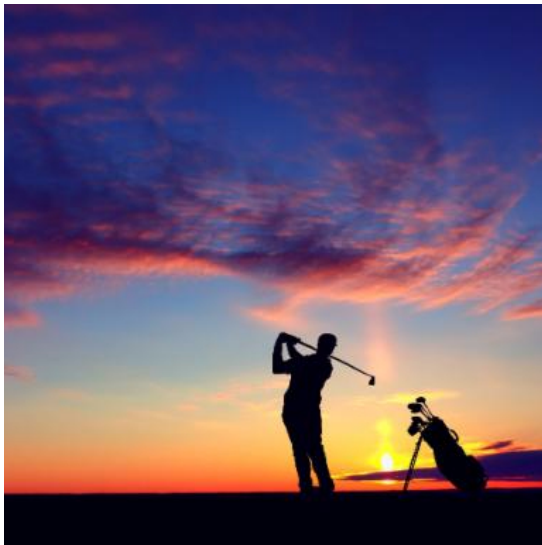




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July 2015



Emerge! Golf Classic

Join us at the exclusive Oro Valley Country Club this September and enjoy a day of golf to benefit Emerge! participants. [More Info >](#)



Denise's Story

Denise* always seemed to fall short of her husband's expectations. He never attacked her physically. However, the pain she felt

Friday, September 18th

Registration at 11:30 am

Lunch at 12:00 pm

Shotgun Start at 1:00 pm

Reception to Follow at 5:00 pm

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when he punished her for making mistakes, constantly insulted her and treated her as being inferior to him left invisible scars. After several years together, Denise eventually found herself pretending to be someone who she was not, just to appease her husband and maintain her emotional safety. It was not safe for her to voice her opinion or disagree with her husband in any way. [Read More >](#)

*Names, photos and identifying details have been changed to keep Emerge! participants safe.



Most Needed Items

At this time, the following items would greatly help Emerge! participants:

- Gift Cards (Grocery, Target, Walmart, Home



Want to Participate?

Below are June's Opportunities.

1. **Donate new back to school items** for children

- Depot, etc.)
- New Backpacks
- New School Supplies (Binders, Calculators, Folders, Highlighters, etc.)
- New Hair Brushes
- New Pillows
- New Bath Towels
- New Twin Size Blankets

Please bring or mail in-kind items to our administration offices at **2545 E. Adams Street, 85716.**

- staying in our shelter.
2. **Watch the video** below to learn more about what keeps people in abusive relationships.
3. Help us raise awareness about domestic violence by becoming a community partner for **Paint Pima Purple**, our October Domestic Violence Awareness Campaign.

#WhyIStayed

Barriers to Leaving an Abusive Relationship

Domestic abuse is a complex issue, and there are often many different barriers to leaving an abusive relationship. Every situation is unique, but some common obstacles can include isolation, custody of children, safety concerns, belief systems about divorce being taboo, beliefs in gender roles within relationships, cultural messages about relationships, religious beliefs, or to put it simply, a lack of options.

This past year there were several high profile figures charged with domestic violence. The media attention given to the issue at the national level created an opportunity for an impactful conversation about abuse. One example of this was when [Ray Rice](#), former NFL Baltimore Ravens Running Back, assaulted his then fiancé in a Las Vegas elevator. In response to the publicity surrounding this case, the community created the social media campaign [#WhyIStayed](#) to voice their outrage and bring to light the many barriers to leaving. The video below features Meredith Vieira,

formerly of "The Today Show," discussing her encounter with domestic violence and why she stayed.



It is important for family, friends and the community to make an effort to understand the reasons someone feels trapped in a relationship. By doing so, that person can feel supported in their journey to safety and independence. Check out our website for some additional examples of [what keeps people in abusive relationships](#).

#AccountabilityFirst

What About the Person Choosing to be Abusive?

While learning about the barriers to leaving can help us be more supportive to someone experiencing abuse, it is important that we also work together to stop placing responsibility on the victim and instead find ways to change the social structure that allows domestic abuse to continue. This includes significant belief and behavior changes for the small minority of men who use abusive behaviors, and a great responsibility for society to hold them accountable in order to create safety for women and girls in our community.



That accountability includes clearly and frequently verbalizing intolerance for abusive and coercive behaviors, providing support for men in getting the help they need to become healthy and safe partners, and role-modeling healthy and respectful male gender roles for the boys in our lives. This message of accountability is one of the most important components of preventing abuse within our community and equally important as the message to victims that we support them and help is available.

Recent News

'ELONIS RULING BY U.S. SUPREME COURT FAILS VICTIMS'

From The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence

DENVER, CO, June 2, 2015 - "Using a pseudonym, [Anthony Douglas] Elonis posted self-styled rap lyrics threatening his ex-wife, his co-workers, law enforcement agents and a kindergarten class. He claimed he was merely exercising his First Amendment rights and did not intend to follow through with his threats.

Elonis was convicted of cyberstalking and appealed his case all the way to the Supreme Court. In his original trial, the court told the jury Elonis should be held guilty if a reasonable person would

have known such actions would be interpreted as a threat. He claimed that standard was too low, and the prosecutor should have to prove he actually intended his statements to be a 'true threat'.

In a 7-2 ruling that is a blow to victims, advocates, prosecutors and law enforcement around the country, the Supreme Court sided with Elonis. However, the ruling did not define the threshold required for conviction, leaving the lower courts to thresh out the issue. The fall-out has yet to be seen, but this ruling has the potential to jeopardize stalking laws nationwide."



Emerge! Weighs In on the Court Ruling

TUCSON, AZ, June 15, 2015 - The unclear and far reaching ruling issued recently by the Supreme Court in *Elonis v. United States*, what's been titled the "Facebook threats" case, could have profound consequences for those experiencing domestic abuse.

Even if there's no intention to act, making threats is a destructive intimidation tactic used in abusive relationships. The *Elonis* ruling is minimizing the impact of this behavior, even though the US Department of Justice's website includes "any behaviors that intimidate, manipulate, humiliate, isolate, frighten, terrorize, [or] threaten" in its definition of domestic violence.

Being threatened and stalked can affect anyone's mental state, hindering a person's ability to function at work and home.

Unfortunately, this type of abuse does not always cease when the relationship ends, and sometimes it gets even worse. The Elonis ruling implies that survivors of abuse could be faced with prolonged harassment and turmoil, even after leaving the relationship, left to live in fear with no legal course of action.

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Thank you for your sponsorship of the 2015 Mother's Day Luncheon and the Paint Pima Purple Awareness Campaign.

City of Tucson Employees Combined Appeal Program (ECAP)

Thank you for helping those who wish to create and celebrate a life free from abuse.

General Electric Foundation

Thank you for your matching gift that has helped our participants through the journey to rebuild their lives.

Hattery Family Foundation

Thank you for helping domestic abuse survivors find safety and gain the chance for a new beginning.

Southwest Gas Employees

Thank you for your dedication and support, you have touched many lives.

Stifel

Thank you for your 2015 Emerge! Golf Classic sponsorship.

Sundt Foundation

Thank you for ensuring that children effected by domestic abuse have a safe environment and age appropriate programs to help them heal.

Tucson Medical Center

Thank you for your sponsorship of the 2015 Mother of the Year Luncheon and the 2015 Emerge! Golf Classic.

Women's Foundation of Southern Arizona

Thank you for helping to provide survivors of domestic abuse with support, healing and choices.

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