

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



COUNTY EXECUTIVES' OFFICE OF WOMEN'S SERVICES

Suffolk County Office of Women's Services Clothesline Project

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, a time to raise awareness of, and recognize the efforts to end, domestic violence. The Suffolk County Clothesline Project will be displayed on October 6th through October 31, 2017 from 9:00AM – 5:00PM in the H. Lee Dennison Building, 100 Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, New York (**PLAZA LEVEL**)

The Clothesline is a visual display of T-shirts with graphic messages and illustrations that have been designed by women survivors of violence, by their friends, or families. The purpose of this project is to increase awareness of the impact of violence against women, to celebrate a woman's strength to survive, and to provide another avenue for her to courageously break the silence.

The shirts are then hung on a clothesline to be viewed by the public as testimonies to the problem of interpersonal violence and to let those who may suffer in silence know that they are not alone. **Colors** have meaning. **WHITE** = women who died as a result of violent acts, **YELLOW** or **BEIGE** = women who have been battered or assaulted; **RED, PINK, and ORANGE** = represent survivors of rape and sexual assault; **BLUE** or **GREEN** = survivors of incest and sexual abuse; **PURPLE** or **LAVENDER** = women attacked because of their sexual orientation; **BLACK** or **GRAY**, = handicapped women who have been either physically or sexually abused.

The Clothesline Project provides one way to give every woman a voice and a place to be heard.

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