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NCADV Begins Domestic Violence Awareness Month by Honoring Victims' Families, Recognizing Strides in Legal Aid Society Program

NASHVILLE, Tenn. Sept. 29, 2016—You are invited to attend “**Meet Us at the Bridge**,” an event hosted by the Nashville Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) to remember those who have lost their lives to domestic violence in the last year.

Organizations and individuals will also receive awards for their outstanding work in the fight to end domestic violence. Waller, Lansden, Dorth & Davis, LLP will be recognized for its work with the Civil-Legal Advocate Program (CLAP), a partnership program of **Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberland**s and **Metro Nashville Government Office of Family Safety** that provides free legal representation to those in Davidson County who would otherwise not be able to afford legal representation against their abuser.

Diane Lance, department head of the Metro Office of Family Safety and award winners will be available for interviews at the event. DarKenya W. Waller, managing attorney at Legal Aid Society's Nashville office and Coordinator for CLAP, will not be in attendance, but is available for commentary by e-mail at dwaller@las.org or by phone at (615) 780-7118.

Visuals include:

- The John Seigenthaler Pedestrian Bridge and the Metro courthouse will be illuminated in purple.
- Families will drop a rose over the bridge in honor of their family member.
- Families and award recipients will have speaking opportunities.
- Essay contest winner Amiya Nesbitt, an 11th grader at Hume Fogg High School, will read her essay on the social and economic impacts of domestic violence.

Event details:

- Date: Saturday, Oct. 1, 2016
- Time: 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.
- Location: The John Seigenthaler Pedestrian Bridge

See you there!

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