

October 2016—Domestic Violence Awareness Month

In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month – Appomattox County Victim/Witness Assistance Program partnered with the YWCA/Domestic Violence Prevention Center to bring an awareness to the Community –

- **Sunday, October 23rd** Rocks Baptist Church, 393 Rocks Church Road, Pamplin, VA will be having a special service at the 11:00 worship hour – Rocks Quilters will be donating lap quilts to the SANE Nurse Program at Centra Health and Appomattox Victim/Witness Program. The SANE program provides direct service to crime victims for collection of evidence for domestic violence and sexual assaults for our locality. These lap quilts can provide comfort during a traumatic time. Appomattox County Victim/Witness Program provides lap quilts to all child sexual assault victims.
- Silent Witness Initiative --- Began in 1990 to promote, educate and support an end to domestic violence through community based exhibits. It started with a small group of volunteers in one state and grew into an international presence, with projects in all 50 states and 23 countries. The silent witnesses are red wooden life size silhouettes representing a life lost at the hands of an abuser with their stories on a Crest of each silhouette. The silhouettes will be placed at the entrance to Legacy Hall, United

Memorial Methodist Church, Morton Lane on **Thursday, October 20th** for a Domestic Violence Awareness candlelight vigil that will be held at 7:00 p.m. Please join the Appomattox County Victim/Witness Program and YWCA/DVPC on October 20th to show support to our community for those that have lost their lives, those that have broken the cycle, and those continuing to struggle with domestic violence.

- Appomattox Victim/Witness Program and YWCA/DVPC respectfully request that the Board sign the Proclamation proclaiming October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.