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COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN MARKS ‘GO PURPLE DAY’ TO STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Helps spread the word at Fulton Center Transit Hub to raise awareness about Domestic Violence and the services available for victims and survivors

Financial District, NY – Council Member Margaret Chin joined staff members and volunteers this morning to greet commuters at Fulton Center to show solidarity with survivors of domestic violence, and spread the word about services to help victims of abuse.

“We are here today to tell the victims of domestic violence and abuse that they are not alone, and that there is help available for themselves and their families,” Council Member Chin said. “Unfortunately, too many women and men suffer the humiliation and pain of abuse in their homes. Together, we can change attitudes towards domestic violence and give victims hope for a brighter future, free from violence and abuse.”

Nationally, 1 in 4 women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime. In 2014, there were 282,648 domestic incident reports filed with the NYPD – more than 770 per day. In the same year, there were 63 domestic violence homicides; almost 80 percent of these victims had no prior contact with the NYPD.

The City Council allocated \$6.6 million this year to providers of services for victims of domestic violence and abuse – an increase of over 10 percent from last year. City Council funding to domestic violence service providers has increased 64 percent from two years ago.

Last year, there were over 54,000 client visits to the NYC Family Justice Centers which offer civil legal, social and supportive services and access to prosecutors and domestic violence police officers all in one location.

In Manhattan, the NYC Family Justice Center is located at 80 Centre St., and is open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Victims of domestic violence and abuse can also call (212) 602-2800 or (800) 621-4673.

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