The Known Woman

These silhouettes are dedicated to our sisters, mothers, aunts, friends, daughters, neighbors, co-workers whose lives ended violently at the hands of a husband, ex-husband, partner, or acquaintance in North Dakota. We recognize not only each death, but each life.

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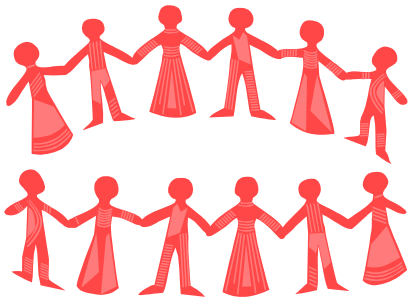
The Silent Witness Initiative

Witnesses are red
because it is the color of
our life's blood,
the one way in which
we are all united…
no matter
our race, creed, or
culture. The shields are
placed over the heart,
our life's rhythm.



The Silent Witness Exhibit is dedicated to using a visual message to further the cause of reducing violence against women and children. The central theme is the promotion of healing and peace in committed relationships by remembering and honoring the women and children who were murdered in acts of domestic violence -

- by raising awareness in our communities of the extent of domestic violence,
- by helping connect people with local resources for ending violence in their lives,
- by encouraging community action to end violence in our society.

FACTS ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

*4,419 incidents of domestic violence were reported to crisis intervention centers in North Dakota in 2003. (ND Department of Health, 2004)

*In 2003 there were twelve homicides in North Dakota. Eight of these homicides were domestic violence related. (Bureau of Criminal Investigation, 2004)

*The health-related costs of rape, physical assault, stalking and homicide committed by intimate partners exceed $5.8 billion each year. (Center for Disease Control, 2003)

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