



# ANNUAL REPORT 2007

## Our mission . . .

*The Erie County Coalition Against Family Violence is a group of social change activists who work together to challenge the root causes of domestic violence at the individual, organizational, and institutional level.*

## Our vision . . .

*Our goal is to end domestic violence.*

## HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2006 - 2007

- The 2006 Annual Meeting and Luncheon was held at Chef's Restaurant on June 7, 2006. Sherry Frohman, Executive Director of the New York State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence, was the invited Keynote Speaker for the event. Over 120 people attended.
- 2006 ECCAFV Award Winners were:

<b>William B. Hoyt Award</b>	Lt. William Miller
<b>Exemplary Service Award</b>	Kathleen Collins
<b>Volunteer Service Award</b>	Rosalie Lupu & Betty Lupu
<b>Media Award</b>	Family Violence Clinic – UB School of Law

- The Erie County Coalition Against Family Violence continued to offer its Education and Training Institute throughout the year and has demonstrated significant success in addressing a clear need for training in the community. Training session dates and number of participants for 2006-2007 are as follows:

Training Session	Date	Location	Attended
DV 101	8/2/07	Buffalo, NY	52
Legal Service for Adult Victims of DV	10/4/06	Buffalo, NY	35
DV 101	10/24/06	Springville, NY	56
DV 101	2/28/07	Amherst, NY	49
Interpersonal Violence Among Young Adults	5/4/07	Buffalo, NY	118
<b>Total Participants</b>			<b>310</b>

- The Puerto Rican Day Parade took place in September and was a huge success. Many volunteers from the Diocesan Service Corps helped the Coalition by handing out hundreds of "palm cards" to spectators and candy to children who attended the event. The palm cards offered important information for victims of domestic violence.
- The Erie County Coalition Against Family Violence was a co-sponsor for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bi-National "Peace Bridge Walk" along with Child & Family Services Haven House-Buffalo, NY and Women's Place of South Niagara- Welland, ON. Originally scheduled for October 13, an unprecedented snow storm caused the event to be rescheduled for November 6. Over 80 people attended the event which raised over \$500 for the Coalition and Women's Place of South Niagara. WBFO Radio provided media coverage of the event.

- The Erie County Coalition Against Family Violence - along with five community-based sponsor agencies: Hope of Buffalo Bissonette House, Catholic Charities of Buffalo, N.Y., Child and Family Services' Haven House, and University at Buffalo School of Law - presented a session from the Women in Prison Project. Four trainers from New York City offered information on women defendants who come before the criminal justice system and are often victims of domestic violence. The training was "sold-out" with 71 people attending the free full-day training session.
- Seven members from Erie County Coalition Against Family Violence traveled to Albany, New York to participate in the Domestic Violence Awareness Day sponsored by the New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence on March 6, 2007. This year, Coalition members had the opportunity to meet with 8 local legislators who were very receptive to input from our representatives. ECCAFV participants spoke about legislative bills relating to housing discrimination, employment discrimination, family court access, and unpaid leave as these issues relate to victims of domestic violence and their children.
- The Erie County Coalition Against Family Violence provided sponsorship to V-Day Buffalo 2007, a series of events that included four different fundraisers: a Talent Show from the Southdown's, Lunafest Film Festival, a staging of the Vagina Monologues, and a Poetry Slam. The campaign raised over \$2,000 for both Child and Family Services Haven House and Crisis Services Advocate Program.
- The Erie County Coalition Against Family Violence was a supporter of the Catholic Charities Conference – Domestic Violence: Working for Change held on April 23 & 24, 2007. The event featured nationally recognized plenary speakers including Sarah Buel from the University of Texas, Arun Gandhi, 5<sup>th</sup> grandson of the India's legendary leader Mahatma Gandhi, and Ben Atherton-Zeman, National Spokesperson for NOMAS. Over 350 people attended the conference. The Coalition offered a table of informational materials throughout the conference.
- The By-Laws of the Erie County Coalition Against Family Violence were substantially revised by the members of an ad-hoc committee chaired by Diane Bessel. The revised by-laws were ratified by the Coalition membership in May 2007 and include a model for organizational decision-making that is more in keeping with the Coalition's philosophy and core values - known as the Consensus Model. Copies of the by-laws are available on the ECCAFV website, [www.eccafv.org](http://www.eccafv.org).
- The 5K Freedom Run organized by the Domestic Violence Awareness Organization took place on June 3. The ECCAFV and the Amherst Domestic Violence Task Force were recipients of funds raised by this event. Again, this event was an overwhelming success led by Betty and Rosalie Lupu, last year's ECCAFV Volunteer Service Award Winners.
- The 2007 Annual Meeting and Luncheon takes place at Shanghai Red's Restaurant on June 6, 2007. Terry Miller, JD, from the University at Buffalo School of Law will be the Keynote Speaker for the event. The event will also feature the release of the ECCAFV Erie County Family Violence Profile.
- The ECCAFV Research Committee, chaired by Suzanne Tomkins, has been working for the past year on the Erie County Family Violence Profile. ECCAFV's goal in producing this profile was to provide a non-biased "snapshot" on domestic violence for use by interested citizens, civic and nonprofit groups, academics, and local, state, and federal legislators. The profile contains publicly available data from a national, state, and local perspective. The process of creating this report was first described at the Catholic Charities Conference held on April 23 & 24, 2007. This report will be released at the ECCAFV Annual Meeting on June 6. The report will be publicly available on the ECCAFV website, [www.eccafv.org](http://www.eccafv.org), after the June 6<sup>th</sup> release.
- Member Support Chair Amy Fleischauer and Communications Chair Diane Bessel will leave their Executive Committee positions after four years of service to the Erie County Coalition Against Family Violence.

- Three new Executive Committee members will be sworn in at the June 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. They include: Suzanne Kelly, Member Support Chair; William Zelazny, Finance Chair; and Tanya Hernandez, Communications Chair.
- The 2006-2007 ECCAFV Annual Meeting marks the first time awarding of the **Sr. Karen Klimczak SSJ Peace & Justice Award**. This unique award is presented to individuals who work toward bringing about peace and justice within our community with a specific focus on dismantling root causes of violence and oppression at the organizational or institutional level. Nominees may be engaged in this work as professionals, volunteers, or survivors of violence and must have made an impact in Erie County.
- 2007 ECCAFV Award Winners are:

<b>William B. Hoyt Award</b>	Holly Tucker
<b>Exemplary Service Award</b>	Karen Colquhoun
<b>Volunteer Service Award</b>	Suzanne Kelly
<b>Sr. Karen Klimczak Award</b>	Citizen's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect

**ERIE COUNTY COALITION AGAINST FAMILY VIOLENCE**  
**JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> 2006 – JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup> 2007**  
**FINANCE CHAIR'S REPORT**

**STARTING BALANCE: \$9,732.00**

**REVENUE: \$8,600.10**

Annual Meeting: \$1325.00 (To Date)  
Donations: \$1,087.00  
Education and Training Institute: \$5,203.00  
Membership Dues: \$750.00  
Sales (T-Shirts, Pins): \$235.10

**Revenue Narrative:**

Donation from Amherst High School (\$1,000.00)  
Donations from Bridgewalk (\$87.00)  
Paid Training Series Registrations and Grant (310 Registrations/5 Sessions)  
30 Paid Memberships; 10 Individual and 20 Agency-Level  
53 Paid Registrations for Annual Meeting (To Date)  
T-Shirt and Pin Sales

**EXPENSES: \$7,255.00**

Administration: \$351.61  
Annual Meeting: \$1,718.41  
By-Laws Committee: \$44.55  
Education and Training Institute: \$2,812.13  
NYSCADV Legislative Awareness Day: \$913.50  
Organizational Donations: \$499.51  
Puerto Rican Day Parade: \$158.71  
Women in Prison Project Training: \$756.58

**Expenses Narrative:**

Administration: ECCAFV Website, Postage, Office Supplies, Monthly Meeting Refreshments, Post Office Box Rental, Banking Fees, NYSCADV Membership  
Annual Meeting: Reception, Thank You Gifts, Speaker Honorarium  
By-Laws Committee: Consensus Model Manuals (10)  
Education and Training Institute: Refreshments, Postage, Speaker Honorariums  
NYSCADV Legislative Awareness Day: Lodging, Gas, Parking, Survivor Stipends  
Organizational Donations: Bridgewalk (\$299.51), V-Day (\$200.00)  
Puerto Rican Day Parade: Palm Cards, Candy, Float Supplies  
Women in Prison Project Training: Travel, Refreshments, Honorariums, Meals

**CURRENT ORGANIZATIONAL HOLDINGS:**

Multi-Disciplinary Coordinating Council on Elder Abuse	(-)\$344.20
LGBT Domestic Violence Committee	(-)\$911.00

**CLOSING BALANCE: \$9,821.90 (as of June 6<sup>th</sup> 2007)**

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane R. Bessel  
Acting Finance Chair