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**WSLB INVITES COMMUNITY TO A CANDLELIGHT WALK IN RECOGNITION OF
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

LONG BEACH, Calif., Oct. 13, 2009 – WomenShelter of Long Beach (WSLB), a full-service agency assisting victims of domestic violence, will gather with the community on **Friday, Oct. 23, 2009 at 6 p.m.** for a Candlelight Walk in honor of domestic violence survivors and in remembrance of those who have died at the hands of someone they know. Everyone is invited to gather at the **Promenade and 1st Street in Downtown Long Beach**. Groups are invited to bring and display their organization's banners.

"We know that domestic abuse is a cycle that continues generation after generation until someone in the family finally gets up the courage to seek help and stop the cycle," said TuLynn Smylie, WSLB executive director. "This walk is our opportunity to remember the victims who weren't able to leave as well as to celebrate the survivors who are working so hard to end the cycle of abuse in their families."

This year's event, also supported by End Abuse Long Beach, CSULB's Project SAFE, Su Casa, Interval House, the Police Chief's Women's Advisory Group, Long Beach Rescue Mission and Percise Productions/Bflow Entertainment, will include a brief ceremony where the names of domestic violence victims killed in 2008 and 2009 in Los Angeles County will be read. Attendees include Long Beach Vice Mayor Val Lerch and Long Beach City Councilmember Tonia Reyes Uranga.

With more than 32 years of service to the community, WSLB is committed to helping end the cycle of domestic violence through compassionate intervention, education and personal empowerment. The organization assists victims and their children by providing safe shelter and supportive services. Many clients have moved on to healthy, productive and non-violent lives for themselves and their children.

For more information, please call WomenShelter of Long Beach at (562) 437-7233 and ask for TuLynn.

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