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# *In Memoriam*

*The South Carolina Silent Witness Ceremony*  
*October 1, 2024*

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S.T.O.P. VAWA Program  
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# *Program*

**Count the Stars** by Andy Beck  
Members of the Columbia College Choir  
Aletha Jacobs, Director

**Invocation**  
Rabbi Hesh Epstein  
Chabad of South Carolina  
Columbia, SC

**Their Memory Stays** by Casey Gamble  
Assistant Deputy Attorney General LaRone Washington  
SC Attorney General's Office

**What the World Needs Now** by Burt Bacharach  
Members of the Columbia College Choir  
Aletha Jacobs, Director

**Words of Witness**  
Elizabeth (Liz) Kilborn

**Remarks and Victim Remembrance**  
The Honorable Alan Wilson  
South Carolina Attorney General

**Benediction**  
Reverend John K. Baxter  
First John Baptist Church,  
Columbia, SC

**AMAZING GRACE\***  
Sergeant James F. Ryan III  
North Charleston Police Department

\* Please stand if you are able.



# *The Silent Witness Story*

In 2023, 30 South Carolinians were killed by their intimate partners. As citizens of this state, we have a responsibility to take a stand against this injustice. Therefore, in 1998 our state joined with more than 40 other states in a mission “to promote peace, healing and responsibility in adult relationships.”

During the 27<sup>th</sup> annual Silent Witness Ceremony, wooden silhouettes represent the women and men who have died in 2023 due to domestic violence. This year, there are 31 silhouettes; 24 are for the known female homicide victims, 6 are for the known male victims, and one represents those victims of whom we are unaware.

The South Carolina Attorney General’s Office, through the S.T.O.P. (Services, Training, Officers, and Prosecutors) Violence Against Women program, hosts this annual remembrance. Other contributing citizens and organizations are acknowledged at the end of this book.



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*This book is dedicated to  
the women and men of  
South Carolina who lost  
their lives in 2023 due to  
domestic violence.\**

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\*This book was compiled using incident reports from local law enforcement and data from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division. All defendants are presumed innocent unless and until they are proven guilty in a court of law.



# *Their Memory Stays*

Although they have passed on,  
Their memory forever stays.  
Remember how they smiled,  
And the joy they always gave.  
We'll miss them all the time,  
And think of them every day.  
Their love filled the world -  
A love that will never fade.

— *Casey Gamble*







***Jamilla Smith***  
30 years old  
Aiken County



***Ruth Whitaker***  
70 years old  
Aiken County









***Marcella Caravello***

69 years old  
Beaufort County



***Marissa Decker***

46 years old  
Berkeley County







***Adiarylis Fowler***

24 years old  
Berkeley County



***Nakita Baxter***

25 years old  
Clarendon County







***Kadajah McKay***  
25 years old  
Darlington County



***Bethany Shaw***  
21 years old  
Darlington County







***Adam Ward***  
49 years old  
Darlington County



***Teaeshia Kirkland***  
34 years old  
Florence County









***Angelica Aquino***

33 years old  
Greenville County



***Javaria Drummond***

23 years old  
Greenville County







***Genesys Rice***  
18 years old  
Greenville County



***Anthony Robbins***  
52 years old  
Greenville County







***Elizabeth Todd***  
45 years old  
Greenville County



***Jordan Privette***  
20 years old  
Kershaw County







***Robert Lee Wedman***

31 years old  
Laurens County



***Dominique Bolen***

36 years old  
Lexington County









***Chastity Busick***  
48 years old  
Lexington County



***Mae Nicole Moates***  
34 years old  
Lexington County







***Antonio Bethea***

47 years old  
Marion County



***Ajhai Yvonne Taraya Gambrell***

28 years old  
Oconee County

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***Barbara Dinkins***

48 years old  
Richland County



***Jaylan Sarah Hasty***

29 years old  
Richland County







***CJ Antoine Simms***

38 years old  
Richland County



***Wynter Straw***

25 years old  
Richland County









***Nayda Pastrana Aguila***

51 years old  
Spartanburg County



***Shana McClain***

53 years old  
Spartanburg County







***Tyquirez Sims***  
21 years old  
Spartanburg County



***Dorothy Ware Brice***  
68 years old  
York County



## *Unknown*

Domestic violence affects us all.

Domestic violence does not discriminate by gender, race or ethnicity. People in every socioeconomic status experience this type of violence. Domestic violence victims are all around us: in our neighborhoods, workplaces and our places of worship.

Therefore, let us have a moment of silence to remember those victims of whom we are unaware.



# *Domestic Violence Organizations*

## **South Carolina**

SCCADVASA  
2711 Middleburg Dr. #212  
Columbia, SC 29204  
Phone 803-256-2900

## **Abbeville County**

*Laurens County Safe Home*  
Post Office Box 744  
Clinton, SC 29325  
Hotline 866-598-5932  
Phone 864-682-7270

## **Aiken County**

*Cumbee Center*  
Post Office Box 1293  
Aiken, SC 29802  
Hotline 803-649-0480  
Phone 803-641-4162

## **Allendale County**

*Cumbee Center*  
Post Office Box 1293  
Aiken, SC 29802  
Hotline 803-649-0480  
Phone 803-641-4162

## **Anderson County**

*Safe Harbor*  
Post Office Box 174  
Greenville, SC 29602  
Hotline 800-291-2139  
Phone 864-467-1177



# *Domestic Violence Organizations*

## **Bamberg County**

*CASA/Family Systems*

Post Office Box 1568  
Orangeburg, SC 29116  
Hotline 800-298-7228  
Phone 803-534-2448

## **Barnwell County**

*Barnwell County Help Line*

1644 Jackson Street  
Barnwell, SC 29812  
Help Line/Hotline 803-259-3333  
Phone 803-541-1245

## **Barnwell County**

*Cumbee Center*

Post Office Box 1293  
Aiken, SC 29802  
Hotline 803-649-0480  
Phone 803-259-4451

## **Beaufort County**

*Hopeful Horizons Shelter*

Post Office Box 1775  
Beaufort, SC 29901-1775  
Phone 843-770-1070

## **Beaufort County**

*Hopeful Horizons*

Post Office Box 2502  
Beaufort, SC 29901  
Hotline 800-868-2632  
Phone 843-524-2256



# *Domestic Violence Organizations*

## **Berkeley County**

*My Sister's House*  
Post Office Box 71171  
North Charleston, SC 29415  
Hotline (county) 800-273-4673  
Phone 843-747-4069

## **Calhoun County**

*CASA/Family Systems*  
Post Office Box 1568  
Orangeburg, SC 29116  
Hotline 800-298-7228  
Phone 803-534-2448

## **Charleston County**

*My Sister's House*  
Post Office Box 71171  
North Charleston, SC 29415  
Hotline (county) 800-273-4673  
Phone 843-747-4069

## **Cherokee County**

*Project R.E.S.T.*  
236 Union Street  
Spartanburg, SC 29302  
Hotline 800-273-5066  
Phone 864-583-9803

## **Chester County**

*Safe Passage, Inc.*  
Post Office Box 11458  
Rock Hill, SC 29731  
Hotline 803-329-2800  
Phone 803-329-3336



# *Domestic Violence Organizations*

## **Chesterfield County**

*Pee Dee Coalition*  
Post Office Box 1351  
Florence, SC 29503  
Hotline 800-273-1820  
Phone 843-623-7364

## **Clarendon County**

*YWCA of the Upper Lowlands, Inc.*  
246 Church Street  
Sumter, SC 29150  
Hotline 803-775-2763  
Phone 803-773-7158

## **Colleton County**

*Hopeful Horizons Shelter*  
Post Office Box 1775  
Beaufort, SC 29901-1775  
Hotline 800-868-2632  
Phone 843-770-1070

## **Colleton County**

*Hopeful Horizons*  
Post Office Box 2502  
Beaufort, SC 29901  
Hotline 800-637-7273  
Phone 843-524-2256

## **Darlington County**

*Pee Dee Coalition*  
Post Office Box 1351  
Florence, SC 29503  
Hotline 800-273-1820  
Phone 843-383-0240





# *Domestic Violence Organizations*

## **Dillon County**

*Pee Dee Coalition*

Post Office Box 1351  
Florence, SC 29503  
Hotline 800-273-1820  
Phone 843-774-0898

## **Dorchester County**

*My Sister's House*

Post Office Box 71171  
North Charleston, SC 29405  
Hotline 800-273-4673  
Phone 843-747-4069

## **Edgefield County**

*MEG's House*

Post Office Box 3410  
Greenwood, SC 29649  
Hotline 800-447-7992  
Phone 864-227-1890

## **Fairfield County**

*Sistercare, Inc.*

Post Office Box 1029  
Columbia, SC 29202  
Hotline 800-765-9428  
Phone 803-926-0505

## **Florence County**

*Pee Dee Coalition*

220 South Irby Street  
Florence, SC 29503  
Hotline 800-273-1820  
Phone 843-669-4694



# *Domestic Violence Organizations*

## **Georgetown County**

*Family Justice Center*  
1530 Highmarket Street  
Georgetown, SC 29442  
Hotline 844-208-0161  
Phone 843-546-3926

## **Greenville County**

*Safe Harbor*  
Post Office Box 174  
Greenville, SC 29602  
Hotline 800-291-2139  
Phone 864-467-1177

## **Greenwood County**

*MEG's House*  
Post Office Box 3410  
Greenwood, SC 29649  
Hotline 800-447-7992  
Phone 864-227-1421

## **Hampton County**

*Hopeful Horizons Shelter*  
Post Office Box 1775  
Beaufort, SC 29901-1775  
Hotline 800-868-2632  
Phone 843-770-1070

## **Hampton County**

*Hopeful Horizons*  
Post Office Box 2502  
Beaufort, SC 29901  
Hotline 800-637-7273  
Phone 843-524-2256



# *Domestic Violence Organizations*

## **Horry County**

*Family Justice Center*

1339 Apache Drive  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577  
Hotline 844-208-0161  
Phone 843-546-3926

## **Jasper County**

*Hopeful Horizons Shelter*

Post Office Box 1775  
Beaufort, SC 29901-1775  
Hotline 800-868-2632  
Phone 843-770-1070

## **Jasper County**

*Hopeful Horizons*

Post Office Box 2502  
Beaufort, SC 29901  
Hotline 800-637-7273  
Phone 843-524-2256

## **Kershaw County**

*Sistercare, Inc.*

Post Office Box 1029  
Columbia, SC 29202  
Hotline 800-765-9428  
Phone 803-926-0505

## **Lancaster County**

*Safe Passage, Inc.*

Post Office Box 11458  
Rock Hill, SC 29731  
Hotline 803-329-2800



# *Domestic Violence Organizations*

## **Laurens County**

*Laurens County Safe Home*

Post Office Box 744  
Clinton, SC 29325  
Hotline 866-598-5932  
Phone 864-682-7270

## **Lee County**

*YWCA of the Upper Lowlands, Inc.*

246 Church Street  
Sumter, SC 29150  
Hotline 803-775-2763  
Phone 803-773-7158

## **Lexington County**

*Sistercare, Inc.*

Post Office Box 1029  
Columbia, SC 29202  
Hotline 800-765-9428  
Phone 803-926-0505

## **Marion County**

*Pee Dee Coalition*

Post Office Box 1351  
Florence, SC 29503  
Hotline 800-273-1820  
Phone 843-423-6568

## **Marlboro County**

*Pee Dee Coalition*

Post Office Box 1351  
Florence, SC 29503  
Hotline 800-273-1820  
Phone 843-479-0882



# *Domestic Violence Organizations*

## **McCormick County**

### *MEG's House*

Post Office Box 3410  
Greenwood, SC 29649  
Hotline 800-447-7992  
Phone 864-227-1890

## **Newberry County**

### *Sistercare, Inc.*

Post Office Box 1029  
Columbia, SC 29202  
Hotline 800-765-9428  
Phone 803-926-0505

## **Oconee County**

### *Safe Harbor*

Post Office Box 174  
Greenville, SC 29602  
Hotline 800-291-2139  
Phone 864-467-1177

## **Orangeburg County**

### *Orangeburg County CASA/Family Systems*

Post Office Box 1568  
Orangeburg, SC 29116  
Hotline 800-298-7228  
Phone 803-534-2448

## **Pickens County**

### *Safe Harbor*

Post Office Box 174  
Greenville, SC 29602  
Hotline 800-291-2139  
Phone 864-467-1177



# *Domestic Violence Organizations*

## **Pickens County**

### *Mary's House*

Post Office Box 132  
Pickens, SC 29671  
Hotline 864-859-9191  
Phone 864-855-1708

## **Richland County**

### *Sistercare, Inc.*

Post Office Box 1029  
Columbia, SC 29202  
Hotline 800-765-9428  
Phone 803-926-0505

## **Richland County**

### *The Hive Community Circle*

4704 Colonial Drive  
Columbia, SC 29203  
Phone 803-888-7725

## **Saluda County**

### *Laurens County Safe Home*

Post Office Box 744  
Clinton, SC 29325  
Hotline 866-598-5932  
Phone 864-682-7270

## **Spartanburg County**

### *Project R.E.S.T*

236 Union Street  
Spartanburg, SC 29302  
Hotline 800-273-5066  
Phone 864-583-9803



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## **Sumter County**

*YWCA of the Upper Lowlands, Inc.*

246 Church Street  
Sumter, SC 29150  
Hotline 803-775-2763  
Phone 803-773-7158

## **Union County**

*Project R.E.S.T.*

236 Union Street  
Spartanburg, SC 29302  
Hotline 800-273-5066  
Phone 864-583-9803

## **Williamsburg County**

*Pee Dee Coalition*

202 Kelly Street  
Lake City, SC 29560  
Hotline 800-273-1820  
Phone 843-354-6481

## **York County**

*Safe Passage, Inc.*

Post Office Box 11458  
Rock Hill, SC 29731  
Hotline 803-329-2800  
Phone 803-329-3336



## *Contributing Agencies and Offices*

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*South Carolina Coroners' Offices*

*and all who graciously gave their time.*





## *Silent Witness Information*

The South Carolina Office of the Attorney General works diligently throughout the year to collect information about domestic violence homicides. This is the 27<sup>th</sup> year the office has held the Silent Witness Memorial during October to recognize the victims of this horrific crime.

The information for the Silent Witness Memorial is compiled with the assistance and cooperation of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) and the offices of South Carolina solicitors, sheriffs, coroners, and police departments.

Every effort is made to contact the victims' families. The loved ones of these victims provided the photographs found in this book.



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