



January 16, 2018

Dear Community Member,

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**1 in 4 women and 1 in 10 men have experienced intimate partner violence in their lifetime and nearly 1 in 2 women and 1 in 4 men have experienced contact sexual violence in their lifetime<sup>1</sup>, all regardless of culture, class, education, age, or income level.**

For over 35 years, the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence (ACESDV) has been working to eliminate violence in Arizona communities by providing education and training, public policy advocacy, public awareness in addition to a Sexual and Domestic Violence Services Helpline.

On Saturday, May 11, 2019, ACESDV will present the **ninth annual Thrive Gala and Awards Dinner**. The only one of its kind in Arizona, the Thrive Gala is designed to **honor and celebrate sexual and domestic violence survivors, advocates, and allies**. The evening includes a cocktail reception with a unique silent auction and raffle experience, dinner, the presentation of the state's only awards for survivors and those working to address sexual and domestic violence, and live entertainment.

Past event sponsor indicates the value of being involved with the Thrive Gala:

"I have seen firsthand the tremendous and vital work being done by the Coalition. The Annual Thrive Gala is the opportunity to highlight the great work being done in Arizona by the Coalition in addition to our community and business partners. I guarantee you will be inspired."

-Maricopa County Supervisor Steve M. Gallardo, D5

Proceeds from the Coalition's signature event support our prevention, advocacy and education efforts in furtherance of our mission which is to **end sexual and domestic violence in Arizona by dismantling oppression and promoting equity among all people**.

Please consider a gift through one or more of the following ways:

- **Become a sponsor** of the Thrive Gala and Awards Dinner. Numerous levels with corresponding benefits are available.
- **Donate** performance or sporting event tickets, retail gift certificates, or other items that we can include in our event's silent auction or raffle. An in-kind donation form is enclosed.
- **Purchase two tickets** for \$250 or a table of ten seats for \$1,850. Your interest can be indicated on the enclosed commitment form.

Thank you for your support of our mission!

Sincerely,

*Juana Galeno*  
Juana Galeno  
Co-CEO

*Tasha Menaker*  
Tasha Menaker, Ph.D.  
Co-CEO

<sup>1</sup> NISVS, 2018