

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **DA's Office raises awareness of domestic violence with Steps for Change**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Marching through the streets of uptown Charlotte today, prosecutors, domestic violence survivors and concerned members of the community spread awareness of a critical issue affecting families across Mecklenburg County.

More than 120 people participated in the Fourth Annual Steps for Change Domestic Violence Awareness Walk, hosted by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Office. All proceeds from the event benefited Safe Alliance's Clyde and Ethel Dickson Shelter, an 80-bed facility that houses victims of domestic violence. [Safe Alliance](#), a nonprofit, also provides services such as safety planning, support groups, legal advocacy and life skills training for domestic violence victims in Mecklenburg County.



**Steps for Change participants walk through uptown Charlotte as they raise awareness about domestic violence.**

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Assistant District Attorney Jamie Adams spearheads the event every year. Ms. Adams leads the DA's Domestic Violence Team, which was created by District Attorney Andrew Murray to exclusively prosecute domestic violence crimes and to face the challenging issues presented in these cases.

The DA's Office would like to thank CBS Charlotte Radio, which has aired public service announcements this month featuring DA Murray to promote domestic violence awareness and the Steps for Change walk. The office also extends its thanks to Bank of America and Charlotte School of Law, as well as to WSOC-TV anchor Erica Bryant, who acted as emcee at today's walk.

For more photos of the event, visit the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's [Facebook page](#).

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