Dear Linda Shepherd,

On behalf of all of us at NextStep, I'm writing to thank you for supporting our recent Domestic Violence Awareness Month. By displaying the posters, brochures, signs, ribbons and purple lights you helped to create awareness about all of the services that we provide. It means so much to have this information on display – not only during Domestic Violence Awareness Month, but always.

Domestic violence can happen to anyone at any time. It doesn't matter what age, education, income, background, ethnicity, religious beliefs… people who perpetrate abuse do not discriminate. For this reason, having information up and available is so important. One could find oneself in a relationship where someone is being abusive and suddenly remember that they've seen NextStep posters somewhere on display. When we're needed, we want people to know we're here! Your help is so important, and we are very grateful.

If we can be of service to you in any way – to help with implementing a domestic violence policy in your workplace for employees, speaking at a meeting, helping to organize a volunteer event for NextStep… anything, please don't hesitate to ask.

On behalf of the survivors in our community who saw you show of support, thank you once again.

Best regards,

Kelly Brown

Associate Director

NextStep Domestic Violence Project