



Press Release: October 30, 2019

Center for Domestic Peace's Volunteers to Receive Leaders of the North Bay Awards November 1

What: Voces de Cambio, (Voices of Change), Center for Domestic Peace (C4DP's) volunteer group made up of domestic violence survivors, will be awarded the North Bay Leadership Council's thirteenth Leaders of the North Bay Award on Friday.

Who: Voces de Cambio (Voces) is a community-based volunteer group comprised of 19 former C4DP service users and survivors of domestic violence who are active in outreach, education, and organizing within the Spanish-speaking community and to other underserved and underrepresented communities in Marin and beyond.

Voces is predominately comprised of immigrant women, several of whom are monolingual, raising children (many as single parents), and working multiple jobs.

Why: For the past 15 years, this amazing group of community volunteers has achieved breathtaking results. C4DP's success in reaching isolated Spanish-speaking women is due in large part to the efforts of Voces. Voces has a long history of working and volunteering in the community to bring awareness and education by shifting norms around culturally-acceptable behavior within the Latino community and increasing help-seeking behavior among victims.

In the past 12 months alone, this group of volunteers devoted 220 volunteer hours toward purposefully expanding their activism to reach more people impacted by domestic violence in new and diverse way. They do this through reaching out to marginalized groups such as members of the LGBTQ in the Latino community. Voces opens the door for Latinos to seek help in situations of domestic violence causing a 52% increase in Latina victims assisted through advocacy efforts. They inspire community activism to end domestic violence.

When: Date: November 1, 2019 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Where: Doubletree Hotel, 1 Doubletree, Rohnert Park, CA 94928

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About Center for Domestic Peace

Center for Domestic Peace (C4DP) leads a comprehensive community effort to end the #1 violent crime in Marin County: domestic violence. We provide transformational services and programs that protect and enhance victim safety, and ultimately engage our community in permanent change. C4DP's programs helping children, teens, women, and men to live violence-free lives include: 24-hour hotlines; emergency shelters; transitional housing; support groups; legal advocacy; school programs; community prevention and education projects; professional continuing education programs; corporate, state, and nation-wide trainings; leadership development programs; and resource identification. Learn more at www.centerfordomesticpeace.org