



## **RapidSOS and CORA partner to provide improved safety and security for victims of domestic violence**

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[CORA](#) today announced a partnership with [RapidSOS](#), an emergency technology start-up revolutionizing personal safety and family connectivity. The partnership will offer CORA members, clients, and volunteers one year of free access to the RapidSOS Haven app, providing individuals and families with enhanced access to emergency services. Haven sends important data to 9-1-1 in a discreet way that does not require a spoken conversation with dispatchers.

With one tap on Haven, the app connects the user with the nearest dispatch center anywhere in the contiguous U.S. and Hawaii, while providing a voice connection and a data pipeline to 9-1-1, to transmit:

- Text messages
- Precise location
- Type of emergency
- Relevant medical and demographic data

The app's "Can't Speak" function allows users to notify 9-1-1 when they are in a situation where it is dangerous or difficult to speak. A tap on the "Can't Speak" icon transmits a user's location and relevant information to the dispatcher, without the need for an audible conversation. Additionally, a user can optionally add trusted emergency contacts to be informed when an alert is triggered.

"It is an honor to partner with CORA to contribute to their mission of providing safety to domestic violence victims in San Mateo County," said RapidSOS co-founder and CEO Michael Martin. "Our hope is that Haven will provide members of this community with peace of mind that emergency help is just a tap away."

Working together, RapidSOS and CORA will support the survivors of domestic violence, improve personal security, and empower individuals facing emergency situations.

"We work very closely with first responders in our area to ensure they respond appropriately to domestic violence situations," said Tanisha Hughes, CORA's Director of Crisis and Advocacy Services. "We are thrilled to partner with RapidSOS to give survivors access to Haven. This app will help 9-1-1 and responders receive all the information they need to respond to our community with appropriate care."

The Haven app also includes access to RapidSOS' Family Connect feature. For the first time, people can call 9-1-1 on behalf of a loved one, transmitting their loved one's location and relevant data directly to the dispatch center nearest them.

RapidSOS is offering Haven free for one year to those associated with CORA, if they sign up for the app here: [www.rapidsos.com/cora](http://www.rapidsos.com/cora). The Haven app is available for iPhone and Android devices and works anywhere across the contiguous U.S. and Hawaii, with one touch emergency calling in over 250 countries and jurisdictional territories.

### **About RapidSOS**

RapidSOS was formed in 2012 by a team of M.I.T., Harvard, and Stanford grad students who had personal experiences with the challenges of the existing emergency communication infrastructure. Working closely with the 9-1-1 community, tech and telecom companies, and leading investors, RapidSOS is developing technology to predict and preempt emergencies before they occur, dynamically warn people in harm's way, and ensure that first responders are one touch away globally. Learn more at [www.RapidSOS.com](http://www.RapidSOS.com).

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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 available in English and Spanish, as well as many other languages. To learn more, visit [www.corasupport.org](http://www.corasupport.org). You can also see the latest information by following CORA on twitter (@ENDtoDV) and Facebook (@facebook.com/corasupport).

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