



The Harris County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council Advances Efforts to Increase Survivor Safety Measures

Donation from Ring supports HCDVCC's ongoing safety planning in the community

HOUSTON, HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS - The Harris County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council (HCDVCC), an organization created to improve Harris County's response to domestic violence, continues to build collaborative systems and innovative programs that increase access to victim services and safety. As part of that effort, HCDVCC today announced a donation from [Ring](#) to supplement the safety tools that comprise HCDVCC's comprehensive safety plan it provides to survivors. Ring is donating 500 devices to HCDVCC, including Ring Video Doorbells, Security Cameras and a free Ring Protect subscription plan for the life of each donated device.

HCDVCC already frequently includes Ring devices in comprehensive safety kits when working with survivors, and this donation will ensure HCDVCC can continue to provide these resources in the communities it serves. The devices are part of an array of measures and tools HCDVCC advocates offer when working with survivors to develop safety plans and provide critical resources to individuals and their families.

Barbie Brashear, Executive Director of HCDVCC, stated: "HCDVCC is appreciative to be receiving this donation as we advance our ongoing safety planning. We have seen an increase in domestic violence cases during COVID-19, and advocates have worked very hard to advance our support services. Anecdotally, we have found that for many survivors who have ongoing safety concerns or fear of repeated harassment, tools like a Ring device can be a tremendous resource in safety planning activities and provide added comfort. We're thrilled that Ring responded to our call to support more victims and play a part in effecting positive change."

"HCDVCC is an incredible organization that provides vital support services to survivors on a daily basis," said Leila Rouhi, President of Ring. "We share HCDVCC's passion for bringing community stakeholders together to make a meaningful impact and believe everyone deserves to feel safe and secure in their home. We're proud to support HCDVCC in advancing their mission and, as they've shared, to help survivors feel more comfortable and keep their families safe."

"I am grateful for the Harris County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council, an organization that advocates on behalf of survivors and provides resources to Houstonians in need of support," said Mayor Sylvester Turner. "The uptick in domestic violence cases during the pandemic heightens the important work of HCDVCC, and we appreciate Ring's donation in support of HCDVCC's mission in our community."

HCDVCC will continue to administer their victim support program and services and oversee all device donation recipient selection.

About HCDVCC: The **Harris County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council (HCDVCC)** is a 501(c)(3) organization serving the Harris County area. HCDVCC is guided by charity, safety, honesty, and respect. We create collaborations that increase DV victim safety, hold perpetrators of DV criminally accountable, and maximize community resources.

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