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### **Celebrate Earth Day By Recycling Cell Phones For A Good Cause**

KENNEWICK, WA — We recycle newspapers, cardboard and plastic, so why not wireless phones? As you prepare for the annual ritual of spring-cleaning and to mark Earth Day on April 22, Domestic Violence Services of Benton & Franklin Counties (DVSBF) is asking community members to dust off those old cell phones you no longer use and donate them to a worthy cause.

In collaboration with DVSBF, all Yoke's Fresh Markets in the Tri-Cities area and the Grocery Outlets in Kennewick and Richland, Washington accept donations of no-longer-used wireless phones for this campaign in support of DVSBF, which benefits domestic violence victims. The Cell Phone Donation Drive runs from April 22nd through May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Used wireless phones (from any carrier) are refurbished, recycled or sold, and either phones or cash are donated to our local domestic violence shelter for use by survivors. Older, unsalvageable phones are disposed of through an EPA-certified salvage company.

"By donating phones to DVSBF, people will not only help the environment they will also help domestic violence victims have a lifeline to police should they encounter their abuser, and help them rebuild their lives," said Mary Angie Pacheco, Executive Director for DVSBF. "All people have to do is drop off their no longer used wireless phones at any Yoke's store in the Tri-Cities or Grocery Outlet in Kennewick or Richland." For more information contact us online at [dvsbf.org](http://dvsbf.org).

#### **About DVSBF**

Established in 2003, DVSBF provides a wide array of services including 24-hour crisis line and emergency shelter, information and referrals, legal advocacy and clinics, support groups, advocacy based counseling, and community education in support of its mission to create a healthy community free from all forms of domestic violence. DVSBF is a non-profit 501(c)(3). Find more information online at [dvsbf.org](http://dvsbf.org).

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