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## Thanks for speaking out against domestic violence

I would like to applaud the thousands of men of this community for their recent and continued support of the White Ribbon Campaign. The goal of this campaign was for men to take time to talk with other men and boys about ending violence against women. By modeling respectful behavior and teaching that real men don't hurt women, you are making an enormously positive impact on the lives of the boys who look up to you, not to mention other men who witness your example.

Domestic violence is a pattern of abusive behavior that is used to gain or maintain power and control over a partner in an intimate relationship. This behavior can be physical, verbal, sexual, emotional or economic threats or actions that influence a current or former partner.

Although we continue to see misperceptions about domestic violence, I am encouraged by the men who have stepped up to voice their knowledge, those who have educated themselves with the facts and those who have expressed their opposition to this type of abuse. Domestic violence is not about anger management — it is about power and control. This is not about men versus women. It's about men working with women. This campaign is about raising awareness of the dynamics of domestic violence and getting the entire community involved in the solution.

Domestic violence can be stopped, but it is going to take the men and women of our community working together to create a united community that does not tolerate domestic violence.

Thank you, men, for showing your support. Please continue to show your opposition to all forms of violence against women on a daily basis. With that, we'll have a real chance of ending domestic and sexual violence. For more information, please visit [www.LongmontDomesticViolence.org](http://www.LongmontDomesticViolence.org) or call LEVI at 303-774-4534.

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