

NEWS RELEASE

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DA Murray, prosecutors volunteer at shelter for domestic violence victims

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Mecklenburg County District Attorney Andrew Murray and four of his Assistant District Attorneys prepared lunch today for women and children staying in Safe Alliance's shelter for victims of domestic violence.

The prosecutors diced fruit, made sandwich wraps, served shelter residents and then helped clean the kitchen. They were volunteering as part of a Safe Alliance program that allows groups of volunteers to sign up for shifts to serve meals at the Clyde and Ethel Dickson Domestic Violence Shelter, which opened late last year. The shelter, a secure facility with 80 beds, provides housing and services to families affected by domestic violence.

"Domestic violence is an epidemic in our community, and my prosecutors see the tragic results of this violence all too often in our courtrooms," says District Attorney Andrew Murray. "It is critical that we support these victims, as well as the agencies and volunteers that assist them in ending the cycle of abuse."

Three of the Assistant District Attorneys who joined Mr. Murray today are prosecutors on the DA's Domestic Violence Team. Mr. Murray created the team in 2012 to exclusively prosecute domestic violence crimes. Prosecutors who work on this team are trained and equipped to handle the challenges of such cases effectively and with sensitivity.

[Click here](#) for more information about Safe Alliance and volunteer opportunities. For more photos of today's visit to the shelter, visit the DA's Office's [Facebook page](#).

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Assistant District Attorney Jamie Adams, leader of the DA's Domestic Violence Team, makes sandwich wraps as District Attorney Andrew Murray serves lunch to women and children at Safe Alliance's shelter for victims of domestic violence.