

Domestic Violence Awareness

In an average year in Greensboro, NC, domestic violence claims three to four lives. So far this year, Greensboro has lost ten lives to domestic violence. Greensboro Housing Authority (GHA) hosted Greensboro's Police Neighborhood Resource Center's first annual domestic violence awareness program at Claremont Courts Community Center on Thursday, October 17, 2013.

Motivational speaker and author, Dr. Cynthia Hunter shared her story of the emotional, verbal, financial and physical abuse endured while dealing with a loved one's addiction to crack cocaine. Entertainment for the evening included a performance by the In Motion for Christ dancers of the New Goshen United Methodist Church and a dramatic performance by Donna Harrelson. Police Chief Ken Miller and GHA's Chief Operating Officer Erica Moore also spoke of the violence that affects a woman every nine seconds and is the leading cause of injury to women—more than car accidents, muggings, and rapes combined.



In Motion for Christ



Dr. Cynthia Hunter

Alcohol and Drug Services, Greensboro Child Response Initiation, and the Family Victim Unit of the Greensboro Police Department (GPD) were on site with information and resources for those who experience violence in the home or those who know of someone who does. Their message was, "If you know of someone who is in a domestic violence situation, talk to them and help. If you are experiencing violence, tell someone and ask for help."

At the conclusion of the program, GPD officers released fourteen balloons, one for each domestic violence death in Greensboro in 2012 and to date in 2013.

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.



Donna Harrelson