

## **“Fighting For Women With Fashion” Raising Funds for Safe Alliance Domestic Violence Shelter**

Safe Alliance announces the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Fighting for Women with Fashion (FFWWF) “Fall Fashion Presentation” by Nordstrom and Kendra Scott taking place Tuesday, Oct 6, 2015 at the Foundation for the Carolinas. Festivities begin at 6 PM.

This is an amazing event that features local doctors and lawyers “working it” on a high-fashion runway as models, all to benefit Safe Alliance. In particular, the Mecklenburg County Medical Society Women Physician’s Section and the Charlotte Women Attorneys are working together this year to generate funds to benefit current programs at the Clyde & Ethel Dickson Domestic Violence Shelter.

The Domestic Violence Shelter offers safe haven to victims of domestic violence in imminent danger and their dependent children. Safe Alliance meets victims’ immediate need for food, shelter and safety, and offers a robust array of programs and services to meet their longer term need to rebuild self-reliant, violence free lives.

“It has been gratifying to me as a physician to partner with other women physicians and women lawyers and work together on Fighting for Women with Fashion to benefit our local victims of domestic violence,” said Dr. Maureen Beurskens, MD, FFWWF Committee Co-Chair. “It has been my privilege to share the confidence of many women during my years in practice. I am well aware of how common domestic abuse is and how it cuts across all socioeconomic levels. We are happy to support Safe Alliance and the Clyde and Ethel Dickson Domestic Violence Shelter.”

Working with Nordstrom and Kendra Scott, these doctors and lawyers will be showcasing the latest in high fashion clothing and jewelry. It is a festive, visual and entertaining evening. The physicians’ specialties range from pediatrics to anesthesiology; the attorneys are just as varied in their areas of practice. It is a unique and wonderful collaboration.

“As Fighting for Women with Fashion enters its fifth year,” said Dr. Mary T. Crowder, MD, FACOG, FFWWF Committee Co-Chair, “it is an honor to have been involved in this event from many vantage points. To date, through our event, we have raised more than \$130,000 for this worthy cause. We hope to continue in the tradition of growing our contribution annually and expanding the exposure of our fun evening to others in the Charlotte community. We look forward to a record breaking year in raising funds for Safe Alliance with our ongoing support of the Clyde and Ethel Dickson Domestic Violence Shelter.”

Tickets are available on the Safe Alliance website and always go quickly for this event – so please access this link for event details and to sign up now. [www.safealliance.org/events/fighting-for-women-with-fashion](http://www.safealliance.org/events/fighting-for-women-with-fashion)

“We are honored to have such a passionate group of women attorneys and physicians supporting our mission through their hard work and dedication” said Safe Alliance President and CEO Karen Parker. “We are forever grateful for their support and continued partnership.”

**Safe Alliance supports victims of domestic and sexual violence and helps people build safe, healthy relationships. We do this through a continuum of critical crisis services including 24-hour crisis lines, shelter, hospital accompaniment, case management, systems advocacy, support groups, court advocacy/accompaniment and counseling for victims and survivors. We serve over 12,000 people a year in Mecklenburg County and Lake Norman while reaching countless others through advocacy and education.**