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September 2025 Newsletter

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A letter from **RHONDA RANEY** EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends,

As Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) approaches, we remain focused on our mission to provide safety, support, and hope for survivors of domestic and sexual violence in Wake County. The continued participation and compassion of the community make this work possible.

Your generosity during our Back-to-School Supply and Lunch Supply Drive ensured that children in our programs started the school year prepared and supported. Thank you for meeting this important need.

We are also grateful to be part of the 2025 North Carolina State Employees Combined Campaign (SECC). From September 1 to December 31, North Carolina state employees can support local nonprofits making a difference. When you use Charity Code #3744, your gift goes directly to InterAct, helping survivors and their families access life-changing services.

It does not go unnoticed that you have a choice of where to direct your support. We want you to know that we see you, we are grateful, and your investment in InterAct truly matters. Thank you.

With gratitude,



Rhonda Raney,
Executive Director

Healing Through Play



Play is a lifeline for children impacted by domestic violence. It gives kids a safe outlet to process trauma, reconnect with caregivers, and foster healthy emotional development.

With your support, InterAct provides safe, supportive spaces where children and families can heal, rebuild, and find hope for brighter futures.

[Learn More About Our Programs](#)

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Last year, InterAct recorded its

HIGHEST WALK-IN RATE IN HISTORY



Demand for help is at an all-time high — and Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) is just around the corner.

Last year, InterAct served over 7,500 clients, answered 9,000+ crisis calls, and saw the highest number of walk-ins in our history.

Your support isn't just appreciated — it's essential. As we approach Domestic Violence Awareness Month, your involvement helps shine a light on survivors' stories and ensures life-saving services remain available.

Join us. Give. Volunteer. Advocate.

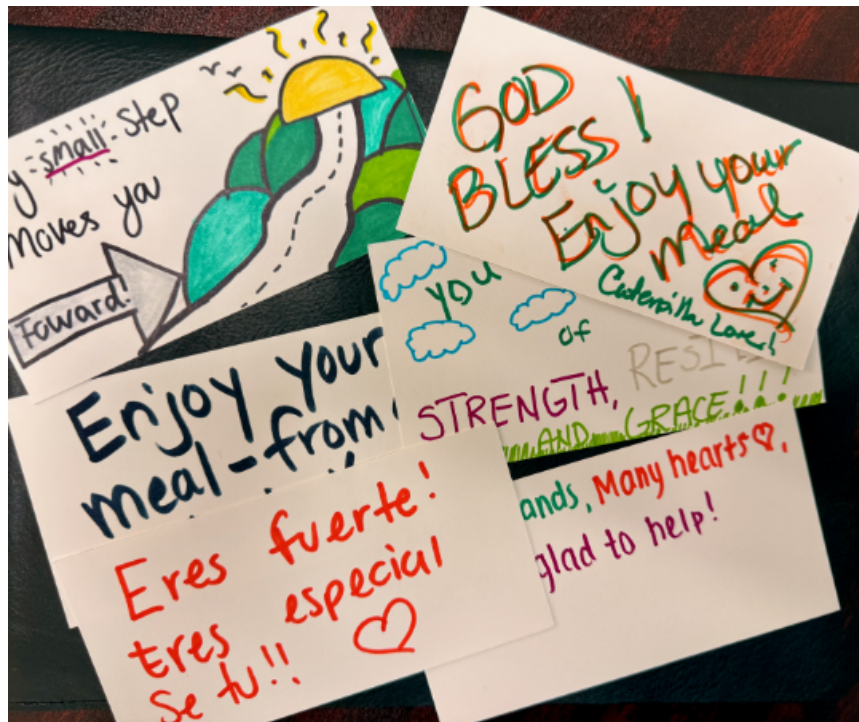
Where to find us as an advocate during DVAM

2025 DVAM

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – JOIN US!

W, 10/1	9AM - 12PM 11AM - 2PM 11AM - 2PM	InterAct DVAM Kickoff NC State DVAM Kickoff on Stafford Commons Duke Relationship Violence Awareness Month Resource & Community Fair	W, 10/8	2:30 - 4:30PM	Purpose@Peace Student Engagement Fair, William Peace University	W, 10/15	2:30 - 4PM	Wake Forest Women's Club Juniores Meeting – Speaking Engagement
Th, 10/2	10AM - 12PM	NC State DVAM Kickoff 2 on Centennial Campus	Th, 10/9	6:30-8PM	Women's Club of Garner – Speaking Engagement – 230 US 70 in Garner	Th, 10/16	ALL DAY	NNEDV Wear Purple Thursday
Sa, 10/4	11AM - 2PM	Hands of Protection & Raleigh Parks & Rec – Be a Voice for Children Community Festival – 120 N. Tarboro Rd., Raleigh	Sa, 10/11	11AM - 3PM	7 th Annual Crosby Community Day – John Chavis Memorial Park	F, 10/17	730AM	Presentation - WakeMed Cary Trauma
			Sa, 10/11	6 - 11PM	NC Local Music Fundraiser to Benefit InterAct at Tap Yard Raleigh.	W, 10/22	12 - 1:30PM	Dr. Garner hosts community mental health providers – at InterAct
			Tu, 10/14	1PM - 2:30PM	Zebulon Beta Sigma Phi Sorority Meeting – Speaking Engagement	Th, 10/23	5-7PM	DVAM Purple Thursday hosted by NCSU on Stafford Commons
						Th, 10/30	11AM - 1PM	WakeMed Community Resource Fair at Andrews Conference Center

Making an Impact



On September 9, over 50 employees from **Caterpillar** stopped by InterAct's table during their Volunteer Fair to learn more about our mission, write encouraging note cards for survivor Meal Kits, and make domestic violence awareness ribbons.

Moments like these highlight the power of connection. InterAct is committed to being present in our community — educating, engaging, and partnering with others to raise awareness about domestic and sexual violence.

Thank you to Caterpillar for standing with survivors and supporting InterAct's mission!

Support for InterAct comes in many forms — from organizing our pantry and creating Meal Kits to writing inspiring messages for survivors. Every act of kindness helps provide safety, support, and hope for those we serve.

We're grateful for partners like **Caterpillar, Courtyards at O'Kelly Chapel Community, First Horizon Foundation, KBI Biopharma,** and the **NC Bar Association Foundation** for showing up in big ways to support survivors and their families.

THANK YOU

GRANTORS,
DONORS,
AND
SUPPORTERS!



- CATERPILLAR
- COURTYARDS AT O'KELLY
CHAPEL COMMUNITY
- FIRST HORIZON FOUNDATION
- KBI BIOPHARMA
- NC BAR ASSOCIATION
FOUNDATION

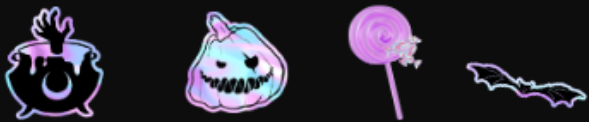
HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Trunk or Treat

Deliver to InterAct by Oct. 18

Seeking donations of:

-  **Costumes (new or gently used) for children ages 2–13**
-  **Candy (individually wrapped, no nuts please)**
-  **Non-Food Treats (stickers, small toys, pencils, bubbles, etc.)**
-  **Decorations & Supplies to make our trunks festive and fun**



InterAct is preparing for our annual **Trunk or Treat** event, a safe and fun way for clients and their families to celebrate Halloween.

We're inviting local businesses, civic groups, and organizations to join us in creating a memorable evening for kids ages 2–13.

Here's how you can help:

-  Host a donation drive for Halloween-themed pantry items for school lunches and snacks
-  Donate new or gently used costumes (ages 2–13)
-  Provide individually wrapped, nut-free candy or non-food treats (stickers, small toys, pencils, bubbles, etc.)
-  Contribute decorations or supplies to make the night festive

Drop-off by Oct. 18

Location: 1012 Oberlin Road, Raleigh

Hours: Monday–Friday, 9 AM–4 PM

Interested in partnering or donating? Send us a message at info@interactofwake.org or call us at **919-865-1761** to get started.



It's Here! Our Annual Coat Shop Is OPEN!

We have officially opened the upstairs **Coat Shop** at our Fuquay location — and it's full of carefully curated coats in almost-new condition, priced to move!

Our customers look forward to this event every year because it's the perfect way to elevate your fall style at affordable prices while supporting InterAct's mission to serve survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

🧥 Shop now through fall — we're adding new pieces daily, so visit often for the best finds!

Learn more about Pass it On

State Employees Combined Campaign (SECC)

InterAct is part of the **2025 NC State Employees Combined Campaign (SECC)**!

Approved State Employees Combined Campaign Charity

interAct Code #3744



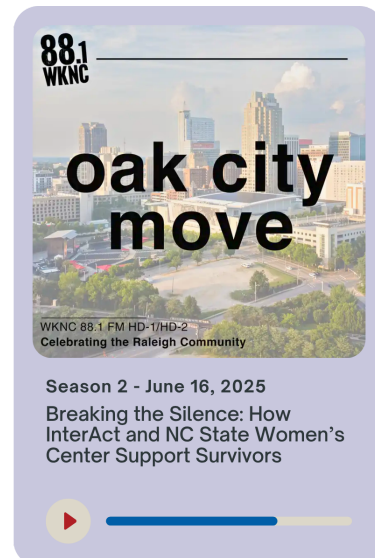
From **Sept. 1 – Dec. 31**, North Carolina state employees can choose to support nonprofits making a real difference in their own communities. 💙

👉 When you use **Charity Code #3744**, your gift goes directly to InterAct—helping provide safety, support, and hope for survivors of domestic and sexual violence in Wake County.

✨ Small contributions add up to big change. Together, we can turn generosity into impact. Learn more here: ncsecc.org/what-is-the-secc



Pass It On Thrift Stores support InterAct's mission to help victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. We deeply appreciate the generosity of our donors. Your contributions make a big impact.



Tune in to a recent **podcast** featuring InterAct team members in conversation with NC State's Women's Center, where they discuss domestic violence, local resources, and the many ways survivors can access support.



Please schedule your donation in advance by emailing passiton@interactofwake.org.

Check your inbox and follow us on social media to learn how you can support survivors and families impacted by domestic and sexual violence.

Support with Confidence



InterAct has received the highest rating of four stars from Charity Navigator.



InterAct holds the Platinum Seal of Transparency from Candid./GuideStar.

For over 47 years, InterAct has been committed to breaking the cycle of domestic and sexual violence in Wake County, North Carolina. As the county's only provider of comprehensive services for victims and survivors, we make a life-saving impact 24/7/365. With a dedicated team of over 60 staff members and nearly 50 volunteers, we serve approximately 10,000 community members each year—nearly 7,000 of whom are victims of abuse. InterAct saves lives, rebuilds lives, and secures safer futures for victims, survivors, and their families.

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