestic Violence Awareness Month

## San Francisco Domestic Violence Awareness Month - Draft Calendar of Events for 2023

(This is a work in progress...please let us know if you have any upcoming events!) [beverlv@DVCPartners.org](mailto:beverlv@DVCPartners.org)

**Domestic Violence Awareness Month History** - Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) evolved from the "Day of Unity" in October 1981 conceived by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The intent was to connect advocates across the nation who were working to end violence against women and their children. The Day of Unity soon became an entire week devoted to a range of activities conducted at the local, state, and national levels. The activities conducted were as varied and diverse as the program sponsors but had common themes: mourning those who have died because of domestic violence, celebrating those who have survived, and connecting those who work to end violence.

In October 1987, the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month was observed. That same year marks the initiation of the first national domestic violence toll-free hotline. In 1989 the U.S. Congress passed Public Law 101-112 designating October of that year as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Such legislation has passed every year since with NCADV providing key leadership in this effort. Each year, the Day of Unity is celebrated the first Monday of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Please Join Us in Supporting These Events!  
Let's Start in September!

### Black Women Revolt Against DV - Sept. 29th

#### DV Awareness Launch: African American Art & Cultural Complex 10:00 - 2:00

Black Women Revolt Against Domestic Violence would like to officially invite you to honor [#DomesticViolenceAwarenessMonth](https://www.dvawarenessmonth.org/) and celebrate our 2nd Anniversary with our Domestic Violence Awareness Month Launch on Friday, September 29th. The event will feature a series of panel discussions about how we as providers and community can come together to better support survivors and their families.

Visit the link below to register today.

Registration closes on 9/15, so don't delay!

[bwradv2023dvamonth.eventbrite.com](https://bwradv2023dvamonth.eventbrite.com)

[#DVAM2023](https://www.dvawarenessmonth.org/) [#domesticviolenceawareness](https://www.dvawarenessmonth.org/) [#BWR](https://www.dvawarenessmonth.org/)

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### Asian Women's Shelter - October 7th

#### "GATHER": St. Mary's Cathedral @ 5:30

Honor and uplift survivors who are forging hard-won new lives beyond domestic violence and human trafficking. Be inspired by art, activism, and 35 years of Asian Women's Shelter!

<https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/WebLink.aspx?name=aws&id=33>

### LaCasa - October 19th

#### "Red Hot for Change" The Green Room 6:00 - 9:00

<https://secure.ggiv.com/event/redhotforchange2023/register/>

### APILO - October 20th

#### Unite for Justice: Harborview Restaurant 5:00 - 8:30

Since we last gathered, rights and equalities gained over our 48 years of community work have been taken away. From freedom of reproductive health to LGBTQ and transgender equality, to affirmative action necessary to correct a history of discrimination, to respect for all races, to the very integrity of democracy, our rights have never been more at risk. We respond the way we know best: **WE UNITE.**

<https://secure.givelively.org/event/asian-pacific-islander-legal-outreach/2023-api-legal-outreach-gala-unite-for-justice>

### October 24th: SAVE the DATE (Tentative Date & Time)

#### DV Awareness Month Rally on the Steps of City Hall

The Board of Supervisors' Resolution Recognizing October, 2023 as

Domestic Violence Awareness Month in San Francisco

6:00 pm

### SVDP/ Riley Center - October 26th

#### 30th Annual Brennan Award Dinner: Westin St. Francis Hotel @6:00

Each year, the St. Vincent de Paul Society of San Francisco bestows the Brennan Award to honor individuals whose personal actions have similarly had an extraordinary impact on those in need in our City. The funds raised by the Brennan Award provide crucial support for our programs, and enable our mission to offer hope and service on a direct person-to-person basis, working to break the cycles of homelessness and domestic violence.

<https://host.nxt.blackbaud.com/registration-form/?formId=ba88f2e8-2267-40d3-86f4-227cf5529a4a&envId=p-QH2EguqDW0i69LdCOUYC-g>

### 5 Keys 20th Anniversary Celebration (Including "Home Free" Domestic Violence Program)

Delancey Street Foundation 5:30 - 8:30 + After Party

<https://www.fivekeyscharter.org/20th-anniversary-fundraiser>