

# Flo's Garden Party Newsletter

## 2009 Flo's Garden Party – A big success!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who made Flo's Garden Party such a smashing success in 2009. If you attended the party, if you gave a contribution, if you created and served some of the delicious

refreshments, if you won a silent auction item and if you donated an item for the auction – YOU ALL HELPED MAKE IT A SUCCESS!

## Accomplishments made possible with your support

With your financial support ACTION OHIO has accomplished many things since the 2009 garden party:

Listened to the stories of hundreds of domestic violence victims & offered support & information;

Referred victims to local shelters, legal services & counselors;

Presented workshops on 1) serving victims with disabilities & 2) link between animal cruelty & human violence;

Highlighted the impact of guns in domestic incidents at our Annual Meeting;

Lobbied for an Address Confidentiality Program to help victims hiding from their abusers;

Sponsored An Empty Place at the Table™ public awareness event honoring the lives of Ohio victims murdered by their abusers;

Launched a project with Columbus Public Health to assess over 200

clients for domestic violence & provide safety planning & community resource information;

Conducted a news conference on stalking in January, National Stalking Awareness Month, highlighting a stalking victim's true story.

## Special Thanks to 2009 Flo's Garden Party Sponsors

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From left, Flo Gibson, Holly Shai, Sally & Bill Reynolds.

## *Save the date! – June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Flo's Garden Party*



PLEASE SAVE JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup> ON YOUR CALENDAR for our 2010 Garden Party. With your help, we will make it even more successful than the last one. Once again Sally and Bill Reynolds have agreed to share their beautiful setting with us for the event. Jeanne Tyson has promised an array of wonderful items for the Silent Auction and Jamie Baun is already thinking about varied and delicious refreshments to serve us. Flo Gibson is launching her

prayers heavenward for good weather!

SPECIAL INVITED GUESTS will include several STATE LEGISLATORS who have sponsored DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BILLS in the Ohio General Assembly.

And we welcome back THE COUNTRY BAND to provide live and lively entertainment, thanks to Shirley McClelland and her friends. We'll see you on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

## *ACTION OHIO's Plan for 2010*

Some of ACTION OHIO's plans for 2010 include:

- Education and support groups for victims of stalking;
- Free brochures & safety cards for college students about stalking on campus;
- Special event for 100 teenage girls at the Statehouse focused on teen dating violence;
- Workshop for school personnel & others serving teens about dating violence & mandatory changes to health class curriculum & training for teachers;
- Training programs for hospital personnel on mandatory reporting & domestic violence laws;
- Outreach to county departments of job & family services about clients who may be domestic violence victims;



- Professional education event on Shaken Baby Syndrome & its relationship to domestic violence;
- Public Policy Briefing on pending domestic violence legislation in the Ohio General Assembly.

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