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# Domestic Violence Awareness Month

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Tomorrow is [Wear Purple Day!](#)

[Send us your photos to post on www.paintpimapurple.org](http://www.paintpimapurple.org)

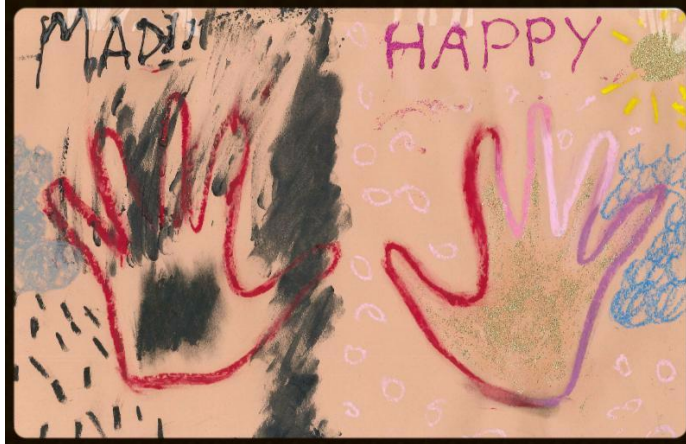
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## Children Exposed to Abuse

### Looking Out for this Vulnerable Population

*"Children are not just eye witnesses to domestic abuse - they are actively involved in trying to understand the abuse, predicting when it will happen, protecting themselves, their mother or their siblings, and worrying about the consequences. The focus on day to day survival may leave little room for fun and relaxation, or meeting basic needs. They grow up in a climate of anxiety, vigilance, helplessness and unpredictability; what they need is structure, to be nurtured and to have emotional and physical safety."*

*(Wisconsin Department of Children and Families DV Handbook-2010).*



*Artwork made a by child participant during an Emerge! art therapy session*

Children are often hidden victims of domestic abuse. Studies have shown that over half of the women who experience intimate partner violence have children under the age of 12. These children grow up in an environment that is unpredictable, filled with tension and anxiety, and dominated by fear. A child is aware and directly impacted by any exposure to domestic abuse, even when they are still in the womb. [Learn more >](#)

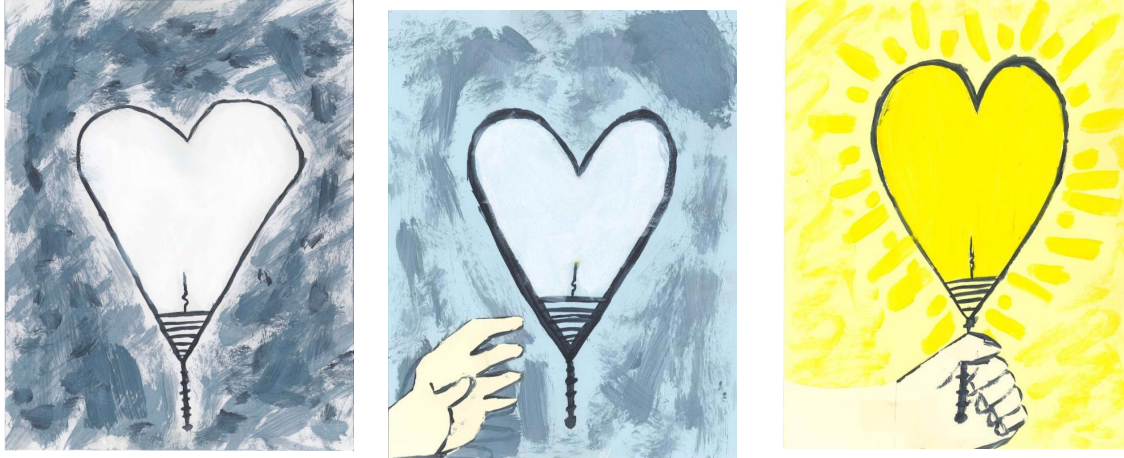
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## Services for Children

### **Emerge! Family Services Offer a Holistic Approach**

At Emerge!, 40% of the participants we serve are children. Intervention and support services to promote healing for children who have witnessed abuse are critical to this this vulnerable population. Listening to them, nurturing them and making them feel safe will help kids heal.

[Learn More >](#)



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## Secondary Survivors

### Caring About Someone Who's Suffering from Abuse

Feelings of guilt, frustration, shame, powerlessness and grief are commonly experienced by survivors of domestic abuse, but they aren't the only ones to have these emotions. Knowing that someone you care about is being abused can be overwhelming and frightening, which is why friends and family are often greatly impacted by their loved one's abuse.

[Learn More >](#)

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## Daniel's Story

**Follow Emerge! Participants on Their Journey to Safety**

At three years old, most kids are learning to speak in complete sentences, loudly reciting their A-B-C's and beginning to ask countless questions about the world; that wasn't true for Daniel.\* He had seen a lot in his short life, having been exposed to verbal and physical abuse in his home. When he first came to shelter, Daniel was afraid to talk with anyone and rarely smiled. During his initial family session with his mom, he refused to participate in any activities and would only occasionally peek out from behind a chair with a blank stare. [Read more >](#)



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## Join us this Friday, October 23rd!

Help us Paint Pima Purple for Domestic Violence Awareness

Month by participating in tomorrow's festivities.



### **Wear Purple Day**

Displaying purple expresses a strong message that there is no place for domestic abuse in our community. Wear purple and [send us](#) your pictures! Plus, visit us anytime in October for a free [Paint Pima Purple packet](#).



### **Donate Starting Over Supplies**

Bring donations for survivors to **Grant and Campbell from 7am to 6pm** (on the SE corner next to Bookman's). [Click here](#) for a list of needed

items.

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## More Ways to Participate

Help us Paint Pima Purple by spreading support & awareness throughout the month of October. There are lots of ways to get involved.

**For a list of events and ideas,  
visit [www.paintpimapurple.org](http://www.paintpimapurple.org)**

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## Thank You to Our Partners

**Spreading Awareness to Over 100,000 People in October**



### Community Partners Building DV Awareness\*

4th Avenue Yoga ~ Arizona Department of Public Safety ~ Bank of the West  
Banner-University Medical Center Tucson ~ Cavett & Fulton Law Firm  
CODAC Behavioral Health Services ~ City of Tucson ~ City of Tucson Ward 1  
City of Tucson Ward 3 ~ City of Tucson Ward 6  
Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Family Advocacy Program  
Freeport McMoRan ~ Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona ~ HBL CPA's  
Home Depot ~ KOLD ~ KVOA ~ Our Family Services ~ Peter Piper Pizza  
Pima County ~ Pima County Attorney's Office ~ Pima County Health Department  
Pima County Juvenile Court Center ~ Pima County Sheriff's Department  
Pyramid Federal Credit Union ~ ScriptSave ~ Simply Bits  
Society of HR Management ~ Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation  
Southwest Gas ~ Tucson Medical Center ~ TUSD Families & Students  
United Way of Tucson & Southern Arizona ~ Vantage West ~ Wingspan  
Women's Foundation of Southern Arizona ~YWCA of Tucson

*\*as of October 21, 2015*

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## Become a Community Partner

There are many ways for local organizations to partner with us in October. **Contact us** to find out more!

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## Contact Emerge!

**24-Hour Bilingual Hotline:** 520.795.4266

**Administration Offices:** 520.795.8001

[www.emergecenter.org](http://www.emergecenter.org)

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