



DV NEWS

A Newsletter of the Domestic Violence Program

of

**Catholic Charities
of Delaware, Otsego and Schoharie Counties**

“Shine the Light”

A Domestic Violence Awareness Event



A time to remember and honor those victimized by domestic violence, and to celebrate with those that have survived

Join us for a candlelight vigil:

Tuesday, October 17, 2017, 6:00 PM sharp

Refreshments to follow

St. Vincent de Paul Church courtyard

138 Washington Avenue, Cobleskill

For more information please call: **234-3581**

The evening will include:

Keynote Speaker: Margaret Marie, M.S., C.R.C., book author, counselor, private consultant, Trauma Recovery Facilitator, and survivor of trauma related to family violence.

Also Featuring:

Song and Readings

“Shine the Light” Award Presentation

Survivor Speeches



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October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. It is a time to unite those that are working to end domestic violence, and activities take place on local, statewide, and national levels. The intended purpose of these activities are to mourn those who have died because of domestic violence, celebrate those who have survived, and connect those who work to end violence.

National statistics indicate that 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men will experience some type of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) in their lifetime. Most people report that their first IPV

episode took place between their adolescence and their early 20s. Other statistics indicate that it may take a person who chooses to leave an abusive relationship up to 6-7 times before they are able to leave for good. Many social, emotional, and economic factors can come into play, making it hard for the abuse survivor to live separately from the abuser. Supporting abuse survivors includes believing their story, and supporting the survivor without judgment. Support for survivors also includes holding offenders accountable for their abusive behaviors. When people look the other way, shrug it off, make excuses, or mock the victim/survivor, the abusive behavior is reinforced and the abuser is empowered. Every part of society has a part to play in changing societal attitudes toward IPV/domestic violence.