

Fly Women's Network Partners City of Paterson to Raise a Flag for Domestic Violence Awareness



Paterson, New Jersey Nov 7, 2022 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Fly Women's Network, a leading community advocacy, and resource organization has partnered with the City of Paterson to raise a flag to create awareness for domestic violence.

The event which was held at the Paterson City Hall was also used to recognize a domestic violence survivor, Francesca Nunez, who received a proclamation award from the Mayor of Paterson, Andre Sayegh, for her exemplary contribution to the empowerment of women affected by domestic violence.

"In Paterson, we are particularly appreciative and profoundly grateful to a young woman who has been raising public awareness as an advocate and as a victim relative to domestic violence. So, to lead today's program, I'm proud to present a proclamation for all of her exemplary efforts to advocate on behalf of other victims. Ladies and Gentlemen, please join me in a round of applause for our honoree, Francesca Nunez. And in addition to presenting this Proclamation to Francesca. I'm proud to proclaim in Patterson that this is domestic violence month", these were the words of the Mayor of the city of

Paterson, Mr. Andre Sayegh.

He said: “my mother was a victim of domestic violence; my brother and I witnessed what happened to her and sadly, she is an immigrant from Syria and didn't know her rights; if there was someone like Francesca for her here, who could have advocated for her, she could have gotten out of that situation sooner than she did. We want to prevent that from happening in the future for anyone irrespective of race, religion, or country of origin.”

Also speaking at the occasion, CEO/Founder, of Fly Women’s Network, Melanie Holmes, said: “This is our fifth year of collaboration; we started as a candlelight vigil at the courthouse steps; it is remarkable that today would be our time to raise the flag of awareness. In this short period of time of us doing this flag raising, at least 15 people have called the hotline of New Jersey for domestic violence. In a great way, it is really important to note that every hour 15 people are calling in to get help; and that's why this is so dear to me to be able to have this type of opportunity for people to say, let's raise the flag. We are no longer going to be silent about suffering behind closed doors; the louder we are, the better it is.”

Held annually since 2017 as part of activities to mark the domestic violence awareness month, the candlelight vigil and flag raising have been a way of putting the issues bothering intimate partner violence on the front burner. Over this period, Fly Women’s Network has collaborated with Passaic County Women’s Centre, WAFAA HOUSE, Paterson Performing Arts Development Council, Black and Blue Foundation, and the City of Paterson.

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, intimate partner violence accounts for 15% of all violent crimes. On average nearly 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States. During one year, this equates to more than 10 million women and men. Also, according to the survey 1 in 4 women and 1 in 9 men experience severe intimate partner physical violence, intimate partner contact sexual violence, and/or intimate partner stalking with impacts such as injury, fearfulness, post-traumatic stress disorder, use of victim services, contraction of sexually transmitted diseases among other maladies.

In a great way, Fly Women’s Network is committed to partnering with relevant institutions in its quest to provide life-saving initiatives and build a future devoid of domestic violence, sexism, and economic inequalities.

About Fly Women’s Network

Established in 2017, Fly Women’s Network is a women's advocacy organization based out of New Jersey, USA; it is committed to empowering, inspiring, influencing, and impacting women and their communities. In a unique way, the group is driven to fellowship and collaborate with government agencies, correctional facilities, community activists, medical agencies, interfaith initiatives, counselors, and art therapists. The organization’s goal is to increase education, resources, transitional living, and life development programs that help vulnerable women to thrive upon reentering society after critical setbacks in their lives, forging a new pathway to prosperity in the process. Visit www.flywomensnetwork.org for the latest news.

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