

Abbotsford and Mission VAWIR Purple Nights Lights Campaign



What is 'Purple Lights' all about?

- ▶ October is Purple Lights Nights Campaign to "**Shine More Light**" on Intimate Partner Violence
- ▶ Purple Lights Nights began in **Covington, Washington in 2006**, organized by Covington Domestic Violence Task Force
- ▶ **Abbotsford and Mission** created a Domestic Violence Task Force in 1992 called **VAWIR - Violence Against Women In Relationships**
- ▶ VAWIR adopted this campaign and in **October** of every year has participated in "**Purple Light Nights**"



Purpose



- ▶ This campaign is in **remembrance** of the victims who lost their lives from domestic violence, **support** those who survived intimate partner violence, and **give hope** to those who still live in abuse
- ▶ Purple Lights Nights is meant to increase the awareness of intimate partner violence and its affect upon children and families

Goals



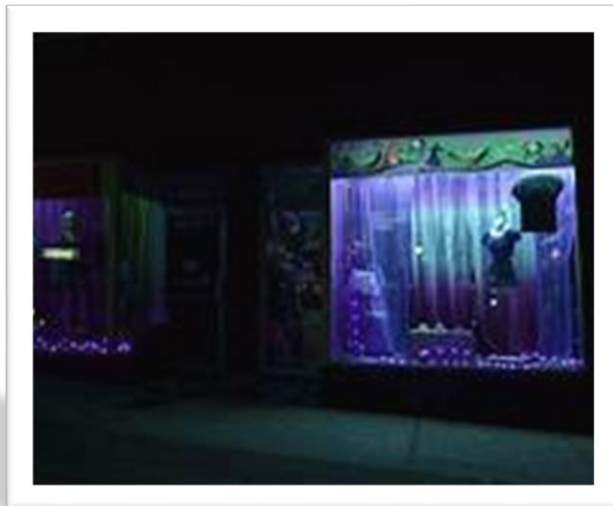
- ▶ Provide education to **promote healthy relationships** to youth and adults
- ▶ **Increase awareness** of intimate partner violence and how it affects the community as a whole
- ▶ Provide **assistance and service referrals** to victims and their families
- ▶ Work to support policies that meet **victim needs** and hold **perpetrators accountable**

How can you get involved?

- ▶ Hang purple lights at your workplace, home, school
- ▶ Wear Purple – attend the Purple Lights Launch events
- ▶ Take a selfie, take a group photo, and spread the word that **VIOLENCE has no place in our community!**
- ▶ Get to know your local resources that support victims of violence
- ▶ Report intimate partner violence to police or Archway's Specialized Victim Assistance Program (multicultural supports available)
- ▶ Buy a t-shirt at the Purple Lights tables (Abbotsford Farmer's market, Abbotsford Canucks) or the UFV Bookstore
- ▶ Follow us on Instagram @purplelightsnightsfraservalley and Facebook Purple Lights Nights Abbotsford & Fraser Valley



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Calendar for Purple Lights Nights

October 07, 2023: Launch Day! Abbotsford Farmers Market
9am-12pm

October 12, 2023: 'Take the Night Back' Walk at Old Hand
Coffee at 7pm

October 14, 2023: Abbotsford Farmers Market 9am-12pm

October 14, 2023: Hot Yoga at Oxygen Yoga and Fitness Studio,
Mission (Free; limited spots available! RSVP to
scb_98@hotmail.ca to reserve yours!)

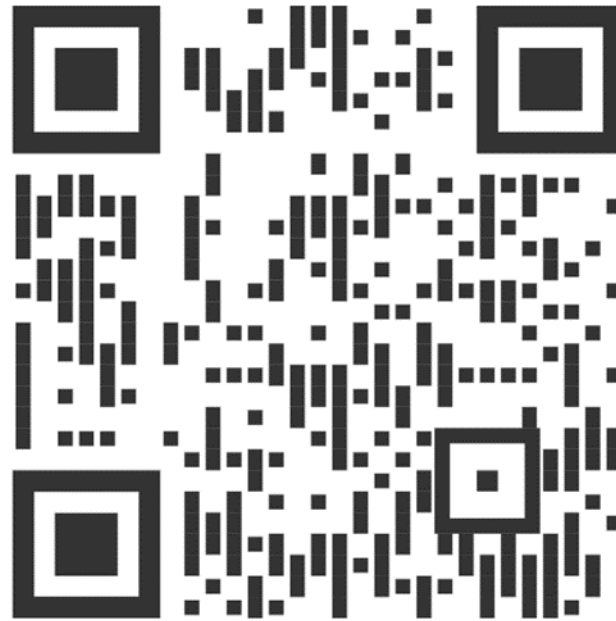
October 18, 2023: Agency Awareness Breakfast 8am-11am

October 20, 2023: Abbotsford Canucks Season Opener Game

October 21, 2023: Abbotsford Farmers Market 9am-12pm

October 25, 2023: 'Crime is Toast' breakfast 7:30am-9:30am

October 28, 2023: Abbotsford Farmers Market 9am-12pm



Abbotsford & Mission VAWIR Committee

Abbotsford Police Department
Mission RCMP Victim Services
Abbotsford Probation
Ministry of Children and Families
SARA For Women
University of the Fraser Valley
Archway Community Services

APD Intimate Partner Violence Unit & APD Victim Services
Crown Counsel
Correctional Service of Canada
Family Justice Centre
ARH Forensic Nursing Team
Mennonite Central Committee
Mission Community Services



Purple Lights Nights October Campaign

- ▶ End The Silence.
- ▶ End The Violence.

