



## GEORGIA ADVOCATE E-NEWS

Advocating for Advances in the Domestic Violence Movement

GEORGIA COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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### Meet Marc Effron, GCADV's New Board Treasurer



"I am pleased to bring over 25 years of professional services experience in the areas of accounting, corporate compliance, and law to GCADV. I have served on a number of charitable boards and believe high level governance and controls go hand-in-hand with helping GCADV meet its important mission. I look forward to serving a very capable leadership team and fellow board volunteers."

## Thank You For Your Support

### A message from Jan

Dear Friends of GCADV,



January marked a new year of continued movement building as we work to end violence against women and girls. Before we dive into our work in this new year I would like to pause to reflect on the past year and to say **Thank You**. Your support makes a difference in the lives of domestic violence survivors and their children.

We would also like to recognize our 53 member programs that work 365 days a year across Georgia on behalf of survivors and their families. Member programs make up this coalition and serve in urban, suburban, and rural communities. In the 2017 fiscal year Georgia's state-certified domestic violence programs answered **44,372 crisis line calls**, **sheltered 6,022 victims** and their children, provided **438,557 bed nights** of shelter and conducted **2,326 community awareness and outreach events** with **1,004,375 participants**. While these numbers are significant and impactful, we know that they do not represent all survivors. **There is more work to be done.**

At the heart of the domestic violence movement is social justice. As a nation we recently celebrated the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He challenged us to recognize that injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. As a coalition, we stand not only for the safety, dignity, and justice of victims of domestic violence but also for those who are marginalized in our communities due to their economic status, race, sexual orientation, religion, gender identity, disability, or age. To neglect the needs of our collective community is to ignore our collective humanity. All types of oppression are connected; we will never bring an end to domestic violence without also diving into these issues.

We are all connected by our trauma, trials, and triumphs. There are many small things that we can do in our own communities to create a positive ripple

Mr. Efron is the managing partner of the Atlanta based forensic investigation and consulting firm White Elm Group, LLC. Over his 24 year career, he has directed or participated in over 350 investigation and forensic matters. Marc has extensive experience in the combined fields of auditing, corporate law, and forensic accounting.

Mr. Efron is the former chairman of the Georgia Southern Forensic Accounting Advisory Board and was recently honored by the Atlanta Business Chronicle as a recipient of the 40 under 40 Up & Comers award. White Elm Group was also recognized in the "Best Of" edition of the Fulton County Daily Report.

### GCADV 2017-2018 Board of Directors

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Marc Efron - Treas.  
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### Member Highlight



effect. What I know is that we, collectively, can help to not only transform the lives of survivors but also our cultural and systemic response to domestic violence and abuse. Please continue to support us in this ever-growing movement to end domestic violence.

**#WeBeginsWithMe**

Sincerely,  
Jan Christiansen  
Executive Director

### Stop Violence Against Women Day 2018



Thank you to all who attended SVAWD this year! Hundreds gathered to speak with their representatives on behalf of survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Keep the momentum going by staying informed!

Please view the Press Release [Here](#)  
Facebook Live [Link](#)

Stay tuned for Advocacy Alerts on the  
Housing & Public Safety Bills!  
2018 Advocacy Talking Points [Here](#)

Sponsored by [Mary Kay](#)  
Hosted by GCADV, [GNESA](#), [GCFV](#)

### Race For Empowerment 5k & Wellness Expo!



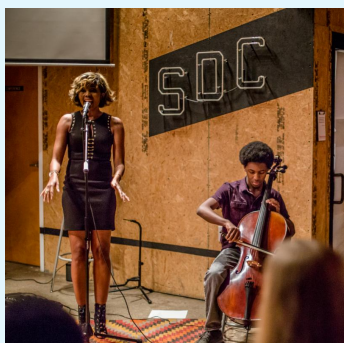
Shelter of Love provides complete care packages for women as they are displaced and transitioned in to their short-term stay at a local shelter due to domestic violence. The care packages include all necessities from toiletries, bedding, and other supplies identified by local shelters. Learn more [here](#).

GCADV has 53 member programs across the state, see our full member list [Here](#).

**February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month**



Check out the awesome events domestic violence shelters across the state are hosting this month! [Here](#)  
Wear orange on Feb 13 and post your pics with #TDVAM #WeBeginsWithMe



shelters due to lack of bed space .



4TH ANNUAL 5K RUN/WALK RACE FOR EMPOWERMENT and Wellness Expo  
**APRIL 29, 2018 PIEDMONT PARK 8AM**

**Register at [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com)**  
 \$25 thru 3/30  
 \$30 thru 4/27  
 \$35 Race Day  
 \$100 5k Teams (2-5 ppl)

Grab your friends and family and create a team!  
 Join & share our [facebook](#) event page!  
 Tutus available for sale online for a limited time!  
 Sign up [Here!](#)

GCADV is in need of sponsors for RFE 2018 please contact Hannah Morgan [hmorgan@gcadv.org](mailto:hmorgan@gcadv.org)

**Our Stories, The Ripple Effect November 4 2017**

GCADV ANNUAL STAND EVENT  
*Our Stories, The Ripple Effect*

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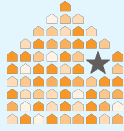
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## National Resources



**NNEDV**

**National Network to  
End Domestic Violence**

[nnedv.org/](http://nnedv.org/)

NNEDV is the leading voice for domestic violence victims and their advocates. NNEDV offers a range of programs and initiatives to address domestic violence.



[womenslaw.org](http://womenslaw.org)

A project of NNEDV providing legal information and support of victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

**For help in Georgia,  
call the STATEWIDE  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
HOTLINE  
1-800-33-HAVEN  
(1.800.334.2836)**

Alfred Vines - Poet  
Abstract C.I.M - Poet  
Jessica Caldas - Performer  
Vandreena Cotton - Videographer  
Katie Allen - Photographer



## 2017 Honorees

**Empower Award - Verizon**

**Collaborate Award - One Billion Rising**

**In The Trenches Award - Kelsey Taylor**

**F.A.I.T.H. in Rabun County**








Stand Event Videos can be viewed [Here](#).

### About GCADV

**Our Mission: Collaborate. Advocate. Educate. Empower.**

GCADV envisions a Georgia free of domestic violence. We empower survivors and the programs that serve them, we educate the public, and we advocate for responsive public policy. Our strength is in numbers, as we collaborate throughout Georgia to stop domestic violence.

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