

## **WHAT IS ACTION OHIO?**

**ACTION OHIO** Coalition For Battered Women is a statewide domestic violence coalition established in 1976 to foster the development of battered women's shelters in Ohio. Membership is open to individuals, domestic violence shelters, programs and task forces, nonprofit organizations, government entities and businesses. All are concerned about family and community violence and committed to doing their part to stop the violence in homes, schools and the workplace. ACTION OHIO is a 501c3 organization and donations, including membership fees, are tax-deductible.

**ACTION OHIO's** core services include:

- Printed & online resources at [www.actionohio.org](http://www.actionohio.org)
- Referral services for survivors, families, friends, co-workers & general public
- Support services & problem solving for survivors & people who care about them
- Community outreach & education
- Public awareness activities & special events, and
- Public policy & legislative advocacy.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

To promote quality programs, services and resources to survivors of domestic violence.



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*Domestic violence is  
a deadly crime that creates  
a painful void -*

## ***An Empty Place at the Table™***

*for families whose loved ones  
were killed by their abusers.*

**Memorial Exhibit  
In the Atrium at the Statehouse  
October 26, 2011  
10:00 A.M.—3:00 P.M.**



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## ***WHEN AND HOW IT BEGAN***

Following a cluster of domestic violence murders in Lackawanna County, PA (1993), the community responded by holding a rally and march outside the courthouse. To keep the momentum for social change alive, rally organizers and the Women's Resource Center, Inc., a member of the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence (PCADV), worked to create An Empty Place at the Table.

The exhibit demonstrates the devastating results of violence against women and children and helps ensure that these victims are not forgotten. In a most poignant and visual manner, the exhibit reveals how domestic violence undeniably leaves an empty place at the table.

Join ACTION OHIO Coalition For Battered Women in memorializing victims who have been killed as a result of domestic violence.

## ***GOALS FOR THIS EXHIBIT***

- To remember & honor Ohio's domestic violence homicide victims by listing their names & telling their stories.
- To raise awareness about domestic violence & its impact on families & our communities.
- To provide support to grieving families & friends & to foster healing.



*Domestic Violence Affects Everyone.  
Help prevent another Empty Place  
-another life lost.*

## ***WHO SHOULD BE INVOLVED?***

***Family and friends*** of loved ones killed as a result of domestic violence.

***Domestic violence shelters/program staff, board & volunteers.***

***EMS personnel and police officers,*** who put their lives on the line responding to domestic disputes.

***Medical personnel,*** who treat domestic violence victims in emergency rooms every day.

***Corporations,*** whose absenteeism and health care costs have increased because of violence in the homes of employees.

***Everyone*** interested in advocating on behalf of victims of domestic violence.

## ***MEMORIAL EXHIBIT***

The exhibit is held each year in October, which is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. If you are interested in participating or would like more information, please contact:

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