

# February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month!

One in three teens will experience dating violence and two-thirds of them will never report it. Abuse crosses all social, economic and ethnic boundaries, devastating a young person's health and safety. Dating violence hurts victims, families, friends, schools and communities.

**It's time to break the cycle.**

Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month (#teenDVmonth) brings together organizations and individuals locally and nationwide to highlight the need to educate young people about dating violence, teach healthy relationship skills, and prevent the devastating cycle of abuse.\*

***Check out the following activities and events happening in Fairfax County:***

## **January 27, 2015**

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors will proclaim **February as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month** at **9:30 a.m. in the Board Auditorium** of the Fairfax County Government Center. Our proclamation is currently scheduled first, so please arrive by 9:30 a.m. to join the picture with the Board and to show our community the importance of raising awareness about this issue.

## **February 10, 2015**

**Wear Orange 4 Love Day!** Show your support for healthy relationships by wearing orange on this Tuesday.

Take a picture and send it to us ([sandy.bromley@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:sandy.bromley@fairfaxcounty.gov) or 571-215-2429) for inclusion in the Fairfax DV Community's [Flickr feed](#).

You can also post or tweet (**#orange4love**) your picture to these local and national organizations:

<https://twitter.com/ffxyouththrive>

<https://www.facebook.com/loveisrespectpage>

<https://www.facebook.com/LoveIsNotAbuse>

<https://twitter.com/loveisrespect>

[https://twitter.com/love\\_isnotabuse](https://twitter.com/love_isnotabuse)

## **February 13, 2015**

**National Respect Announcement Day!** Tell everyone you know this Valentine's Day that everyone deserves a safe and healthy relationship.

**Tomorrow's #ValentinesDay everyone deserves a safe and healthy relationship. #NationalRespectAnnouncement**<http://thndr.it/1zEhyCV>

## **February 20, 2015**

The Office for Women & Domestic and Sexual Violence Services is hosting a **#teenDVmonth Art & Media Contest!** Teens have the biggest influence on their friends' decision to leave an abusive relationship. *What can you do to make sure you have your friend's back? How can YOU speak up?* Submit your original entry by 5 p.m. on Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> to 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 339, Fairfax, VA 22035 or [ofw@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:ofw@fairfaxcounty.gov).

## **February 27, 2015**

**#teenDVmonth Art & Media Contest Reception!** Prizes will be awarded to the top three entries at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. The event will be held in Conference Room 2/3, Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035.

\*Love is Respect: [www.loveisrespect.org](http://www.loveisrespect.org)