

2010 Annual Ahimsa / Nonviolence Seminar
University of Connecticut, Thomas Dodd Center (405 Babbidge Road, Storrs)**
Saturday, October 2, 2010 [Mahatma Gandhi's Birth Anniversay]
Program: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
Complimentary Luncheon and Networking: 12:30 – 2:30 pm

PEACE BEGINS AT HOME
Overcoming Domestic Violence in Connecticut

WELCOME REMARKS:

Linda Blozie, Director of Public Affairs for CT Coalition Against Domestic Violence, will assess the latest round of legislation signed into law to give greater protection for women and teens
Shanthi Rao, Coordinator of Interval House West, will address direct service triumphs and challenges particularly for suburban-based survivors of domestic violence
Venida Rodman Jenkins (Women Center, UConn),
Lt. Magdalena Vargas (UConn Police Services),
Q & A: All Speakers, Community Group Representatives.

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In the depths of darkness, the kind of darkness that you can be cast into if you have a partner who tears you to pieces, it seems as though the light will never come again. But finding your way back to freedom and dignity is truly possible, and you will smile again.

The human heart has an almost unlimited ability to bounce back from spiritually destructive experiences. Some deep part of us, the soul you could call it, fights not just for life, but for a good life, and a just one.

In the U.S. and in more than 80 countries around the world, domestic violence is a crime. Domestic violence, which can take many forms, is defined as a pattern of abusive tactics perpetrated by a spouse, partner or significant other, with the goal of establishing or maintaining power and control over the receiver of such abuse.

Examples of domestic violence include Psychological and Emotional Abuse – one is told she/he is ugly, fat, hopeless, stupid, a bad parent, and so on. This type of abuse includes stalking, intimidation or emotional blackmail with statements that say, “If you really love me, you would ...”

Another example includes Financial Abuse – one is not given enough money to feed and clothe herself/himself or the children, or receives no money for paying bills but is expected to make ends meet. This type of abuse also can take the form of being forced to hand over money to the abuser or is prevented from getting or keeping a job. Domestic violence can happen occasionally or continuously, and often gets worse over time. There is reason to hope and there is help out there. Please join us for this important conversation.

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