



DFVP Month off to a flying start

Wednesday 8th May 2013

Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month takes place across Australia every year in May.

Here in Brisbane, the month began with a candle lighting ceremony on the 1st May, to commemorate those who have been lost to domestic and family violence. Once again, the event proved to be a moving event for the more than 100 people from all walks of life who attended.

According to Karyn Walsh, Coordinator of Micah Projects, "Domestic and Family Violence is a major issue in our community. The 2011-2012 statistics show an 8% increase in breaches of Domestic Violence Protection Orders, compared with the previous year."

Kylie Robertson, Coordinator of the Brisbane Domestic Violence Service, said "We were privileged to hear the stories of mothers and sisters who had lost their family members to domestic and family violence. Their stories were a reminder to all about the need to end domestic and family violence in our communities, so that not one more life is lost."

"We're working closely with other community organisations across Brisbane to highlight the issue of domestic and family violence and provide information for those seeking support. Over the month we will be attending events such as the Launch of the Northside Safety Cards (1st May), Homicide Awareness Day (2nd May), Mothers Day Picnic in North Brisbane (12th May), Peaceful march and commemoration in Sandgate (16th May), Out of the Shadows (21st May) and annual Red Rose Rally (31st May)."

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