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CORA ANNOUNCES EVENTS FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Voices Not Forgotten will remember those lost to abuse while the Domestic Violence Awareness Month Celebration honors the progress made toward ending domestic violence.

SAN MATEO, CA – October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. CORA – the only organization offering comprehensive assistance to those experiencing domestic violence in San Mateo County – marks the month with two events, one of remembrance and one of celebration.

Voices Not Forgotten is a remembrance event for those lost to domestic violence in the community. The evening will include remembrance activities, music from duo Jaeger and Reid, and words of remembrance from relatives and county officials.

“Domestic violence lives in the shadows,” said CORA Executive Director, Melissa Lukin, “which means it’s easy for most people to overlook. Stopping to remember those who lost their lives to abuse not only honors their memory, but also reminds us all of the gravity and necessity of ending domestic violence in our community.”

Voices Not Forgotten takes place October 3, 2016 beginning at 5:00 pm at CORA’s community office, 2211 Palm Avenue, San Mateo. This is a free event open to the entire community. For more information and to RSVP visit bit.ly/voicesnotforgotten.

Then on October 20th, CORA presents **Domestic Violence Awareness Month Celebration**, an evening to celebrate the advances made toward ending domestic violence in San Mateo County.

“Abuse is a serious problem, but we shouldn’t forget to celebrate the victories,” says Lynn Engel, CORA’s Director of Development and Communications. “There were brave individuals who escaped and wonderful community members who donated and volunteered to help and that’s worth cheering about.”

The Domestic Violence Awareness Month Celebration begins at 5:30pm on October 20, 2016 upstairs at The Swingin’ Door in San Mateo (106 E. 25th Avenue, San Mateo). There will be wine, drinks, hors d’oeuvres and a drawing of great prizes ... including a week-long stay in Mexico. Tickets are \$20 each and include one chance in the evening’s drawing.

For more information and to purchase tickets visit bit.ly/celebratedvam.

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About CORA

CORA (Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse) provides safety, support and healing for individuals who experience abuse in an intimate relationship, and educates the community to break the cycle of domestic violence. The only agency in San Mateo County with the sole purpose of serving victims and survivors of domestic abuse, CORA provides confidential emergency, intervention and prevention services, including the County’s only emergency shelters, as well as a 24-hour hotline, an emergency response program, therapeutic counseling, legal services, children’s specific programming and supportive housing for survivors. Services are free of charge and are open to anyone needing help. Services are

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