



## Domestic Abuse Council Inc.

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More than 160 people gathered at the Sunset Harbor Yacht Club to raise awareness about domestic violence. Keynote speaker Tiffany Carr, CEO of, Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence (FCADV) gave an overview of program initiatives in the state and shared some statistics including, that of all violent crimes in Florida, only domestic abuse is on the rise.

Several local businesses sponsored the event. The sponsors included the City of Daytona Beach and Daytona Beach Police Department, Daytona State College Foundation, Daytona International Speedway, Brown & Brown, Cobb-Cole, Continental Property Services, Dunn & Associates Insurance, ERAU Women's Center, SMA Behavioral Healthcare.

Judge Dawn Fields officiated the swearing in of the new members of the Board of Directors for the Domestic Abuse Council and County Councilwoman, Joie Alexander, read a proclamation declaring October 2011 as Domestic Violence Awareness month for Volusia County.

Both Jessica Scott, the outgoing chairwoman and Billy Walden, the incoming board chairman shared thanks and vision about the local non-profit using the theme of planting the seeds for a non-violent community, and the attendees were all given Forget-Me-Not seed packets.

A survivor of domestic violence shared her personal story. She stated that while she was never physically hit by her batterer, the wounds go deep and several years later she is still in the healing process, hoping that by sharing her story that she can help one victim, one abuser or one witness with the healing process.

For more information on programs about domestic violence and prevention, please contact the Domestic Abuse council at 386-257-2297 or call the hotline at 386-255-2102 or 1-800-500-1119.

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