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## **Annual Gala to Feature Live Music, Aerial Dance Performance, Awards Honoring Champions of Domestic Violence Prevention and More**

**Madison** — This week, End Domestic Abuse WI (End Abuse), the coalition representing the domestic violence victim service providers across the state, will hold its annual *Soar Above* fundraising gala in Madison, Wisconsin. The event, which will take place on Thursday, September 13th from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Monona Terrace, is open to the public and all proceeds will support End Abuse's work to support survivors and serve the 73 domestic violence programs throughout Wisconsin.

"Each year *Soar Above* is one of our most important and dynamic events, and this year promises to be especially exciting" said Patti Seger, executive director of End Domestic Abuse WI. "With multiple performances, featured guests, award presentations, dancing, costumes and more, we hope attendees will feel our appreciation for their ongoing support and join us in embracing the joy of community-led advocacy. The funds we raise through ticket sales, sponsorships, donations and silent auction bids are directly linked to our organization's ability to support survivors as well as the service providers they rely on for safety every day."

Featured guests at the 1920's-themed event (attendees are encouraged to wear attire from that era) will include Los Angeles-based fashion designer George Styler, aerial performance group Cycropia, Madison-based soul band Half Rose Half Nelson and master of ceremonies Jason Ilstrup.

"We want to express our sincere gratitude to all the people who attend *Soar Above* annually, and we hope to see lots of new faces at this year's event," said Seger. "Whether you are a survivor of domestic violence, a business owner, an elected official or simply a community member who wants to support our work to end domestic abuse in Wisconsin, we welcome you with open arms. This event promises to be as exciting as it is critical to the safety and empowerment of survivors in our state."

For more information about the event, including ticket sales, directions, descriptions of this year's special guests, sponsorship opportunities and more, interested parties are encouraged to visit [www.soarabove2018.org](http://www.soarabove2018.org).

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