

## Sample Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Thousands of concerned citizens across Texas will recognize October, 2008, as Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM). The goal of DVAM is to increase public awareness about the realities of domestic violence and encourage all individuals to take action by being an important part of preventing violence before it occurs.

Unfortunately, men have not been historically engaged on the issue of preventing violence against women and children. Men can and must play a key role in setting social norms for other men. Men in ***(name of your city)*** and across the state can promote more positive attitudes and behavior related to violence against women.

Domestic violence is an extremely serious problem for women, children, and men. Significant numbers of women report being physically or sexually abused by a husband or boyfriend at some point in their lives. In ***(name of your city)*** we served ***(number of victims served by your agency)*** victims of domestic violence in 2007.

We encourage and urge all of our fellow citizens in ***(name of your community)*** to support the survivors of domestic violence and challenge them to become a part of a preventative solution. We firmly believe men as fathers, brothers, coaches, teachers, uncles and mentors are in a unique position to prevent domestic violence through action and conversation. Together we can prevent and eliminate domestic violence.

For more information or to get involved in domestic violence prevention contact: ***(your program and contact information)***.

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