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**Give Hope
Event raises awareness and funds for victims of abuse and their children**

Bellevue, Washington – Washington State Attorney General Rob McKenna and wife Marilyn Chair Eastside Domestic Violence Program's (EDVP) Annual Safe Passage Breakfast ~ Give Hope on October 2, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency Bellevue. Registration begins at 7:00am; Program is from 7:30am to 8:30am.

Keynote Speaker, Dr. Jill Murray, renowned expert on domestic violence and teen dating violence will address the critical effect of domestic violence on children, teens, adults, family and society. Dr. Murray has appeared on 20/20 and the Oprah Winfrey Show.

EDVP's 2009 Corporate Partner of the Year, Verizon Wireless Hopeline will accept the award for their innovative leadership and ongoing support to end domestic violence. Verizon Wireless Hopeline continues a decade long partnership with EDVP which has increased awareness in the community and provides ongoing support of EDVP's life-saving services. They have provided thousands of cell phones through the Hopeline Program to assist victims of domestic violence.

Jean Enersen, will be recognized as EDVP's Community Leader of the Year for her inspirational support and leadership and thousands of hours of service to promote our cause and support our mission protecting domestic violence victims and their children. Worldmark by Wyndham will also receive the Leadership Team of the Year Award. Rob McKenna, Dr. Jill Murray, Barbara Langdon, EDVP's Executive Director, and award winners will be available immediately following the program for comments and interviews.

In attendance will be approximately 500 guests, corporate and civic leaders, legislative officials and socially active philanthropists. The Safe Passage Breakfast ~ Give Hope goal is to raise awareness and funds for life-saving services for victims of abuse in our community.

Since 1982, EDVP has grown to become one of Washington's largest domestic violence service providers serving more than 100,000 victims of domestic violence and their children. Eastside Domestic Violence Program shelters are full. The need for life-saving services far outweighs the resources available to help domestic violence victims and their children needing assistance.

Emcee - Jean Enersen, KING 5. Event Chairmen - Bill Hayden, Microsoft Corporation.

Matching Sponsor: Lucky Seven Foundation; Premier Sponsor: Wells Fargo
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Attendance Drawing: Win a Three Day Getaway from Worldmark by Wyndham! Must be present to win.

This event is open to the public. To register or learn more please visit: www.edvp.kintera.org/safepassage or contact Lisa Arnold at 425-562-8840, Ext. 239 or lisaa@edvp.org.

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