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**DENISE BROWN TO DELIVER KEYNOTE SPEECH AT CORA'S
2015 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH LUNCHEON**

*On the 20th anniversary of the O.J. Simpson verdict, Denise Brown speaks
about the dangers and evils of domestic violence.*

SAN MATEO, CA – October 2015 is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. CORA (Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse) champions the cause to end domestic violence this month with a special luncheon on October 29th. The keynote speaker will be Denise Brown, sister of Nicole Brown Simpson. Nicole's murder in 1994 began the media storm of the "Simpson Saga" and sparked nationwide awareness of domestic violence.

Since that tragic day, Denise Brown's life path altered dramatically. She is now committed to raising awareness of domestic violence – a crime that kills four women every day in the United States. As an author and an advocate, she is determined to banish the darkness and end the silence that surrounds this pressing human rights issue.

"We all remember the white Bronco and the black glove," says CORA Executive Director, Melissa Lukin. "Most of us remember where we were when the verdict was announced. But we often forget the horrifying actions that prompted it. This Domestic Violence Awareness Month is also the 20th anniversary of the O.J. Simpson verdict. It's important that we focus on the issue at the heart of this tragedy: domestic violence."

CORA is the only agency solely dedicated to victims and survivors of domestic violence in San Mateo County. SpeakUp!, CORA's domestic violence awareness luncheon, will take place on Thursday, October 29th, from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM at the San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront, located at 1800 Old Bayshore Highway in Burlingame.

Proceeds from the event support survivors of domestic violence.

To learn more or buy tickets, please visit www.corasupport.org. You can also see the latest information by following CORA on twitter ([@ENDtoDV](https://twitter.com/ENDtoDV)) and Facebook ([@facebook.com/corasupport](https://facebook.com/corasupport)). For conference details or information on sponsorship, please contact Marisa Binder at 650-652-0800 x 171 or e-mail marisab@corasupport.org.

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About CORA

CORA (Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse) provides safety, support and healing for individuals who experience abuse in an intimate relationship, and educates the community to break the cycle of domestic violence. The only agency in San Mateo County with the sole purpose of serving victims and survivors of domestic abuse, CORA provides confidential emergency, intervention and prevention services, including the County's only emergency shelters, as well as a 24-hour hotline, an emergency response program, therapeutic counseling, legal services and supportive housing for survivors. Services are free of charge and are open to anyone needing help. Services are available in English and Spanish, as well as many other languages.