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Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence hosts 4th Annual Dia de los Muertos Tribute to shine a light on gender-based violence – Saturday, October 5, 2024.

DES MOINES, Iowa – October 2, 2024 – In recognition of [Domestic Violence Awareness Month \(DVAM\)](#), the [Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence \(ICADV\)](#) will host its [4th Annual Dia de los Muertos \(Day of the Dead\) Tribute](#) on Saturday, October 5, 2024. The Tribute will be from 12-4 p.m. at [Union Park, 1801 Pennsylvania Avenue \(by the Carousel\), in Des Moines](#).

The Tribute is a community-centered event featuring live performances by Calle Sur and spoken word artists. It also features a variety of family-friendly activities, such as carousel rides from 1- 3 p.m., face painting, and a community resource fair. Guests can also enjoy food and drinks, and all activities are provided ***free of charge***.

“Supporting victims, families, and communities affected by violence is a collective responsibility,” says Dr. Maria Corona, Executive Director of ICADV. “Gender-based violence is a public health crisis with serious repercussions for all of us. The Tribute offers a meaningful space for the community to unite, reflect, and uplift the stories of Iowans impacted by violence.”

ICADV invites the community to come together in remembrance of individuals who have lost their lives to gender-based violence. Attendees are encouraged to bring photos of loved ones to place on the **Ofrenda (altar)**, honoring their memory.

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 \(ICADV\)](#) works to enhance the capacity of direct service providers and communities to support victims. We provide training, education, and technical assistance to service provider agencies to help increase access to effective services, meet the needs of victims, and ensure services are responsive. We serve as a statewide resource on Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) to increase understanding of the problem, promote funding for effective responses, and improve access to support. The network has survivor advocates available throughout all 99 Iowa counties. To learn more, visit www.icadv.org.