



March 15, 2012

Dear Friends,

The YWCA of Annapolis & Anne Arundel County will be hosting **Disco Magic** on Friday, **October 26th** at the Westin Annapolis. You can publicly show your support for our programs by **becoming a sponsor of this event**. Attached are sponsorship details and a commitment form. Last year, Disco Magic **SOLD OUT** while raising over \$100,000 for the programs of the YWCA! We sincerely hope you will join our efforts in 2012 as we come together to provide life-saving support to victims of domestic violence in Anne Arundel County.

How does domestic violence impact the community at large?

- One in four women will be a victim of domestic violence at some point in her life;
- 30 – 60% of those who abuse their intimate partner also abuse children in the home;
- Domestic violence costs businesses more than \$3 billion annually from increased health care costs, lost productivity, increased absenteeism and employee turnover;
- 74% of employed battered women are harassed by their abusive partners at work by phone or in person;

What is the YWCA's role in helping those in crisis leave an abusive situation?

The YWCA serves over 10,000 people per year. As the only comprehensive domestic violence program in the Anne Arundel County, residents depend on the YWCA to help them regain both safety and stability. The YWCA is able to do this through a continuum of evidence based services that support newborns through seniors. These services include:

- Arden House – Anne Arundel County's only domestic violence safe house shelter;
- Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Hotlines;
- Counseling Services;
- Legal Representation and Advocacy;
- Hospital Accompaniment - for sexual assault victims;
- Abuser Intervention Program.

While our work is very serious, the evening is anything but serious. The more outlandish your attire, the more you will fit right in! Please come and enjoy the event that everyone is talking about with live entertainment by Superflydisco, signature drinks, fabulous auction, and a number of surprises that will make you laugh! Please contact the Director of Development at (410) 626-7800 ext. 115 for more information and we look forward to **seeing you at the DISCO!**

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Molly Knipe'.

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