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Eastside Domestic Violence Program “Gives Hope”

With community support EDVP helps victims of abuse heal and find peace

Bellevue, WA. April 27, 2009 - Eastside Domestic Violence Program (EDVP) hosts its 25th Annual Dinner & Auction fundraiser May 16, 2009 at Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue. Proceeds benefit the many women and children in EDVP's confidential, homeless shelters and programs. EDVP is the only domestic violence service provider in East and North King County.

Catch a Rising Star ~ Give Hope ~ Dinner & Auction emcee **Molly Shen, KOMO 4 News Anchor** and auctioneer **Howard Choder** host an exciting evening for EDVP. **Judge Joan DuBuque** is the 2009 winner of the annual *Norm Maleng Honoree Award* for her outstanding leadership and tireless work in support of justice for families and children and ending domestic violence in our community.

Guests will enjoy a Silent and Live Auction, wine tasting with our favorite Washington wineries, a gourmet dinner and dancing with Bobby Medina & the Red Hot Band. Bid on unique items and fabulous experiences including an original blown glass Chihuly, vacation homes in Australia and Bali and fantastic trips in the U.S. and abroad! Other items include original jewelry, art, a Mike Holmgren autographed Seahawks football, tickets to airlines, sporting events, theatre, restaurants, wine excursions, and much more.

During dinner, learn about the life-saving services that EDVP provides the community and how the Redmond Police Department and EDVP partnered to save a woman and her three children. Guests will have the opportunity to raise their bid cards high to fund EDVP's vital services to end domestic violence. Community support will change lives and ~ Give Hope ~ to families in need.

Individual Tickets: \$125, Table of Ten \$1,250

Doors open at 5:00 pm, black tie preferred.

For an Auction Item Preview visit <http://edvp.maestroweb.com>.

RSVP today to **Lisa Arnold** at 425-562-8840 Ext. 239 or lisaa@edvp.org.

The Facts: Nationally, **1 in 4 women** will experience domestic violence and **1 in 5 teenagers** will experience dating violence. There are an estimated **90,750** domestic violence incidents in King County each year. EDVP is one of Washington's largest domestic violence service providers with the 24-Hour Crisis Line, confidential emergency shelter, transitional housing, permanent housing, advocacy-based counseling, women's and children's support groups, rental assistance, legal advocacy, and community education and training.

Last year, EDVP served **4,026** victims of abuse and answered **8,045** crisis line calls. An additional **28,070** individuals were educated and trained on domestic violence in our community. Without EDVP services, victims of violence in their homes would have no safe place to go to escape abuse. One-hundred percent of the families in EDVP's shelters are homeless due to domestic violence and 100 percent of the children and teens are traumatized by witnessing or experiencing physical, emotional, or sexual abuse.

Breaking the cycle of violence can be difficult but with programs like EDVP, families can achieve economic self-sufficiency and live free from abuse. Eastside Domestic Violence Program's **turn-away rate is currently 18 to 1** – meaning for every one individual sheltered, 18 are turned away.

Join EDVP in their mission to end domestic violence. Reserve your ticket now or make a financial contribution on their web site at www.edvp.org or by sending a check to EDVP, PO Box 6398, Bellevue, WA 98008.

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