



# DONATION DRIVE TOOLKIT

PARTNERS IN ENDING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN SCOTT & CARVER COUNTIES

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# ABOUT SVA

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In the early 1980s, communities in Scott and Carver counties did not have any direct services for abused women. To fill this void, a local victim of spousal abuse and a group of community volunteers joined together to raise awareness about domestic violence and offer support services to victims. Southern Valley Alliance received its 501(c)3 nonprofit designation in 1984. Today, we continue to be the only domestic violence agency located in Scott and Carver counties. Since its founding, the organization has assisted more than 20,000 women, men and children as they try to live healthy, violence-free lives.

## SVA's Core Programs

### **Crisis Intervention & Advocacy**

The SVA 24-hour CONFIDENTIAL crisis line is staffed by trained advocates available to listen and help 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Advocates can help with resources, safety planning and a wide-range of referrals.

### **Court & Legal Advocacy**

SVA partners with law enforcement, attorneys, and other agencies to advocate for and empower survivors through the court process. Advocates can assist victims with Orders for Protection and Harassment Restraining Orders, provide support and accompaniment to civil and criminal court hearings and connect victims to attorneys.

### **Support Groups**

Confidential online and in-person support groups lead by trained facilitators for those that have experienced intimate partner violence. Facilitators lead the discussion and can offer insight, direction and support. Free onsite childcare is available.

### **Children's Visitation Center**

The Children's Visitation Center is a safe, child-friendly environment where children can visit their non-custodial parent(s) when supervised visits or exchanges are requested. The Visitation Center is open to any family where there has been domestic violence and/or conflict around visitation.

### **Community Engagement & Training**

Through increasing awareness, training and building relationships we can remove the stigma around domestic violence, educate our youth, inform our neighbors and partner with other community groups invested in safety and well-being.

# GETTING STARTED

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## 1. How to help?

Donation drives help raise awareness about domestic violence in our community. Contact SVA at 952-873-4214 or [info@svamn.org](mailto:info@svamn.org) to discuss current needs and what you would like to collect.

## 2. Timeline

Choose your date and how long you will collect items. Collection drives can go a week, month or a season. Some locations choose to host ongoing drives.

## 3. Location

Collections can be held at businesses, organizations or even online. We recommend using a collection bin or box in a prominent location with clear signage. Please let SVA know if you need assistance with bins or signage.

## 4. Promote

Tell everyone about your event—family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors. Contact SVA for a flyer or make your own. Use Facebook, Instagram and Twitter to tell people what donations you are seeking and who they will go to help. Keep us updated so we can help spread the word too! SVA is always happy to provide a speaker to share our message with your organization.

## 5. Donate

Set a time to donate collection items or call SVA if you need assistance with pick-up. Donations are accepted Monday-Thursday 8:30-5 PM.

# DRIVE IDEAS

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Donation drives help SVA provide much needed items and emergency funds to the families we serve.

## GIFTS OF HOPE

Help SVA bring hope to families during the holidays. New gifts are needed for baby-adult.

## INFANT-CHILD GIFTS

Books, building blocks, musical toys, culturally diverse dolls, dress-up costumes. Board games, Legos, action figures, sports equipment, remote control cars, craft and science kits.

## TWEEN & TEEN GIFTS

Wireless earbuds, jewelry, sports apparel, makeup sets, gift cards.

## MOM GIFT BAGS

Makeup sets, bath and body care supplies, scarf & glove sets, small gift cards.

## TOILETRIES & CLEANING SUPPLIES

Full size lotion, soap, shampoo, body wash, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes. Full size cleaning spray, laundry detergent and dish soap.

## GIFT CARDS

Amazon, grocery, gas, Target, Kohl's, Visa and Uber.

## AMAZON WISHLIST

Make a quick and easy donation through SVA's Wishlist on Amazon and items will be shipped directly to us! Your donation drive could even be online.

## FINANCIAL DONATIONS

Make a financial donation online at [www.svamn.org](http://www.svamn.org)

Financial donations help SVA provide emergency assistance to those fleeing abuse. SVA helps victims with emergency hotel room stays, relocation assistance, transportation and more.