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Domestic violence center leadership, law enforcement, and partners launch Domestic Violence Awareness Month with a clear message to survivors: We are #HereForYou

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Marking the start of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Hubbard House and partner organizations released the 2021 Domestic Violence Fatality Review Report.

In Duval County in 2021, there were 17 domestic violence homicide cases, including 11 intimate partner relationships. These cases include 12 victims of intimate partner violence, among the 18 domestic violence homicide victims.

“Domestic Violence has no boundaries and early intervention can prevent escalation. So, no matter if the abuse is physical, emotional, sexual, or economic related, know this... your life matters and we are here for you,” says Jackson Short, Director of Investigations and Homeland Security for the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office.

Gun violence continues to be responsible for the vast majority of domestic violence-related homicides. The Report also demonstrates how cohabitation with an abuser can increase the likelihood of lethal violence- in 8 of the 11 cases of deadly intimate partner violence, the suspect and victim lived together.

“Domestic violence continues to affect households and families in our community. Consequently, we as a community, must remain committed to seeking justice for victims and we must do our part to help families and loved ones heal in the aftermath of these crimes,” says 4th Circuit State Attorney's Office Special Victims Unit Deputy Director Unit Khary O. Gaynor.

Hubbard House is joined by the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, 4th Circuit State Attorney's Office, City of Jacksonville, and other key partners to honor the victims and encourage survivors of domestic violence to get help.

"To survivors, you do not have to do this alone. You can find safety, and we can help. Hubbard House has always been, and will always be here for you," says Hubbard House CEO Dr. Gail A. Patin.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month offers the community the opportunity to gain knowledge about domestic violence and how to support survivors, and to help raise awareness of the life-saving, life-changing resources Hubbard House offers. There are many ways to engage!

Opportunities during Domestic Violence Awareness Month:

- Share Hubbard House's #HereForYou social media campaign on Facebook (@HubbardHouseInc), Instagram (@hubbard_house), and Twitter (@HubbardHouse). This DVAM campaign lets survivors and the community know how Hubbard House is #HereForYou.
- Attend the Barbara Ann Campbell Memorial Breakfast on October 12th. More information about this event can be found at www.hubbardhouse.org/breakfast.
- Spend time in personal reflection outside of the Duval County Courthouse, where 6,156 purple flags will be planted- one for each person who filed for an injunction for protection in Duval County in 2021. The flag placement is scheduled for Tuesday, October 4th at 3 PM.

Survivors of domestic violence can access help through the 24/7 Hubbard House Hotline at (904) 354-3114 or Textline at (904) 210-3698. Survivors can also make an appointment or walk into the Hubbard House Outreach Center at 6629 Beach Blvd, Monday-Friday from 10AM-2PM. All Hubbard House services are free and confidential.

About the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Report:

The Domestic Violence Fatality Review Report is a result of the work of the Duval County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team, a subcommittee of the Domestic Violence Intervention Project. This Report is an annual examination of the domestic violence homicides that took place in Duval County in the defined calendar year.

The Report examines any patterns or trends in the homicides, in an effort to determine how to prevent domestic violence-related deaths in the future.

The Report includes an examination of domestic violence-related deaths, which incorporates relationships through family or marriage among people living together as a family unit. Intimate partner violence is a subset of domestic violence, which focuses on couple who are or were previously married or dating, or who have a child in common.

You can view the Report at www.hubbardhouse.org/news.

About Hubbard House:

Hubbard House is the certified domestic violence center serving Duval and Baker counties in Northeast Florida. Hubbard House offers free, confidential shelter and services, including counseling, employment support, housing help, and related areas for survivors of domestic violence and their children.

Speak with a trained advocate any time through Hubbard House's 24/7 Hotline at (904) 354-3114 or Textline at (904) 210-3698.