'Silent witnesses' silhouettes highlight domestic violence awareness

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City officials, Winston-

tives that is helping.

The WSPD has a vehicle designed with a photo and "Domestic Violence is

Family Services, retrieved it and made several remarks.

> "It's a tremendous impact to among us what happens with domestic violence in our community," said Feikema. "It's a powerful statement, and it helps us all bear witness to what has happened in our community, and to resolve that it will

Nathan Scovens, Police Department chaplain, recit-

One of the "Silent Witnesses" silhouettes sponsored by the Winston-Salem Chronicle ed a prayer, and asked everyone to remember the lives taken from the shooting that happened at Umpqua College in Rosenburg, Oregon. not happen again."

The candlelight vigil The Rev. Dr. took place and names were called out of victims that suffered domestic violence shed tears. over the past 20 years, including the ones that were recognized at the event. After the vigil, family members and friends of the victims personally

For more information or how to get involved, contact Family Services of Forsyth County at 336-722-8173 or visit www.fsifamily.org. To learn more viewed the silhouettes and about Silent Witnesses, visit took photos, while others http://www.silentwitness.ne were very emotional and





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Salem Police Department officials and Family Services of Forsyth County held a candlelight vigil, promoting Domestic Violence Awareness Month on Thursday, Oct. 1 at City Hall in downtown Winston-Salem on 101 N. Main St.

Family members of domestic violence victims were present at this event to witness the unveiling of the "silent witnesses" silhou-

Kathryn Mobley, WSTV Digital Media producer, marketing and communications, was the moderator. She shared a story of someone she interviewed, who was a victim.

"Domestic violence doesn't just hurt the people who are targeted," said Mobley. "It shatters faminever okay" written on the sides of it, along with a contact number.

"We are very excited and we ask that you cele-brate, mourn and connect with us as we roll out these initiatives." Thompson.

There will be purple lights that will light up at local businesses representing domestic abuse awareness. The audience got to see a commercial by FOX 8 news of families of the victims speaking out about domestic violence. The video will be shown all month long.

Lt. Eric Montgomery presented the unveiling of the silent witnesses silhouettes. The silent witnesses began in 1990 by a group of women in Minnesota

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The Winston-Salem Police Department vehicle that promotes Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

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Mayor Allen Joines read a proclamation declaring October Domestic Violence

Awareness Month, and what the community and officials will do to recognize the situations and actions that will be lawful-

'According the Center for Disease Control, nearly 1 in 4 women in the United States reports experiencing violence by a current, or former spouse or partner at some point in her life," said Joines. "The city of Winston-Salem is committed to take a firm position against domestic violence, and will remain focused on ensuring all people are safe in their homes, and that abusers are held accountable for their crimes."

Police Captain Catrina Thompson named all of the local media and businesses that will help support the cause and get the word out about domestic abuse. The Chronicle is one of the media representathat they created 26 lifecreated the silhouette figures revealed at the vigil.

"Each one of our sponsors who were just recognized opened their wallets, they opened their hearts and provided financial support. With your financial support, I'm sure that someone will find the help they need, someone's life will be getting better, and also someone's life will be saved," said Police Chief

Rountree presented a \$2,744 donation to Family Services of Forsyth County from the Winston-Salem Police Department. Bob

called Arts Action Against Domestic Violence, who became so outraged by the spread of domestic abuse sized wooden figures with the victim's names on each one of them. Karen Watson, Forensic Services Division Supervisor at the WSPD was the one who Each of the silhouettes that recognized by Montgomery was spon-sored by local businesses or nonprofit organizations. The Chronicle sponsored one of them.

Barry Rountree.

Feikma, president



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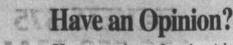


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