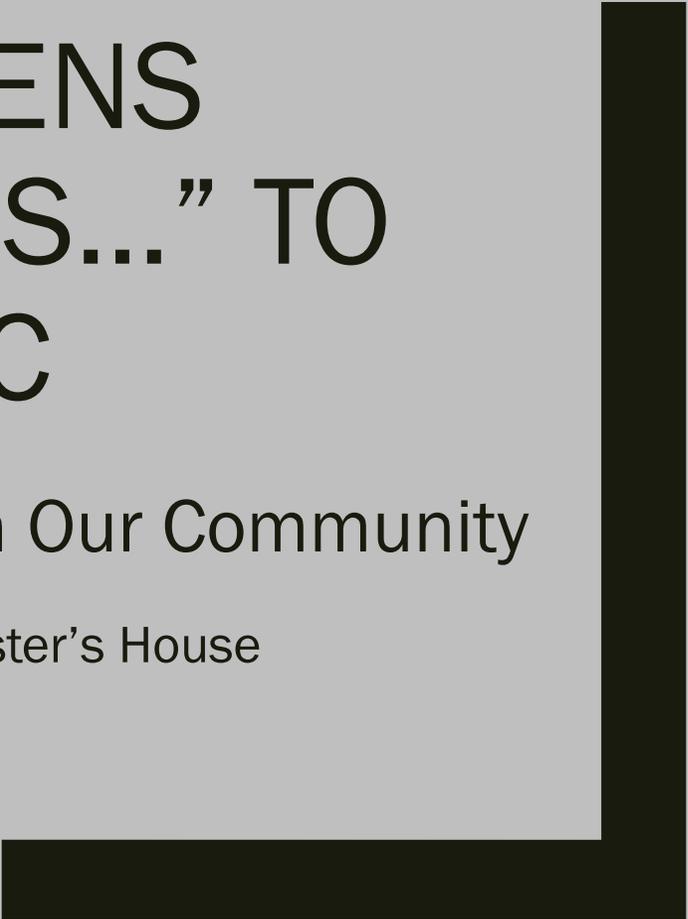




# FROM “WHAT HAPPENS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS...” TO PUBLIC EPIDEMIC

A Conversation About Domestic Violence In Our Community

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# Injury & Violence

- Injuries and violence affect everyone, regardless of age, race or economic status. In the first half of life, more Americans die from injuries and violence (motor vehicle crashes, falls or homicides), than from any other cause (including cancer, HIV, or the flu), making it the leading cause of death among persons 1-44.
- Nearly 200,000 people die annually from injuries (approximately 1 person every 3 minutes). There are also millions injured annually who survive but are faced with life-long mental, physical and financial problems.
- Total economic cost of injuries and violence in the US was \$671 billion in 2013 (for both fatal and nonfatal injuries). (CDC)

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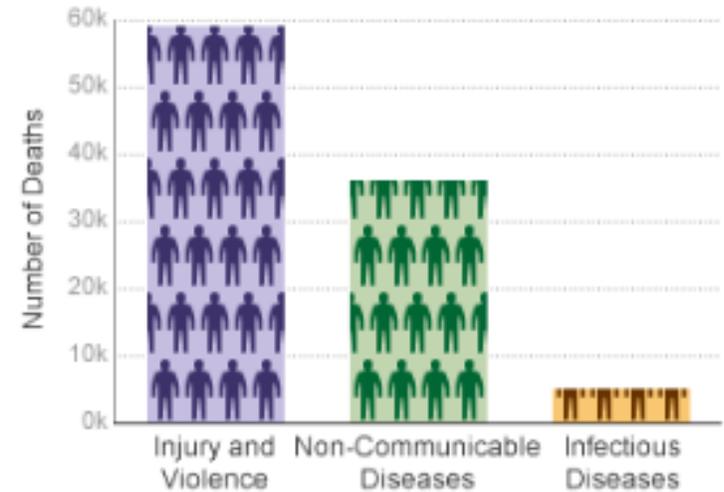
- Over 33,700 people died in motor vehicle crashes
- Over 14,800 people died from prescription opioid overdoses
- Over 2 million elderly individuals were treated in ER's for fall injuries
- Over 300,000 kids were treated in ER's for sports and recreation-related concussions
- 1 in 7 children experienced abuse/neglect in the last year
- 20 people experience IPV every minute
- 1 in 2 women experience sexual violence in their lifetime
- 1 in 5 men experience sexual violence in their lifetime

(All statistics from CDC)

Total 2004	Total 2030
1 Ischaemic heart disease	1 Ischaemic heart disease
2 Cerebrovascular disease	2 Cerebrovascular disease
3 Lower respiratory infections	3 Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
4 Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	4 Lower respiratory infections
5 Diarrhoeal diseases	5 Road traffic crashes
6 HIV/AIDS	6 Trachea, bronchus, lung cancers
7 Tuberculosis	7 Diabetes mellitus
8 Trachea, bronchus, lung cancers	8 Hypertensive heart disease
9 Road traffic crashes	9 Stomach cancer
10 Prematurity and low birth weight	HIV/AIDS
11 Neonatal infections and other	Nephritis and nephrosis
12 Diabetes mellitus	Suicide
13 Malaria	Liver cancer
14 Hypertensive heart disease	Colon and rectum cancer
15 Birth asphyxia and birth trauma	Oesophagus cancer
16 Suicide	Homicide
17 Stomach cancer	Alzheimer and other dementias
18 Cirrhosis of the liver	Cirrhosis of the liver
19 Nephritis and nephrosis	Breast cancer
20 Colon and rectum cancers	Tuberculosis
22 Homicide	

Chart from World Health Organization

## Leading Causes of Death



Injury Deaths Compared to Other Leading Causes of Death for Persons Ages 1-44, United States, 2013

Chart from CDC

# Domestic Violence

- Domestic Violence affects over 10 million people each year and on average, 3 women are killed by a current or former partner each day. (National Network to End Domestic Violence)
- 72% of all murder-suicides involve an intimate partner; 94% of these murder victims are female
- More than half of female homicide victims were killed in connection to IPV. (CDC)
- IPV affects homicide rates of Black and Hispanic women at a much higher rate than other races. (CDC)
  - *Black: 4.4 per 100,000 people*
  - *Hispanic: 1.8 per 100,000 people*
  - *White: 1.5 per 100,000 people*
- A 2004 study showed that IPV costs the US economy over \$8 billion each year.

# Domestic Violence

- South Carolina currently ranks 5<sup>th</sup> in the US for DV, with a homicide rate that is nearly double the national daily average. (Domestic Abuse Center)
- Females ages 18-34 experience the highest rates of DV. (CDC)
- 1 in 10 high school students experience physical abuse in a dating relationship each year (approximately 1.5 million students). (NCADV)
- 1 in 15 children are exposed to IPV each year, and 90% of those children are eyewitnesses to the violence. (NCADV)

# Domestic Violence

- Pre-birth
- Infants/toddlers
- Adolescents
- Teenagers
  - *The risk of becoming a victim as an adult/teen is greatly increased when raised in households where abuse is present. (NCADV)*
- Adults
  - *The risk of perpetrating IPV as an adult is 2 times higher for those who were abused or witnessed their mother being abused during childhood. (NCADV)*
- Related issues: teen suicide, bullying, peer pressure, drug/alcohol use, risky sexual behavior. What else?
- So violence isn't happening in your home, can your child/teen still be affected? How?

What are we doing and

what can YOU do?

You must do the things you think you cannot do. –Eleanor Roosevelt

**I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do something I can. What I can do, I should do. And what I should do, by the grace of God, I will do. –Edward Everett Hale**

Do not wait; the time will never be ‘just right’. Start where you stand, and work with whatever tools you may have at your command, and better tools will be found as you go along. –Napolean Hill

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