

SLT Women's Center on letter writing campaign

Dear South Lake Women's Center Supporters,

As many of you know, last year the governor cut 100 percent of the state domestic violence funding from the budget via line-item veto.

As a result of this cut, many shelters in California had to close their doors or severely reduce the services they provided victims of domestic violence and their children. For our center, we lost \$220,000 in funding – about 15 percent of our overall budget. This caused a public outcry and the community of domestic violence supporters began working to find ways to reinstate the funds.

Thanks to the outcry of supporters in California, the Legislature reinstated about 70 percent of the funds for one year. These funds will end as of June 30, 2010.

In an effort to find a long-term solution the California Partnership to End Domestic Violence (CPEDV) has created a postcard campaign with the goal of securing state funding for life-saving shelter services.

How can you help?

Mail postcards to our representatives in the Legislature:

Sen. Dave Cox

State Capitol

Sacramento, CA 94248-0001

Assemblyman Ted Gaines

State Capitol

Room 4144

Sacramento, CA 94249-0004

All postcards must have a 44 cent stamp and not a postcard stamp.

We also encourage you to pass on the postcards to your friends and allies who understand that supporting domestic violence shelter services benefits the whole community and state.

Thank you for all your support,

Sarah Sanchez, development coordinator South Lake Tahoe Women's Center