



Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated State of Maryland
2023 Maryland State Leadership Conference Z-HOPE™ Initiative

PUTTING *it all* *on the* **LINE**

A statewide effort in the
fight to end
violence against women.



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Objective

The objective of the initiative is to provide Chapters across the state an array of options to fully engage in domestic violence awareness, education, and support work in the months leading up to the State Conference and within the scope of Z-HOPE™. The initiative culminates with a Clothesline Project Display during conference weekend.


Background

In one day, 702 victims of domestic violence were served in Maryland. Maryland Courts granted over 22, 000 Temporary Protective Orders and over 10,000 Final Protective Orders in Fiscal Year 2018. Even with the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, which made accessing and screening victims much more challenging, thousands of victims received services. *Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence www.mnadv.org*

Clothesline Project

The Clothesline Project is a visual display of shirts with graphic messages and illustrations that have been designed by women survivors of violence or allies. The purpose of the Project is to increase awareness of the impact of violence against women, to celebrate a woman's strength to survive and to provide another avenue for her to courageously break the silence that often surrounds her experience.

Activities And Criteria

Type of Program	Activity	Z-HOPE™ Eligibility
T-Shirt Design Event*	Partner with a local DV Servicer to organize a T-Shirt Design Event in the chapter's local service area by March 11, 2023.	50 points
Clothesline Display*	Bring t-shirts from t-shirt design event to conference for inclusion in Clothesline Display. <i>*Chapters will be responsible for retrieving t-shirts following the display.</i>	10 points per shirt (Minimum 5 required).
Safety & Security*	Submit a request to Ring for Non-Profits and obtain up to 60 ring devices and Ring Stick Up Cam devices to provide directly to survivors in your local service area. Each device includes a Ring Protect Basic subscription plan for the life of that device. 501c3 required. https://page.techsoup.org/ring-for-nonprofits#getstarted	50 points
Teen Dating Violence 2023 Respect Week Challenge* 	Zeta Youth ages 13-18 years old are encouraged to submit a 60 second PSA video on healthy relationships and the importance of respect and boundaries. Videos must be uploaded to YouTube (unlisted) and the link must be submitted via submission form at https://forms.gle/nPmimYtThrBV1CGo6 no later than 11:59pm on February 25, 2023.	25 points
Care Packages*	Care packages for women who have been displaced and or exiting abusive environments. See attached inventory sheet.	25 points for every 25 packages
Monetary Donations*	State Goal to raise \$2500 to help sponsor gas cards and emergency housing for domestic violence victims. Monetary donations are welcomed from chapters and individuals no later than 11:59pm on March 11, 2023 at https://2023mdslc.eventbrite.com/	Undergraduate/ Zeta Youth \$50 - 50 points \$75 - 75 points \$100 - 100 points Over \$100 - 1 pt per dollar Graduate/Amicae \$100 - 100 points \$150 - 150 points \$200 - 200 points Over \$200 - 1 pt per dollar



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ADDITIONAL WAYS TO ENGAGE		
Get Engaged/Social Action Kick off Letter Writing Campaign	Launch a letter writing campaign to urge local, state, territory, tribal and national government officials to protect women in abusive marriages by repealing the provision to prohibit the prosecution of a person for rape or a certain sexual offense against a victim who was the person's legal spouse at the time of the alleged rape or sexual offense. See page four of this toolkit for additional information!	50 points for every 25 letters written
Workshop/Program	Partner with a domestic violence servicer to host a workshop on the impact of domestic violence on children.	25 points
Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month – Youth-Specific Workshop/Program	Host a program/workshop/panel discussion for youth. Zeta Youth Groups may host program/workshop/panel discussions for fellow students and community youth.	25 points
White Ribbon Campaign Workshop/Program	The White Ribbon is a symbol of men's opposition to violence against women. Host a program to specifically engage men and boys in the work to end violence against women and girls.	50 points

Community Organization Spotlights

I'm Bruised But Not Broken, Inc., is a local 501c(3) community based nonprofit organization committed to empowering, encouraging, embracing and equipping women who are coping with the various cycles of domestic violence. We seek to bridge the gap between the victim’s needs and effective community resources by providing services that positively contribute to the safety, education, and welfare of domestic violence victims. www.imbruisedbutnotbroken.com

Sisters4Sisters, Inc. is a non-profit organization which is dedicated to the Empowerment of Women and Girls in Mind, Body, and Spirit through Educational, Personal, and Professional Development Workshops and Engaging Community Outreach in the areas of HIV-AIDS, Domestic & Sexual Violence, Girls Mentoring, Homelessness and Health & Wellness. www.sisters4sisters.org

Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence is the state domestic violence coalition that brings together victim service providers, allied professionals, and concerned individuals for the common purpose of reducing intimate partner and family violence and its harmful effects on our citizens. www.mnadv.org

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Get Engaged/Social Action

Mobilize legislators to act!

The State of Maryland urges chapters and auxiliaries to draft letters in support of HB 4 / SB 0129 which seeks to protect women in abusive marriages by repealing the provision to prohibit the prosecution of a person for rape or a certain sexual offense against a victim who was the person's legal spouse at the time of the alleged rape or sexual offense.

Sample Letter Format

Date

The Honorable _____

Office Address

United States House of Representatives or United State Senate
City, State, Zip code

My name is (your first and last name) and I am a (family member /service provider/advocate/community member) who resides in your district.

State why you are writing this letter or sending this email.

State your views to support or oppose the bill or other issue here. Choose up to three of the strongest points that support your position and state them clearly.

Tell your representative why the issue is important to you and how it affects you, your family member and your community. Use a personal story or personalize the issue. Avoid personal attacks, threats of political influence or demands.

Tell your representative how you want her or him to vote on this issue and ask for a response. If mailing a letter be sure to include your name and address on both your letter and envelope.

Sincerely,

SIGN YOUR NAME

Print your name.

Street address

City, State, Zip code

Next Steps

Please upload a copy of your completed letter(s) at <https://forms.gle/CAu2okcLBVrkx44u5> no later than 11:59pm on Friday, March 17, 2023.

The letter writing campaign is only a start! The campaign commences now through the end of state conference with a plan to deliver the letters under the guidance of the Maryland State Social Action team. Additional options include preparing written testimony and or in-person witness testimony in support of HB 4 / SB 129.

For additional social action guidance, please contact Soror Carla Nelson, Maryland State Social Action Coordinator at mdstatesocialaction12@gmail.com.



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A LAUNDRY LIST OF COLORS

The below list outlines the color coding of the shirts to be included in the clothesline display. Each shirt represents different dimension of interpersonal violence against women and girls.



Battered or assaulted



Witnessed violence in the home as a child



Raped or sexually assaulted



LGBTQ+ battered or assaulted



Woman living with a disability who has been abused or permanently handicapped as a result of interpersonal violence



Survivor of incest or child sexual abuse



Died as a result of domestic violence



Online and digital assault

The Clothesline Display is a collection of personal experiences of women survivors and or loved ones who have lost someone. Please do not censor their stories. Please also ensure permission is granted to include selected shirts in the Clothesline Display. All submissions are anonymous to protect the creator. Shirts can be designed using words and or drawings.

Please ask survivors not to name their perpetrators by both the first and last name unless they have been convicted of that particular crime.

DESIGN A T-SHIRT

VIEW THE CLOTHESLINE DISPLAY DURING THE CONFERENCE

RAISE AWARENESS



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Inventory Sheet

Please print legibly.

Chapter/Auxiliary/Zeta Youth Group Name: _____

Sponsoring Chapter (if applicable): _____

Chapter Z-HOPE™ Coordinator: _____

Each care package includes the following items. Please indicate which items you are donating and the quantity.		
Item		Quantity
<input type="checkbox"/>	Toothbrushes	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Toothpaste	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mouthwash	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Journal	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ink Pens	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lotion	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bath Gel	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vaseline	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Washcloths	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Soft Socks	
<input type="checkbox"/>	New underwear/panties	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Combs/Brushes	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Note of Encouragement*	

*Requested with all donations, but not included in the total number of Z-HOPE™ eligible items donated

Enter Total Number of Items Donated	
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A signed copy of this form must be submitted to the State Z-HOPE™ Coordinators with your donations and uploaded as an artifact when reporting in the Zeta Service Management System.

Chapter Basileus Signature _____ Date: _____

State Z-HOPE™ Coordinator Signature _____ Date: _____