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**DR. EDMUND KWAN OFFERS PRO BONO SERVICES IN HONOR OF  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

New York, NY (October 21, 2008) – Dr. Edmund Kwan, a New York-based surgeon specializing in plastic and cosmetic surgery for the ethnic patient, announced that he will waive his surgical fees for reconstructive surgery on patients who have been a victim of domestic violence in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Patients will be selected with the assistance of New York Asian Women’s Center (NYAWC), the first domestic violence organization to serve Asian communities in New York City and one of the first in the nation.

“Dr. Kwan is offering domestic violence victims a chance to eradicate the physical and constant reminders of the abuse that once controlled them,” said Julie Kim Richards, Director of Client Services, NYAWC. “With this assistance, they are given a better chance to deal with the emotions of shame and embarrassment that are often associated with domestic violence.”

“Reconstructive procedures are the most rewarded surgeries I can perform on a patient,” said Dr. Kwan. “Breast cancer survivors, burn and abuse victims are reminded daily of a traumatic time in their life. My hope is to continue to partner with organizations like NYAWC to raise awareness on these issues and provide patients with an opportunity to erase the physical scarring they’ve endured.”

Domestic Violence Awareness Month began as the “Day of Unity” in October 1981. Conceived by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the intent was to connect battered women’s advocates across the nation who were working to end violence against women and their children. From there it evolved from a day-long event to one week and in October 1987 the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month was observed.

**About New York Asian Women’s Center**

Founded in 1982 as the first domestic violence organization on the East Coast to serve the Asian communities, the New York Asian Women’s Center (NYAWC) helps battered women overcome violence and govern their own lives, free of abuse. The Center also works to raise public awareness about domestic violence, advocate for the rights of battered women, and create an agenda for social change. All of NYAWC’s services are free and confidential, rooted in our philosophy of empowering women and supporting their choices so that they can lead their lives without fear of violence. For more information, visit [www.NYAWC.org](http://www.NYAWC.org).

**About Dr. Edmund Kwan**

Dr. Kwan began his medical career by attending Georgetown University Medical School and performed his plastic surgeon residency at New York Medical Hospital-Cornell Medical Center and Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. He also trained with the world-renowned Dr. Robert Flowers, a pioneer in Asian plastic surgery, in Honolulu, Hawaii. Dr. Kwan is board certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery (ABPS) and is a member of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS). For more information, visit [www.DrEdmundKwan.com](http://www.DrEdmundKwan.com).

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