



## Dear friend,

2016 is nearly over! We are grateful for another year of partnership in the work to end domestic violence.

Below, is RESPOND's quarterly update including info, accomplishments, needs and ways to get involved. If you would like more information, we are happy to provide it. Contact [Jessica](#), [Jasmine](#), [Darcie](#) or [Amanda](#) at 617-625-5996.

Thank you for all you do to help RESPOND continue to save and change lives. Together, we are ending domestic violence, one family at a time.

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## In the Community

We are honored to work in a community dedicated to ending domestic violence, partnering with amazing local leaders and organizations to carry out our mission. Here is a look back at some outreach we did:

### Riverfest, Assembly Row



### Boston Roller Derby, Lowell

## Did You Know?

Chile peppers contain more Vitamin A than carrots and are low in calories.

[Get your Vitamin A at Chili Cook-Off on January 26th.](#)

1 in 4 women will experience Intimate Partner Violence in her lifetime. Of women at high risk, up to 68% will experience near-fatal strangulation by their partner.

[Click here to watch our Mannequin Challenge video on Strangulation Prevention.](#)

*(Warning: Graphic Content)*

Certified Domestic Violence Counselors are available 24/7 at 617-623-5900.

## Mark Your Calendar:

RESPOND's [Chili Cook-Off](#)  
Thursday, January 26, 2016  
Holiday Inn Boston-Bunker Hill



**Fluff Fest, Union Square**



## NDVAM

October was National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. It was our pleasure to see many supporters and partners at our Gala, as well as Somerville's Silent Vigil. This #NDVAM, we had our first experience with the Purple Purse Campaign, a fundraising opportunity hosted by the Allstate Foundation.

Thanks to all who commit to supporting RESPOND by going #PurpleforRESPOND each October.

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working to end domestic violence



February is **Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month**. Contact [Jennifer](#), our Coordinator of Community Based Services to schedule a workshop or training at your local school or community center.

## Take a look...

[Gala 2016 photos](#)

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In OCTOBER, we wear PURPLE.

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## Making the Holidays Merry & Bright

This Holiday Season, we have much to be thankful for: safe families, amazing staff, successful Programs & Services, and dedicated supporters such as you!

From Holiday Wish List, to #GivingTuesday, to yearend contributions, you have generously stepped up to make the Holidays merry and bright. We are deeply grateful to have you on our team!

[Click here to see our Holiday Greeting filmed at SCATV.](#)



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## Meet our Specialists

RESPOND Programs & Services staff work 24/7 with

survivors providing support and resources. Victoria, our Domestic Violence High Risk Specialist, and Chernika, our Housing Specialist, play key roles in helping survivors move on to safe, independent lives free from abuse. Victoria works with clients involved in our most critical cases. Her duties include helping people safely escape violent homes, liaising with the police and courts, and problem solving situations that aren't the norm. Chernika helps clients move into safe, long term and affordable housing. This is a challenging process with a lot of red tape. Chernika helps clients navigate through roadblocks to secure housing, recover past housing, or maintain current housing.



We are currently accepting resumes for Programs & Services staff. [Click here](#) to see job descriptions.

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Have questions for us? Need our help? You can reach RESPOND 24/7 at 617-623-5900.

Sincerely,  
**Jessica Brayden**  
Executive Director  
RESPOND, Inc.

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