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[www.mcadsv.org](http://www.mcadsv.org)**Introduction to Fundraising Software**December 2, 2003  
Detroit, Michigan

Access, DonorPerfect or Paradigm? GiftmakerPro or Raiser's Edge? How do you know where to begin when evaluating fundraising software? Volunteer Accounting Service Team of Michigan will help you learn how fundraising software differs when looking at their data management and work flow capabilities. Discover other important features and functionalities that your organization may find critical. The cost is only \$25. Visit [www.vastmi.org](http://www.vastmi.org) or call Linda Koch at (313) 647-9620 ext. 205 for more details.

**This Far By Faith—Come Back Home to Yourself: A Discourse on Identity Development**February 12-15, 2004  
Atlanta, Georgia

This Far By Faith 2004, sponsored by The Black Church and Domestic Violence Institute, is devoted to a more in-depth exploration of the issues that relate to gender identity, faith and cultural belonging within intimacy—or “coming back home to yourself.” This Far By Faith brings together clergy and activists of color with allies to more effectively cultivate appropriate responses to the myriad of ways that violence manifests in the lives of women of faith. A list of workshops, schedule of events and registration forms are available at [www.bcdvi.org](http://www.bcdvi.org).

**The Revolution Will Not Be Funded: Beyond the Non-Profit Industrial Complex**April 30-May 1, 2004  
University of California-Santa Barbara

Social justice organizations within the U.S. largely operate under the 501(c)3 non-profit model. This conference will address the impact of the non-profit industrial complex on social justice movements, including anti-violence organizing. Activists often have difficulty conceiving the development of organizing structures outside this model. Yet we know that social justice movements in other countries often reject this model as counterproductive toward creating real social change. This conference, sponsored by Incite! Women of Color Against Violence, is for anti-violence activists, social justice activists, and people working within non-profits who want to struggle with these issues. For more information contact Andrea Smith, University of Michigan, at (734) 231-1845 or visit [www.incite-national.org](http://www.incite-national.org).

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**Clemency for Battered Women Prisoners**

by Lynne Walter, MSW student intern at Domestic Violence Project, Inc./SAFE House

On Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2003, a group of over 100 people rallied together in front of the Capitol building in Lansing, MI, to demand clemency from Governor Jennifer Granholm for 20 battered women prisoners. Students from as far away as Ann Arbor met on the steps, holding placards stating: “We support clemency!” Mothers stood with teenage daughters holding signs. The diverse crowd chanted and cheered in response to the Radical Cheerleaders, who energized us all with a variety of consciousness-raising rhymes and rhythms including, “No Justice, No Peace!” Two banners reading “Governor Granholm: Free Battered Women Prisoners” stretched across the Capitol steps, and numerous people in the crowd held signs such as “Freedom for Battered Women Prisoners,” “Free Melissa Chapman,” and “Free Kim Lundgren.”

As volunteers read short biographies of the 20 women, the crowd stood in respectful silence. Only gasps of disbelief at the abuse and judicial system errors could be heard. The biographies described the women's situations and the injustices they endured during the judicial process: first the woman's name was read, then the number by which she is now known in prison, the prison where she is incarcerated, her charge and sentence, and the abusive situation which led to her imprisonment. The roll-call style of this reading was chilling and extremely effective in calling attention to the need for clemency for these women and for a greater understanding of domestic violence in the law enforcement and judicial communities.

Various coordinators of the Michigan Battered Women's Clemency Project (Carol Jacobson, Lore Rogers, and Lynn D'Orio) then spoke, requesting that Governor Granholm grant clemency to the women. Friends and family of these women were invited to speak, and several did. One of them was the adult son of Anita Posey (one of the twenty women for whom clemency is being sought), who gave a very moving testimony and plea for her to be brought home.

Carol Jacobsen concluded the rally with some closing remarks, sharing with people that the Clemency Project had

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Our mission is to develop and promote efforts aimed at the elimination of all domestic and sexual violence in Michigan.

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obtained the release of two women in 1999 through motions for relief from judgment. Ms. Jacobsen also called upon supporters to keep the faith, to keep writing letters to the governor, and to remember that self-defense is not a crime in Michigan that merits punishments of life-sentences.

The question "Why hold a rally for clemency?" may be raised by people who are not involved with domestic violence work. The answers to this question are many. The justice system of the United States is one that is touted as being extremely fair, so when egregious miscarriages of justice occur, informing politicians, lawmakers, and the general public is an absolute necessity. Furthermore, a rally in a public place helps both to educate people about the pervasiveness of domestic violence in our society as well as to dispel stereotypes about survivors. Lastly, and possibly most importantly, the rally and other work being done by the Michigan Battered Women's Clemency Project is essential to creating a healthy and fair society for all, and inspires us, to paraphrase the eloquence of Ghandi, to "be the change we want to see in the world."

### Stop Family Violence Fundraising Stamp

The U.S. Postal Service has issued a new fundraising stamp supporting the fight against domestic violence. The price of the Stop Family Violence stamp will be 45 cents.

Funds raised in connection with sales of the stamp will be transferred to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in accordance with the provisions of the Stamp Out Domestic Violence Act of 2001, which was passed by Congress and signed into law in 2001.



### New Studies Available on Violence Prevention

*Reprinted from the Family Violence Prevention Fund.*

#### Promoting Prevention, Targeting Teens

This year long study concluded that violence reduction must target teens. The Family Violence Prevention Fund and the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation issued an unprecedented report. A copy of this report is available at <http://endabuse.org/field/PromotingPrevention1003.pdf>.

#### Integrating Community Building and Violence Prevention

Integrating violence prevention and community building work provides myriad challenges and opportunities particularly regarding the very public aspect of community building and the very private issue of family violence. A copy of this report is available at <http://endabuse.org/field/Integrating1003.pdf>.

### Golden Voices: Support Groups for Older Abused Women

The National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life, a program of the Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence is proud to introduce *Golden Voices*. This valuable resource will help people who are interested in developing support groups for older victims of domestic abuse. *Golden Voices* is available at the Michigan Resource Center.

**National Domestic Violence Hotline**  
**Linea Nacional sobre la**  
**Violencia Domestica**  
 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)  
 TTY 1-800-787-3224

**Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network**  
**RAINN**  
 1-800-656-HOPE (4673)

### MCADSV Offers Sexual Assault Advocates Networking Forum

The Michigan Sexual Assault (MISA) Program list serve is a moderated list designed to provide participants with a safe forum to network and consult with their peers while delivering current information, research and resources on sexual violence. This list was designed for all staff working in sexual assault programs in Michigan. The MISA Program list serve provides an opportunity for advocates to problem-solve, gain new insight, process new ideas, and discuss anti-sexual violence strategies with activists from across the state. Contact Jessica Coloma ([jcoloma@mcadsv.org](mailto:jcoloma@mcadsv.org)) or Jenefer O'Dell ([jodell@mcadsv.org](mailto:jodell@mcadsv.org)) for more information or to join the list.

### Cut It Out: Salons Against Domestic Abuse

Because of the intimate and trusting relationships clients often develop with their salon professional, clients sometimes reveal painful stories of emotional and physical abuse that they hide from family and friends. Thousands of salon professionals want to help, but few know what to say or do. A nationwide campaign is raising awareness of the prevalence of domestic abuse in the United States. The cosmetology industry, the media, and Consultants with *Southern Living At HOME* are supporting this awareness initiative. Salon professionals are trained to spot signs of domestic abuse and to safely refer those individuals to professional resources for help. Cut it Out: Salons Against Domestic Abuse builds awareness of domestic violence through posters and brochures to be displayed in salons and cosmetology schools and offers training for salon professionals. For information on how you can get involved or to order materials visit [www.cutitout.org](http://www.cutitout.org).

### Sexual Assault Booklet Now Available for Teens and College Students

TS Nelson has released new resources for sexual assault survivors and professionals and volunteers working with survivors. Special editions of the book *Coping with Sexual Assault: A Guide to Resolution, Healing and Recovery*, a resource created for adult survivors of sexual assault, are now available for teens, college students, professionals and volunteers. This sexual assault handbook is available in English, Spanish, Braille and large print.

The booklets were developed in conjunction with a national advisory team of experts in the field, including rape survivors. For more information, including order forms and excerpts from the booklets, visit [www.tsnelson.com](http://www.tsnelson.com).

### Women of Color Task Force

The Women of Color Task Force General Meeting and Networking Lunch will be held on December 12 at the MCADSV offices. In the last year, the WOCTF has changed leadership and started a restructuring plan that will encourage future leadership and continue the Women of Color Institute. Please fax your RSVP by December 1 to Paula Callen at (517) 347-1377.

### IAFN Needs Help in Developing a Resource Library

The International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN) is looking for resources such as report forms, screening tools, policies and protocols to establish a searchable database for nurses. If your program has developed any of these resources, please submit them via email to Kimberly Marrero at [iafn@ajj.com](mailto:iafn@ajj.com). To learn more about IAFN visit [www.iafn.org](http://www.iafn.org).