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***Gov. Brown's "Coming Out" as Domestic Violence Survivor Highlights Issue this October***

October 4 – Portland, Ore – Governor Kate Brown declared for the first time publicly that she is a survivor of domestic violence; the same week Bradley Angle launched a national giving campaign in support of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Shortly after Gov. Brown disclosed she was a domestic violence survivor, Bud Pierce, her opponent in Oregon's Gubernatorial race, stated, "A woman that has a great education and training and a great job is not susceptible to this kind of abuse by men, women or anyone."

This falsehood is one of the many myths Bradley Angle and the Purple Purse Challenge is working tirelessly to debunk.

"Comments made in the race for Oregon Governor have reminded us about the importance of raising awareness about domestic violence and busting the myths that persist on this issue," says Rebecca Alexander, Bradley Angle Development and Communications Director. "Domestic violence does not discriminate. It affects people of all education levels and people in every income strata," Alexander continued.

Pierce's comments came after a question about data from [Count Her In](#), a recently released report that shows 50 percent of women and girls in Oregon said that they had been the victim of domestic violence or sexual violence.

Bradley Angle is the only Oregon nonprofit competing for \$650,000 in grant funding as a part of The Allstate Foundation's Purple Purse Challenge, which kicked off on September 28. The challenge, an annual competition hosted on CrowdRise, is a public fundraising and awareness campaign that coincides with October's Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

In order to count toward an organization's total, donations must be received by October 25 at 2 on ET. Along with \$115,000 in weekly bonus challenges, the organization in each division that raises the most money will receive a \$100,000 grant; second place will receive \$50,000; third place will win \$25,000; fourth place earns \$20,000; and fifth place will get \$15,000.

To help Bradley Angle win The Allstate Foundation Purple Purse Challenge, head over to [crowdrise.com/BradleyAngle2016](http://crowdrise.com/BradleyAngle2016).

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**About Bradley Angle**

Bradley Angle opened the west coast's first domestic violence shelter in 1975 with the aim of offering safe sanctuary to survivors as well as breaking the entrenched silence about domestic violence. The work of Bradley Angle quickly expanded beyond the provision of shelter to address the need for ongoing safety and stability, and for more accessible services for marginalized groups. The agency has grown from a small, grassroots collective of women who cared about the safety of other women to a regional service provider with comprehensive programs that reach more than 800 survivors and their children each year.

More information can be found at [www.bradleyangle.org](http://www.bradleyangle.org)