CASA, INC. NEWSLETTER

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

October is domestic violence awareness month (DVAM). DVAM is a time for survivors, advocates, and other community support systems to recognize both the short and long term challenges of domestic violence. The purple DVAM ribbon symbolizes the courage of survivors and dedication of advocates to end domestic violence.

This Month's Awareness Challenge: Once per week, find a way to incorporate the color purple into your outfit in support of DVAM.

LEGISLATION SPOTLIGHT

As of October 1, 2023, a new divorce law went into effect. See below for more details. A Maryland court of law can now grant a divorce under these new terms.

- The parties are separated for a six-month period without interruption before filing for divorce.
- There are "irreconcilable differences as stated by the person filing for the divorce.

Interested in Reading More? https://mdlaws.com/major-changes-in-maryland-divorce-laws-beginning-october-1-2023/#:~:text=Instead%2C%20the%20new%20law%2C%20going,2)%20irreconciliable%20differences%20based%20on
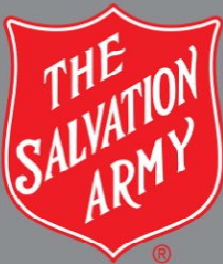
COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT: SALVATION ARMY

Who Are They?: Salvation Army is an international organization that serves vulnerable populations without discrimination.

What Do They Do?: Salvation Army distributes food, clothing, and other basic necessities to those in need throughout the community, including those in Washington County, MD! Salvation Army also houses women and children in their temporary, 30-day shelter located in Hagerstown, as well.

How Can I Support Them?: Consider donating gently used clothing items or non-perishable food items to their organization. See more at... https://hagerstown.salvationarmypotomac.org/

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CASA?

- CASA is still looking for dedicated volunteers and interns! Please contact ashleys@casainc.org (Director of Advocacy Services) for further information.
- CASA has seen a large increase in one-night hotel requests. Donate a hotel stay by contacting our main office at (301) 739-4990 or by downloading the the "SafeNight" app and choosing CASA as your shelter.
  - To see CASA's programs and donations platforms, please visit... https://www.casainc.org/about_casa.html