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Welcome to the Winter Newsletter!

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ANTI-VIOLENCE PARTNERSHIP of Philadelphia

Together we can end the cycle of violence.

This Quarter's News...

Welcome to the Winter issue of the Anti-Violence Partnership of Philadelphia's newsletter! Here you will find updates on the latest events, news and information on AVP, its partners and the world of violence prevention and victim aid. Here's what this month's newsletter includes...

- Donate while you shop!
- AVP partners with the arts in 2013
- We recap the Service of Light + Hope
- Holiday Toy Drive
- And much more!

Read on to get the inside scoop!

Give Back While Crossing Off Your Holiday Wish List!



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About Us



The Anti-Violence Partnership of Philadelphia is a unique organization helping children and youth resolve conflict nonviolently, while assisting victims and their families to rebuild their lives in the aftermath of violence. Our mission is to end the cycle of violence in Philadelphia through comprehensive and collaborative programs.

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online shopping through Amazon and GoodShop. Every time you enter AVP's portal to Amazon.com, 4% of your purchase price comes directly to AVP! If you're already crossing off your holiday check-list online, why not donate to AVP with no additional cost to you?!

Click [here](#) for AVP's Amazon.com portal.
(Bookmark this link for easy shopping!)

AVP is also partnering with GoodShop to receive up to 30% of purchase proceeds! GoodShop works as a shopping portal, giving you access to hundreds of stores like 1-800-Flowers, Barnes & Noble, Lands End, Victoria's Secret, Apple, Crate and Barrel and many, many more! If you do any online shopping, using GoodShop's portal will automatically donate a portion of the purchase price to AVP! Just don't forget to designate the Anti-Violence Partnership of Philadelphia as your charity of choice!

Start shopping with GoodShop [here](#)!

AVP Partners with Philadelphia Arts Scene in 2013



AVP is gearing up for 2013 with not one, but two amazing partnerships with Philadelphia-based theater companies.

The Philadelphia Theater Company, of the Suzanne Roberts Theater, has chosen AVP as its season partner for [The Mountaintop](#), a play that reimagines Dr. Martin Luther King's last night in Room 306 of the Lorraine Motel before his assassination. On January 17th, Philadelphia Theater Co. will be offering a Pay-What-You-Can dress rehearsal during which voluntary donations will be collected for AVP! The invitation-only event will bring

Razelle Frankl, PhD.

Peter Hickok

James Madden

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Holiday Toy Drive!



Extra gifts lying around or just looking for an excuse to visit the toy aisle? AVP's Counseling Center is looking for children's gift donations for its second annual Holiday Toy Drive. Last year, AVP's teen clients had the opportunity to "shop" through donated items for their younger siblings. This gave clients the opportunity to not only get, but give.

If you are interested in donating a gift, please drop off items at AVP's main office at: [2000 Hamilton Street, Suite 304 Philadelphia, PA 19130](#) or call us at 215-567-6776 for more details.

PCOM Helps AVP with Golf Outing Fundraiser



awareness to AVP's services while highlighting the Philadelphia Theater Company and their rendition of MLK's final hours.

AVP will also be partnering with Simpatico Theater Project, a theater company that is dedicated to working with local non-profits, on Sunday, January 27th for a talk-back on issues of violence. Simpatico will be presenting ***The Amish Project***, a remarkable one-woman piece on the 2006 school house shooting in Lancaster, PA. In light of the themes of violence in the play, Simpatico chose AVP as its partner for the season, giving AVP the opportunity to discuss issues of violence in Philadelphia after the 2 p.m. matinee show. If you are interested in attending, please visit Simpatico Theater Project's [website](#) for more information and online ticketing.

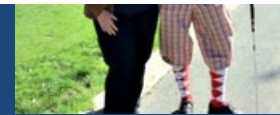
St. Rita's Hosts the memorial event, Service of Light + Hope



Photo courtesy of Joseph Myers

On Sunday, December 2nd, over 200 families and friends who have lost a loved one to homicide, or co-victims, gathered at the National Shrine of St. Rita's of Cascia for an interfaith memorial service to honor the 1000+ victims of violence in Philadelphia. St. Rita's asked the Anti-Violence Partnership to procure a list of co-victims for the last two years, creating an invite list of over 2000 people. Those who turned out to the event were greeted with an interfaith service that brought together faith leaders of Christian, Jewish and Muslim religions to honor the many lives lost to violence.

In light of the service dedicated to healing and peace during the holiday season, reporter Joseph Myers, who has written about



AVP's ED, Julie Rausch, and PCOM student, Zach Smith

This October, AVP was chosen as the beneficiary of the College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM) student-run charity golf outing. Jason Nolt and Zach Smith were two such students who put together the charity fundraiser at Bala Country Club. The fundraiser raised over \$800 for AVP, while giving AVP's Executive and Founding Directors the chance to discuss AVP with Country Club members.

AVP Teen Client Proves Fearless



One of AVP's teen clients went out on a limb, quite literally, to bring awareness to AVP. On November 2nd, this brave young woman rappelled down the side of a Center City skyscraper as part of Outward Bound's Building Adventure fundraiser. Outward Bound, an adventure-based education program, strives to create better leaders and better students through adventure-based life experiences.

AVP therapist Molly Schamel has long been involved in the program, prompting her teen client to sign up. When asked about her experience the brave teen said, "I wasn't

holiday season, reporter Joseph Myers, who has written about AVP in the past, covered the event and attendees' stories in the South Philly Review.

Click [here](#) to read Myers' article and hear about the many lives touched by this beautiful memorial service.

scared at all!" Her actions are just one way young co-victims are showing their bravery.

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