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Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV) hosting its 3rd Annual Dia de los Muertos Tribute in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month

DES MOINES, Iowa – October 9, 2023 – The Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV) is hosting its 3rd Annual Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) Tribute on Saturday, October 14, 2023, in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM). The event will be from 12-4 p.m. at Union Park, 1801 Pennsylvania Avenue (by the Carousel), in Des Moines.

This year's Tribute will include live music from Calle Sur and an array of performers, guest speakers, children's activities including a bounce house and face painting, a community resources fair, food and drinks, and so much more. The Tribute and all activities are free for attendees!

ICADV invites the community to join them in remembering the names, faces, and stories of individuals who have lost their lives to gender-based violence. Attendees are welcome to bring a photograph of a loved one to place on this year's Ofrenda (altar) designed by Latinos in Action, a youth leadership class through the Des Moines Public School District, to honor and elevate the stories and names of individuals who have been taken from their families and communities too soon.

"Supporting victims, families, and communities impacted by violence takes all of us," says Dr. Maria Corona, executive director of ICADV. "Gender-based violence is a public health issue with severe consequences for everyone. Our 3rd Annual Dia de los Muertos Tribute is an opportunity for the community to come together, recognize, and support the stories of Iowans who have experienced violence."

To learn more about the Tribute, ICADV's activities during DVAM, and programming, or to connect with your local victim support service program, visit www.icadv.org.

About the Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence

The Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV) provides education, support, and advocacy to help those impacted by intimate partner violence. ICADV supports a statewide network of survivor support service programs, connects survivor support programs with the assistance they need, and advocates for policy and community transformation to make Iowa a safer place for everyone. www.icadv.org

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