

Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women
Sample Letter to the Editor

This month is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Did you know that in 2006, 20 women and 11 children were murdered in Minnesota as a result of domestic violence? Did you know that an Anytown resident, Mary Johnson, was brutally murdered by her former husband on June 15, 2007? Did you know that nearly one-third of American women report being physically or sexually abused by a male partner at some point in their lives? Did you know that in the same year, the Women's Center of Anytown, a battered women's program, served 347 women in Anytown County who were abused by their partners? Our small community may seem safe from violence, but behind closed doors, women and children are being terrorized in their own homes.

I urge all members of this community to attend the Women's Center of Anytown's Domestic Violence Awareness Month Candlelight Vigil at Anytown Park on October 7 at 8 p.m. to remember the victims of domestic violence, including Mary Johnson, and to discuss what we can do as a community to end violence against women and children. I also urge everyone to register to vote and to vote for candidates who care about promoting justice, providing safety, and preparing for the future for all battered women and their children.

Sincerely,

Jane Smith

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