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## **Center for Domestic Peace's Volunteers Receives Statewide Award for Equity**

**What:** Voces de Cambio, (Voices of Change), Center for Domestic Peace (C4DP's) volunteer group of domestic violence survivors, was awarded **California Partnership to End Domestic Violence's Equity Award** on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at their statewide virtual conference.

Conference link: <https://www.shiftingthelens.org/>

Marin County District Attorney **Lori Frugoli**, *"I've had the pleasure of observing the success of the hard work of Voces de Cambio as part of our coordinated community effort to address ending domestic violence in Marin County. They bring so much passion and leadership to the concept of volunteering as one voice, with one purpose. Voces de Cambio's energy and commitment bring the concept of 'equity' in Marin to a new and higher level. Congratulations and well deserved!"*

**Who:** Voces de Cambio (Voces) is a community-based volunteer group comprised of 19 former C4DP service users and survivors of domestic violence who are active in outreach, education, and organizing within the Spanish-speaking community and to other underserved and underrepresented communities in Marin and beyond.

Voces is predominately comprised of immigrant women, several of whom are monolingual, raising children (many as single parents), and working multiple jobs.

**Why:** For the past 18 years, this amazing group of community volunteers has achieved breathtaking results, reaching thousands of individuals through a variety of campaigns and activities. C4DP's success in reaching isolated Spanish-speaking women is due in large part to the efforts of Voces.

This group purposefully expanding their activism to reach more people impacted by domestic violence in new and diverse way. They do this through reaching out to marginalized groups such as members of the LGBTQ in the Latino community. Voces opens the door for Latinos to seek help in situations of domestic violence causing an increase in Latina victims assisted through C4DP's advocacy efforts. They inspire community activism to end domestic violence.

Most recently, they launched their largest effort this October "Tu Voz, Mi Voz" (Your Voice, My Voice). Using the power of social media and the C4DP website, they produced and posted videos with one essential piece of domestic violence information each day in October, recorded in both Spanish and English. In their plan, they took special notice to make these accessible for the hard of hearing, the visually impaired, and the literacy challenged so all survivors can find help, hope, and healing from domestic violence. Link to campaign [https://centerfordomesticpeace.org/video\\_campaign/](https://centerfordomesticpeace.org/video_campaign/).

San Rafael Vice Mayor **Kate Colin**, *"To think that survivors of domestic violence would be the ones to create Voces de Cambio as a vehicle for reaching the Latino and broader Marin community is truly inspiring. I've attended one of their events. I've seen the passion and commitment they bring as activist. Collectively, they reflect the very best of our community's effort to create safety and justice for all victims of domestic violence. Congratulations Voces!"*

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About Center for Domestic Peace

Center for Domestic Peace (C4DP) leads a comprehensive community effort to end the #1 violent crime in Marin County: domestic violence. We provide transformational services and programs that protect and enhance victim safety, and ultimately engage our community in permanent change. C4DP's programs helping children, teens, women, and men to live violence-free lives include: 24-hour hotlines; emergency shelters; transitional housing; support groups; legal advocacy; school programs; community prevention and education projects; professional continuing education programs; corporate, state, and nation-wide trainings; leadership development programs; and resource identification. Learn more at [www.centerfordomesticpeace.org](http://www.centerfordomesticpeace.org)