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**A Safe Place Marks Domestic Violence Awareness Month with
Book Talks and a Masked Gala**

LAKE COUNTY, IL – The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence launched the first Domestic Violence Awareness month in October 1987 to celebrate survivors, mourn those who lost their lives due to violence, and connect those who work to end violence.

This October, A Safe Place, Lake County's sole provider of lifesaving services exclusively addressing domestic violence, is hosting three book talks around Lake County and hosting its 8th annual fundraising Gala to raise awareness and discuss how we can all prevent, intervene, and eliminate this epidemic in our communities.

The chosen book is a 1998 Oprah Book Club pick called "Black and Blue" by Anna Quindlen. A novel about a marriage that begins with passion and ends with violence, it is a perfect opportunity to discuss issues of equality, empowerment, and violence with our friends, families, and coworkers.

One in three women and one in seven men will experience rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner at some point in their lifetime. That is over 117,000 women and 87,000 men in Lake County alone. Join A Safe Place during October's Domestic Violence Awareness Month and help stop the spread of domestic violence in our communities.

BOOK TALK AT LAKE FOREST LIBRARY

Thursday, October 5 at 7pm
Call (847) 810-4610 to register

BOOK TALK AT COOK LIBRARY

Thursday, October 12 at 7pm
Call (847) 362-2330 to register or [go online](#)

BOOK TALK AT LAKE VILLA LIBRARY

Thursday, October 19 at 7pm
Call (847) 356-7711 to register

8TH ANNUAL UNMASK THE VIOLENCE GALA

Saturday, October 21 at 6:30pm
Loft 21 in Lincolnshire

Hosted by Marc “Silvy” Silverman, co-host of Waddle and Silvy on ESPN AM 1000, the Gala will be an incredible experience that includes food stations, cigar rolling demonstrations, whiskey tasting, and live music in addition to a spectacular live and silent auction, dancing, and moving presentations by domestic violence survivors.

Call (847) 731-7165 to purchase tickets or [go online](#)

For more information, visit A Safe Place at www.asafeplaceforhelp.org or call (847) 731-7165.

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Founded in 1978, A Safe Place is the leading advocate for eliminating domestic violence in northern Illinois, and is Lake County, Illinois’ only provider of services exclusively for victims of domestic violence. A Safe Place provides emergency shelter, permanent housing, a 24-hour crisis line (847-249-4450), court and non-legal advocacy, individual, group, and children’s counseling, art therapy, family visitation services, batterer intervention services; and community outreach, prevention education, and professional training. Our service area includes Lake, McHenry, and northern Cook counties in Illinois; however, our clients come to us from across the state, region, and country.

For more information about A Safe Place, visit www.asafeplaceforhelp.org, [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#).