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## Dedication

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Dear Reader,

Linda Saltzman, PhD, was a scientist at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Georgia for many years. She was passionate about issues of violence and abuse. At CDC, she used her talent and skills to advance our knowledge about the impact of violence in our society. She established standard nomenclature in defining violence and abuse for data collection and research purposes. And she constantly reminded us to avoid the tendency to let emotion override the evidence and the science.

Dr. Saltzman was meticulous in her work. She could always be counted on to advise and contribute information that was well researched and supported. She was unique in her capacity to provide this expertise. She gave of her time as she could to work with many organizations that focus on making a difference in a society that allows violence and abuse to continue unabated year after year.

On March 7, Dr Saltzman died unexpectedly of an apparent cardiac condition. Her death was a shock to all who knew her and her work. She will be sorely missed.

This issue of the DePaul Health Journal is dedicated to Dr. Saltzman and her work. Her legacy will be enduring.

David McCollum, M.D.

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