



## Media Advisory

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## Film Follows Timeline of Domestic Violence Homicide of Verizon Employee

Sacramento, April 27, 2011—Jenesse Center Inc, the California Partnership to End Domestic Violence and Verizon will team up to present ***Telling Amy's Story***—a documentary that follows the timeline of the domestic violence homicide of Verizon employee Amy Homan McGee. The PBS-produced documentary will be screened on Saturday, April 30, 2011 from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at Warner Bros. Studios (Screening Room 12), located at 4000 Warner Boulevard, Burbank, CA 91522 (*Entrance at Gate 4 on Olive Street*).

Funded through a grant from **Verizon**, the film is narrated by Detective Deirdri Fishel, and follows the timeline of a domestic violence homicide that occurred on November 8, 2001. The film portrays the story of Amy Homan McGee, Verizon Wireless employee and mother of two, who was shot and killed by her husband Vincent McGee in their home in Pennsylvania. Vincent McGee was convicted of the murder and is now serving a life sentence in prison. This was not an isolated moment of violence, but rather the final incident after years of abuse. While McGee's story is shocking and sad, what is more disturbing is that her life and death are like so many other victims of domestic abuse. Amy's tragic death could easily have become another anonymous statistic, but in 2009 Penn State

Public Broadcasting released its documentary *Telling Amy's Story*, which traces the steps of Amy's life that led up to her murder.

Hosted by KJLH-FM Radio Personality **Adai Lamar**, the April 30<sup>th</sup> screening is free and open to the public. Registration and a pre-screening reception will begin at 9:30 a.m. The screening will begin at 10 a.m. and be followed by a panel discussion, facilitated by **Dr. Kikanza Nuri**. Panelists include **Victoria Lewis Adams, Tracie Stafford, Daniel Griffin, De'Wana Hubbard, Dr. Rhonda Brinkley** and **Dr. Clive Kennedy**. The purpose of the discussion is to provide audience participants with resources and information that could potentially save the life of someone in an abusive relationship.

Lunch will be served immediately following in Commissary Park; lunch is also free and open to the public. To attend, please contact Adrienne Lamar at 323-299-9496 ext. 111 or visit [www.jenesse.org](http://www.jenesse.org). Media please RSVP by 12noon, Friday, April 22, 2011 with Jeanine Taylor at [icecpr@gmail.com](mailto:icecpr@gmail.com).

### **About Jenesse Center**

Founded in 1980, Jenesse Center Inc. provides culturally sensitive programs, services and outreach efforts to families by providing a comprehensive, centralized base of support and services that ensures a transition from immediate crisis to stability and self-sufficiency.

Housing women and children from 30 days up to two years through its 156-bed emergency and transitional shelters, Jenesse also provides a variety of support services to more than 1,000 families annually including mental health counseling, independent life skills classes, computer training, job referrals, after school programs for children, field trips, tutoring and legal assistance offering assistance with obtaining restraining orders for domestic violence victims.

### **About Verizon**

Verizon Communications Inc. (NYSE, NASDAQ:VZ), headquartered in New York, is a global leader in delivering broadband and other wireless and wireline communications services to mass market, business, government and wholesale customers. Verizon Wireless operates America's most reliable wireless network, serving 94.1 million customers nationwide. Verizon also provides converged communications, information and entertainment services over America's most advanced fiber-optic network, and delivers innovative, seamless business solutions to customers around the world. A Dow 30 company, Verizon employs a diverse workforce of more than 194,000 and last year generated consolidated revenues of \$106.6 billion. For more information, visit [www.verizon.com](http://www.verizon.com).

### **About California Partnership to End Domestic Violence**

The California Partnership to End Domestic Violence is California's statewide domestic violence coalition, with nearly 200 member organizations and individuals. Working at the local, state and national levels for 30 years, the

Partnership has a long track record of successfully passing over 100 pieces of legislation on behalf of domestic violence victims and their children. As the unified voice for California's domestic violence agencies, the Partnership provides statewide leadership on public policy issues, offers professional training and services to domestic violence service providers and promotes public awareness through community outreach efforts. With offices in Sacramento, the Partnership's member programs span the entire state.

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