

SCDC Observes #Purple Thursday



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and it is symbolized nationally by the wearing of the color purple. SCDC Director Bryan Stirling is seen above with employees from Headquarters in Columbia proudly showing off their colors.



Betty Smith, Institutional Coordinator for the Food Service Warehouse in Columbia, represents her employees.



Employees from Trenton Correctional Institution also show their purple!

The South Carolina Attorney General's Office reports that more than 36,000 victims report a domestic violence incident to law enforcement annually. They also say many victims feel intimidated and never make a report to law enforcement.

In 2015, the South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault **(SCCADVASA)** provided shelter to 2,769 individuals, non-shelter services, including counselling, court advocacy and support services to 19,414 individuals and answered over 18,740 hotline calls. South Carolina ranks **fifth** in the nation for women killed by men, according to the Violence Policy Center.



Staff from Broad River Correctional Institution Go for Purple!



Kershaw CI Does their part to Stand Up Against Domestic Violence

**Thanks SCDC for Showing Your Purple and
Standing Up Against Domestic Violence!**