

Borrowing Action Alliance Public Awareness Exhibits

Affiliate and Sexual & Domestic Violence Advocacy members of the Action Alliance, including Sexual and Domestic Violence Agencies, college campuses, local coordinating councils, and other groups may reserve exhibits for display locally. If you are not a member of the Action Alliance, you are invited to partner with a member agency to borrow an exhibit.

For those exhibits that require Action Alliance staff set-up, we ask you to contribute \$100 to help defray costs for travel and materials.

Most exhibits may be displayed in community centers, college common areas, military bases, art galleries, hospitals, shopping malls, court-houses, libraries, places of worship, or other public spaces that are reasonably protected and secure.

If you have questions about whether a venue is suitable, please contact us.

Contact us:

Please contact the Action Alliance for more information on how to host exhibits at info@vsdvalliance.org or (804) 377-0335.

About the Action Alliance

The Virginia Sexual & Domestic Violence Action Alliance is the recognized leader in Virginia's response to sexual and domestic violence.

We are a coalition of people and agencies devoted to ending sexual and domestic violence with a 30-year history of working to create safe homes and communities in Virginia.

We train professionals working to address and prevent sexual and domestic violence, advocate for laws that strengthen Virginia's response to violence, work to ensure adequate funding is available for crisis centers and prevention programs, and educate communities about sexual and domestic violence.

For more information, call 804.377.0335 or visit www.vsdvalliance.org.



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“Beautiful artistic expressions of survival— an excellent means of breaking the silence and breaking free.”

—comment by visitor to Art of Surviving exhibit



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BEATING HEARTS:

stories of domestic violence

A photographic project inspired by true stories of domestic violence. The exhibit features a series of posters based on stories and artwork from the original Beating Hearts exhibit by artists Kate Sartor Hilburn and Terrie Queen Autrey.

Twelve laminated posters displayed on a 10 foot wall (included in the display) powerfully reflect the experiences of domestic violence victims/survivors in their own words, and address such topics as “why does she stay?”, the roots of domestic violence, and commonly held myths about domestic violence.



This gripping exhibit is useful for conveying information about the dynamics of domestic violence in a conference or workshop environment, and/or on display in a community building (such as a public library or hospital).

The Art of Surviving sexual violence

An exhibit of artwork and poetry created by survivors of sexual violence across Virginia. The art and poetry provide survivors, many of whom have felt silenced in their victimization, a voice with which to discuss sexual victimization and healing and to speak out about the realities of sexual violence and survivorship through artistic expression.

The exhibit encourages individuals and communities to think about and discuss the nature and effects of sexual violence, the spiritual aspects of violence and healing, and what we can do to end sexual violence.

The collection includes over 50 pieces. Selected pieces may be installed on moveable walls in a small setting, or the entire collection may be installed for a longer engagement in venues such as a gallery or library.



A visual memorial to victims of family and intimate partner homicide.

The Silent Witnesses are life-sized plywood silhouettes painted red. Each one bears a shield on which is written the story of a Virginia woman, child, or man who was killed by an abusive partner. The silhouettes also memorialize bystanders who were killed in attacks on an intimate partner.



Silent Witness memorials are portable, and can be used for both indoor and outdoor events, such as marches and vigils.

As of 2011, the Silent Witness silhouettes have been divided among six host agencies across the Commonwealth. Contact the Action Alliance to find the host agency closest to you.