

**IN RECOGNITION OF OCTOBER AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

**HRSA KANSAS CITY CELL PHONE DRIVE TO BENEFIT SAFEHOME IN SUPPORTING  
SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

**MCHB DIVISION OF STATE AND COMMUNITY HEALTH**

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- Recycling old cell phones for the benefit of survivors of domestic violence and their families allows access to emergency services and ultimately saves lives.
- It is estimated that there are currently 30 million unwanted cell phones in drawers, desks and closets lying unused by consumers.
- Please consider donating your old phones to Safehome and help them win the fight against domestic violence. All personal information is removed from the phone prior to dissemination to program participants by a third party, Shelter Alliance.
- Safehome receives income from these old phones for programs and services; and, in return, cell phones are provided at no cost for emergency use to program participants. Having the ability to access 911 through these phones can save lives!
- The drive runs through October 31, you have plenty of time to dig up those old phones!!! Please bring your old phones (no accessories or boxes, just the phones) to Suzanne Richards-Eckart, in the HRSA Office on the 17th Floor, Ste. 1728. Call (816) 426-5201 if there are any questions or e-mail [srichards-eckart@hrsa.gov](mailto:srichards-eckart@hrsa.gov).