# WORKING TOGETHER TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

NNEDV Fund Annual Report 2006



#### **Dear Friends:**

The last year at the National Network to End Domestic Violence Fund (NNEDV) has been so exciting! NNEDV is thrilled to be doing this work on behalf of state coalitions, domestic violence shelters and programs across the nation, and millions of survivors of domestic violence.

## A LETTER FROM NNEDV

#### Among the leading 2006 milestones:

- » The *Allstate Economic Justice Project* rolled out its financial literacy curriculum in seven pilot states, as well as an *Education and Job Training Assistance Fund* to provide direct assistance to domestic violence survivors.
- » The first nationwide census conducted by the *Safety Net Project* revealed more than 50,000 women and children sought domestic violence services in a 24-hour period.
- » The *Altria Doors of Hope Grant Program* distributed its last round of grants for state coalitions and local domestic violence programs, bringing the total amount of Altria funding to more than \$30 million.
- » NNEDV provided more than \$270,000 in direct assistance funds for nearly 200 families through the recently renamed *Amy's Courage Fund*.
- » NNEDV offered critical training and technical assistance for state coalitions, and began developing a best practices guide for transitional housing for domestic violence survivors.

The process of developing a new look and brand began to help NNEDV stand out as the premier organization leading the domestic violence movement. The new materials reflect a renewed attentiveness to working together to end domestic violence among national, state and local domestic violence programs and our allies.

We are already well into another year of hard work and dedication. NNEDV needs your support now more than ever. Please consider making a donation to continue NNEDV's efforts to improve resources for state coalitions and local programs, enhance their effectiveness, and give women and children an opportunity to not only survive – but thrive – in the aftermath of domestic violence.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement!

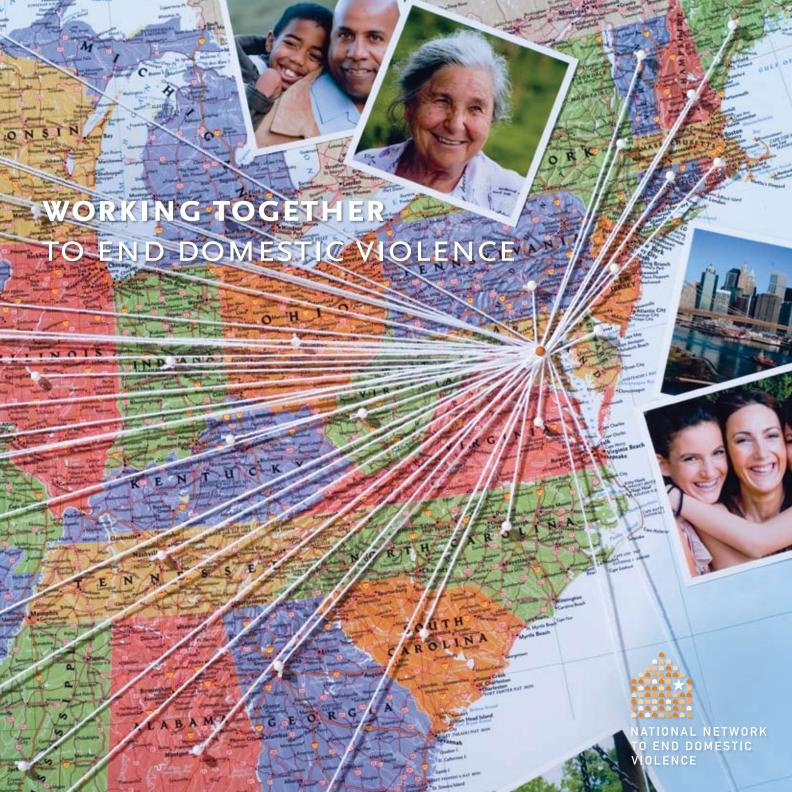
Sincerely,

**Sue Else** 

President

Fernando Laguarda

Chair, NNEDV Fund Board of Directors







The National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV), a social change organization, is dedicated to creating a social, political and economic environment in which violence against women no longer exists.

#### MAKING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE A NATIONAL PRIORITY.

NNEDV is the leading voice for domestic violence victims and their advocates. As a membership and advocacy organization of state and territory domestic violence coalitions, allied organizations and supportive individuals, NNEDV works closely with its members to understand the ongoing and emerging needs of domestic violence victims and advocacy programs. NNEDV then makes sure those needs are heard and understood by policymakers at the national level.

#### STRENGTHENING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVOCACY AT EVERY LEVEL.

NNEDV supports the fight to end domestic violence by providing state coalitions with critical information and resources. From training and technical assistance to innovative programs and strategic funding, NNEDV brings much-needed resources to local communities. At national and regional meetings, members share information and ideas with NNEDV staff and with each other, working together to develop comprehensive solutions.

#### CHANGING THE WAY SOCIETY RESPONDS TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

NNEDV offers a range of programs and initiatives to address the complex causes and far-reaching consequences of domestic violence. Through cross-sector collaborations and corporate partnerships, NNEDV offers support to victims of domestic violence who are escaping abusive relationships — and empowers survivors to build new lives.



TOGETHER,
WE CAN BREAK THE CYCLE

# 1.5 millions

In the United States every year,

1.5 MILLION women are physically or sexually assaulted or stalked by an intimate partner.

25%

**25%** of 8th and 9th grade students have been victims of dating violence.

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**ONE OF FOUR** American women reports being physically or sexually abused by a husband or boyfriend at some point in their lives.

## \$13 billion

Domestic violence costs U.S. employers up to \$13 BILLION annually.

63%

16-24

The Department of Justice consistently finds that girls between the ages of 16 and 24 experience the hightest rate of intimate partner violence.

**63%** of homeless women have been victims of partner violence as adults.



#### FROM CAPITOL HILL...

Congress has the power to pass powerful legislation that can protect and support domestic violence victims. NNEDV is a resource for senators and representatives from every state, ensuring that the needs of state and local domestic violence programs are heard and understood.

#### ...TO THE SUPREME COURT...

Many times, the United States Supreme Court and state appellate courts hear cases that have broad implications for domestic violence victims. NNEDV works with the Law Firm of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky, and Popeo to monitor key court cases and file amicus briefs to ensure that the needs of battered women are represented.

## ...TO COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE NATION...

The state domestic violence coalitions that belong to nned are statewide leaders who work with local domestic violence shelters and programs. The state coalitions keep nned informed about critical issues and emerging needs, and connect nned to local programs. Nned keeps them informed and connected to national and regional resources and information.

#### ...NNEDV IS THERE.



## ALLSTATE FOUNDATION DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM

This groundbreaking partnership between The Allstate Foundation and NNEDV works to address the pervasive and destructive barriers that domestic violence poses to the safety and security of women and their families. The program focuses on providing the knowledge and skills that will help victims of domestic violence achieve economic self-sufficiency. As part of this groundbreaking partnership, The Allstate Foundation and NNEDV developed an economic empowerment curriculum and created the Education and Job Training Assistance Fund, which provides small grants to survivors of domestic violence.



#### **AMY'S COURAGE FUND**

In 2007, NNEDV renamed its Direct Assistance Fund to Amy's Courage Fund in honor of Amy Lynne Latus and other victims who have tragically lost their lives due to domestic violence. Through this direct assistance fund, NNEDV offers emergency financial grants of up to \$2,000 to domestic violence survivors, and their children, who are fleeing abusive homes. These one-time grants help survivors rebuild their lives free of abuse.

#### **SAFETY NET PROJECT**

The National Safe & Strategic Technology Project (Safety Net) educates victims of domestic and sexual violence, their advocates and the general public on strategic ways to use technology to help escape abusive relationships. Safety Net also trains police officers and prosecutors on how to identify and hold stalkers accountable for misusing technology.

#### TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

NNEDV staff work with state domestic violence coalitions to assess program needs and help develop appropriate training and technical assistance plans. NNEDV also provides affordable expert speakers and trainers for conferences, workshops and training institutes.

# TOGETHER, WE CAN CHANGE LIVES

#### TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

NNEDV provides technical assistance to state domestic violence coalitions, local domestic violence programs, other nonprofit organizations, and local and state agencies in creating best practices for transitional housing and related services for women fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking.

#### WOMEN OF COLOR LEADERSHIP PROJECT

NNEDV provides technical assistance to enhance leadership opportunities for women of color, particularly in the areas of program development, management and policy advocacy.

#### VAWA IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT

NNEDV collaborates with state coalitions to assist states and local communities in implimenting the Violence Against Women Act (vawa), and provides state coalitions with the latest information about vawa programs, policies and legislative changes.

#### **VOTEPOWER**

Working with domestic violence advocates and election officials across the country, this program tackles the many barriers that keep victims of domestic violence from voting. In addition to voter education and engagement, VotePower helps implement local protocols that allow victims to vote without compromising their safety and confidentiality.



#### **ABOUT NNEDV**

The National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) is working to create a world where violence against women no longer exists.

NNEDV ensures the voices of battered women and their children are heard in the halls of Congress. At the same time, NNEDV works through state domestic violence coalitions to make the world a safer place for women and children in communities across the nation.

Domestic violence is a pervasive problem that requires comprehensive, long-term solutions. Through its programs and initiatives, NNEDV:

- » Keeps policymakers informed about critical issues and emerging needs
- » Provides resources to state and local domestic violence programs
- » Monitors court cases at the state and national levels
- » Supports women and children who are fleeing abuse
- » Facilitates collaboration and advocacy at the state and local levels

Visit www.nnedv.org to learn more about NNEDV and the steps you can take to make a difference.

On the website, you will find:

- » More information about NNEDV's programs and partners
- » Details about legislative priorities and legal action
- » Links to state domestic violence coalitions
- » Ways you can get involved including signing up for action alerts

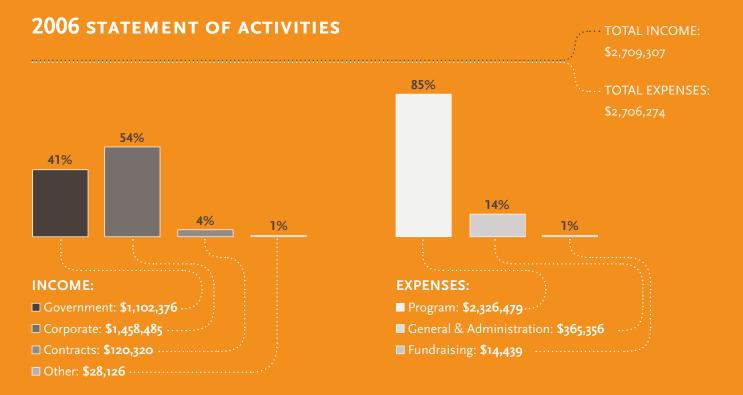
If you share NNEDV'S vision of a world without domestic violence, please consider making a charitable donation. NNEDV also urges you to provide direct support to a domestic violence program in your community, both as a donor and a volunteer.

Together, we can end domestic violence.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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#### 2006 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION



☐ Current Assets: **\$1,852,199** 

■ Fixed Assets: **\$37,761** 

■ Other Assets: **\$6,520** 



■ Current Liabilities: \$89,075

■ Temporarily Restricted Net Assets: \$1,725,023

■ Other Assets: \$82,382

All of NNEDV's work would be impossible without the support and involvement of its corporate, government and foundation funders. These partners pave the way for NNEDV and its affiliates to work toward ending domestic violence. NNEDV offers heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the following 2006 funders:

#### **SPECIAL THANKS:**



Altria has provided more than \$30 million in funding for shelters and domestic violence programs across the country, filling gaps in funding areas not covered by state or federal dollars.



The Foundation has awarded more than \$2 million to assist domestic violence survivors since 2005. It recently developed a financial empowerment curriculum that enables survivors to engage in financial planning to accomplish personal financial goals.



ovw provides national leadership in developing the nation's capacity to reduce violence against women through the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). ovw has awarded nearly \$2 billion in grants.

#### LIZ claiborne inc

Liz Claiborne has used its corporate profile and influence to share anti-violence messages over the past 14 years. It has invested more than \$7 million in the effort to end domestic violence.

#### **CTIA** The Wireless Foundation

The Foundation collects wireless phones to benefit survivors of domestic violence and has awarded more than \$10 million in funding to charities that seek to end family violence.



The Foundation awards \$3 million to shelters across the United States every year, and has funded two powerful documentaries.

### MINTZ LEVIN

Mintz Levin works closely with NNEDV to ensure that battered women's voices are represented in landmark court cases heard by the United States Supreme Court and state appellate courts. It assists NNEDV with developing responses to critical issues.