EVERY SURVIVOR. EVERY VOICE. BUILDING POWER TOGETHER

In the heart of Washington D.C., during the powerful month of October — Domestic Violence Awareness Month — we gathered survivors, advocates, and champions for change from all corners of the country for our annual National Conference on Domestic Violence. The event was nothing short of extraordinary, uniting over 600 individuals who share a deep-seated commitment: to end domestic violence.

Under the National Domestic Violence Hotline’s (The Hotline’s) leadership, this year’s conference built upon the outstanding legacy of former conferences led by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV). To the survivors who shared their stories, the leaders who inspired us, the sponsors who helped make the conference more accessible, and the hundreds of attendees who work tirelessly every day, we extend our heartfelt gratitude. Your unwavering commitment drives us forward on our journey towards our collective vision of a world where all relationships are positive, healthy, and free from violence.

“With survivors at the forefront, and through the Hotline and NCADV joining together, we will continue our work to create a future marked by healthy, caring relationships, supportive communities, safety, wellbeing, personal agency, and systems of support that ensure we are all able to live by our own design and thrive in whatever we choose.”

- Katie Ray-Jones, CEO of The Hotline

“Building Power Together” is not just a theme; it’s our strategy for creating lasting change in the national response to domestic violence. The Hotline and NCADV joined as one under the auspices of Project Opal, laying the foundation to achieve real systems change — it is only together that we can continue to grow our missions, reach more survivors by maximizing resources, and modernize our programs and services. Every one of our voices is needed in this movement to end domestic violence — forever.

It’s through your unwavering commitment to this cause that we can provide survivors with the support they so critically need, and equip advocates and service providers with the essential resources to help those affected by violence to not only survive — but thrive.

The National Conference on Domestic Violence may have come to an end, but the mission to end domestic violence continues. Together, we will build a safer, more compassionate world where our children know that love is respect, where relationships are a source of strength, and where survivors can heal. Thank you for being a part of this vital journey.

“Your relentless advocacy has led to historic progress.”

- Jennifer Klein, Director of the White House Gender Policy Council

Enormous thanks to our conference lead sponsors: The NFL Foundation, The Allstate Foundation, Purina, T.J.X., Everytown for Gun Safety, Experian, Bumble, Inc., and all our event partners who made this conference possible. Stay tuned for more information about next year’s conference in Chicago!
Bath & Body Works is a Dedicated Supporter of The Hotline and Survivors

Bath & Body Works has long been a steadfast partner of The Hotline, and 2023 marks a milestone in our partnership — 20 years of support and a total of $1 million invested in fueling life-saving operations. In a field that is chronically under-resourced and under-funded, this ongoing commitment makes a significant difference, and we are overwhelmed with gratitude for their extraordinary support.

Our partnership with Bath & Body Works has played a pivotal role in The Hotline’s growth and evolution from our early days to a leader in the field today. Much has changed since our partnership began. We now utilize chats and texts in addition to phone calls, and millions of people come to thehotline.org for resources each year. Where once Advocates looked up shelters and legal services in the “blue book,” we now have a referral database of 5,000 local service providers and resources across the U.S. and its territories that anyone can search online. Awareness has grown around domestic violence being more than just physical abuse, and people now know that it can encompass financial, digital, emotional abuse, and other forms of power and control. Teens and young adults now have access to resources to help them understand what a healthy relationship looks and feels like through our love is respect program, preventing abuse before it can start. Bath & Body Works has supported all of this and more, and impacted countless lives with their generosity and commitment. For that, we extend our heartfelt thanks.

The Hotline’s CEO, Katie Ray-Jones, said of the partnership, “As a shelter director, I saw how committed Bath & Body Works was to supporting survivors, some who had left everything behind. When I came to The Hotline it was remarkable to see their commitment to shifting power back to those affected by relationship abuse. We are deeply grateful for their generosity and look forward to our continued impact.”

Congressional Briefing

On July 12th, The Hotline hosted a Congressional briefing, The National Domestic Violence Hotline: Rising to Answer the Call, on the data and insights from the 2022 Impact Report — highlighting for Congress survivor experiences and their greatest needs, as well as the organization’s historically high contact volume.

Speakers at the briefing were long-time Congressional champion on domestic violence, Senator Murkowski (R-AK), Katie Ray-Jones, CEO of The Hotline, Shawndell Dawson, Director of the Office of Family Violence Prevention and Services in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Payton Iheme, Vice President of Global Public Policy for Bumble, Lauren Siller, The Hotline’s Bilingual Senior Program Services Manager, and Joseph Petito, Vice President of The Gabby Petito Foundation.

During the briefing, panelists shared survivor needs, including an increase of 114% in those contacting The Hotline reporting housing needs and homelessness, and a 22% increase in those reporting that firearms are part of their abusive experience. These statistics are especially alarming as demand for domestic violence services is at an all-time high.

Rahimi Update

The Supreme Court heard oral arguments in United States v. Rahimi on November 7th, 2023. In February, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit held that a 1994 federal law prohibiting individuals from possessing a firearm while under a domestic violence protection order was unconstitutional. The U.S. Department of Justice appealed the decision to the Supreme Court.

The Hotline sponsored the “Disarm Domestic Violence Rally” held outside the Supreme Court as the U.S. Supreme Court justices heard oral arguments. Members of The Hotline’s Policy team worked with gun violence prevention groups, domestic violence organizations, and outside consultants on press strategy, outreach, and event logistics. Ruth Glenn, President of Public Affairs at NCADV and The Hotline, as well as Amanda King, a survivor speaker from The Hotline’s Speakers Bureau, spoke at the rally alongside other domestic violence and gun violence survivors, organizational leaders, and Members of Congress. It was a powerful event that sent a strong message to the Supreme Court that they must protect survivors and disarm partners exhibiting violent behavior.

In preparation for oral arguments, The Hotline worked with other domestic violence organizations and Brady: United Against Gun Violence to file an amicus brief in the case that included The Hotline’s data and survivor stories to bolster the argument in opposition to the Fifth Circuit Court ruling.

The Hotline will continue to work with gun violence prevention and domestic violence organizations to communicate the impact of this decision on survivors and activate people across the country to oppose the Fifth Circuit Court’s opinion.
**Healthy Relationship Education at Huston-Tillotson University**

**love is respect** hosted a powerful Teen Dating Violence Awareness event titled ‘Be About Healthy Relationships’ at Huston-Tillotson University, bringing together college students from diverse backgrounds. These students shared a common commitment to raising awareness and learning about the dangers of teen dating violence, emphasizing the importance of promoting healthy relationships and creating a safer environment for all.

The event featured a guest speaker and interactive sessions designed to educate and empower attendees. love is respect Director, Angela Lee, shared insights into the prevalence of teen dating violence, highlighting its potentially life-threatening consequences and providing education on healthy relationships. Through thought-provoking discussions, attendees learned to recognize the types of abuse, elements of a healthy relationship, warning signs, and the importance of intervening when a loved one is in danger.

**Q.** How do you ensure that the data collected by Hotline advocates benefits the larger domestic violence and public health fields?

**A.** A benefit cannot be had without first ensuring the accuracy of data through quality control. I uphold the standards of research and data analysis, allowing for critical measures to be provided to the larger domestic violence field at a national, state, and regional level. As one of the largest thought-leaders around intimate partner violence prevention, statistics from The Hotline lead to impactful and comprehensive policies that are developed by informed decision-makers in the domestic violence and public health arenas.

**Q.** What’s something that surprised you about The Hotline’s work when you started here?

**A.** Very little surprises me, but I will say that I’m a first-hand witness to the commitment of this organization to end intimate partner violence. The Hotline and its staff are genuinely dedicated to learning constantly about the ever-evolving nature of domestic violence, embracing survivor-centered challenges without hesitation!

**An Interview with Data & Analytics Manager, C. Tenah**

**Q.** Please tell us about your career before The Hotline. What drew you to data analysis?

**A.** Prior to joining The Hotline’s data team, I worked in the field of crime analysis. As an inquisitive individual, a career in data provides me with an ability to always have an answer in close proximity. Daniel Keys Moran stated it best: “You can have data without information, but you cannot have information without data.”

**Q.** What does your role at The Hotline entail?

**A.** As the Data & Analytics Manager at The Hotline, I am a key informer within the organization. I analyze fully anonymous, real-time data from our calls, chats, and texts to identify indicators that influence and support initiatives grounded in the needs of domestic violence survivors.

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There are creative ways for you to have an impact on the lives of survivors this holiday season!

Cash A gift of cash is an immediate way to keep hope on the line. Mail in your gift by December 31st!

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If you have already made accommodations, please contact Donor Relations at development@thehotline.org so that we can extend our gratitude.

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