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MEDIA ALERT

**SURVIVORS OF VIOLENCE AND OPPRESSION TO HOLD A SCREENING OF
THEIR DIGITAL STORIES AT THE MERCURY CAFÉ IN DENVER ON
APRIL 13 AT 6 PM**

Who: The Colorado Coalition against Domestic Violence (CCADV), along with the Colorado Anti-Violence Program, the Asian Pacific Development Center, the Victim Services Network the Anti-Defamation League (Mountain States Regional Office), The Gay and Lesbian Fund for Colorado, the Office for Victims of Crime, Silence Speaks and the Center for Digital Storytelling invites the community to a celebration of survival at the Mercury Café on April 13 starting at 6 PM.

What: Historically, people from marginalized and underserved communities are most frequently targeted by violence and oppression and yet their stories are often not heard, ignored or even distorted. The Digital Storytelling Project provides survivors of violence and oppression with an opportunity to tell their story in their own words and to tell it using digital media. The survivors who participate in the project dedicate three days to learning the fundamentals of multimedia production and to creating of their own digital story. Each short digital production includes their voice, pictures, video clips and, in some cases, a sound track of their choice. Digital Storytelling is a communication method which integrates aspects of creative writing, oral history, art and narrative therapy and utilizes digital media to assist people in telling stories as short digital videos.

When: In commemoration of National Crime Victims' Rights Week (April 10-16, 2005), a screening of the digital stories will be open and free to the public on April 13 at 6 p.m. at the Mercury Café (2199 California St.) in Denver. Space is limited and available on a first come, first serve basis.

Project supporters include the Denver Center for Crime Victims, the Colorado AIDS Project, Sisters of Color United for Education, Curtis Park Community Center and the Mercury Café

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