

Domestic Violence Awareness Month Events
at
Virginia Commonwealth University & VCU Health System
October 2007



Began in October 1981, Domestic Violence Awareness Month is an opportunity for organizations, communities and individuals to host local, state and national activities in memory of those who died as a result of domestic violence, and to celebrate those who survive, as well as linking those who work daily to end domestic violence.

Your participation in Domestic Violence Awareness month helps send an important message of hope to women, children and men who are physically and emotionally abused by their partners. Every individual has the power to help stop domestic violence.

You Can Make a Difference:

- ◆ Advocate a respectful attitude toward all people in your family.
- ◆ Avoid behaviors that demean or control others.
- ◆ When you are angry at your partner or children, respond without hurting or humiliating them. Model a non-violent, respectful response to resolving conflicts in your family.
- ◆ Learn about family violence services in the community, Contribute your time, resources or money
- ◆ Display a bumper sticker, wear a purple ribbon, help to raise awareness in our community

If you are living in an abusive relationship **Help Is Available**
Virginia Family Violence & Sexual Assault Hotline - **1.800.838.8238**

Health Cares About Domestic Violence Day - Domestic Violence is a health care issue and is a problem of epidemic proportions in this country. The immediate health consequences can be severe and sometimes fatal. Join local organizers as we work to increase awareness and education about domestic violence amongst health care professionals and other concerned individuals. Community experts and health professionals will be available to answer questions, distribute resources, provide referral information, and provide domestic violence screening and prevention tools.

Date: Wednesday, October 10th, 2007

Time: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Place: MCV Main Hospital Lobby, 1st floor
1250 East Marshall St

For additional information or to join efforts, visit www.womenshealth.vcu.edu or contact Janett Forte at 804-327-8843

'Dunk Against Domestic Violence' a three-on-three basketball tournament to be held Saturday, Oct. 6. The event is open to all VCU students and staff. Sponsored by P.O.W. (Protect Our Women) VCU Student Group working to increase awareness about domestic violence. Contact: Tangee Moore at mooretg@vcu.edu or visit www.freewebs.com/protectourwomen.

Clothesline Project- The Clothesline Project gives victim/survivors who have been affected by violence a chance to express their emotions through the decoration of a shirt. The shirt is then hung on display as a testimony to the problem of violence against women.

Date: Wednesday, October 10th, 2007

Time: 10:00am – 4:00 pm

Place: VCU Student Commons Plaza

Sexism, Identity, and Intimacy in a Pornographic Culture – Lecture by Dr. Gail Dines; What does it mean to live in a stomach stapling, breast enhancing, diet loving, hook up junk-sex culture? Why is porn to sex, what McDonald's is to food? Why does porn ruin men's sex lives as well as women's? Why do women's magazines do stories about the dangers of over-dieting and then only use size two models? Why do the media celebrate Paris, Brittany and Lindsay and denigrate feminists? Why is porn more profitable than the Hollywood film and music industries combined? These are just some of the questions answered in Gail Dines' compelling lecture. *Sponsored by:* VCUVOX - a student run organization affiliated with the nationally run Planned Parenthood- Contact: Leah Fremouw at leahfremouw@yahoo.com

Date: Thursday, October 11, 2007

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: VCU Student Commons - Richmond Salons 3 & 4

A Rose for Toni - A dramatic monologue about the dynamics of dating violence. The story is conveyed through the character of Toni, a nineteen-year-old young woman who grew up in a physically abusive home. Although, Toni recognizes physical abuse, her current relationship depicts symbolic, emotional, and verbal abuse. The audience will become emotionally engaged with the plight of Toni as the story of this abusive relationship unfolds.

Date: Tuesday, October 16th, 2007

Time: 7:00pm

Place: VCU Commons Theater

Red Flag Campaign- is a poster series that will go up the first week in October across the VCU campus and remain for the rest of the month. The Red Flag Campaign is the first statewide awareness project created by college personnel, college students, and community advocates to promote awareness of dating violence on Virginia's college campuses and is a project of the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance. For additional information or to join efforts, visit www.theredflagcampaign.org

For information on any of these events contact Tammy McKeown Coordinator, Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence Services. Virginia Commonwealth University at 804-828-2085

VCU Work/ Life– Lunch Time Seminars

Domestic Violence Awareness

Everyone Knows a Victim, Everyone Knows an Abuser, Everyone Can Make A Difference.
An opportunity to learn about domestic violence, red flags in abusive relationships, how to help a friend or co-worker and information on community resources.

Speaker: Janett Forte, MSW, LCSW – Program Director,
VCU Institute for Women’s Health

October 5 – noon to 1 pm on the MCV Campus
VCU Training Room, McGuire Hall Annex Basement

October 18- noon to 1 pm on the VCU Campus
Alumni Boardroom, University Student Commons

For more information visit the VCU Institute for Women’s Health website at www.womenshealth.vcu.edu you will find information & links to VCU, state & national resources, and listings of October Domestic Violence Awareness events at VCU.



Look For the Following Publications/Resources:

Style Weekly – Domestic Violence Information & Resources Insert – published October 10

VCU – Department of Human Resources – The Spirit – Monthly newsletter for VCU Health System employees – Domestic Violence Awareness Month Information - October 2007

VCU – Human Resources Website – www.hr.vcu.edu/worklife/index.htm



For More Information in Your Community

A listing of October Domestic Violence Awareness Month activities in your community can be found on the state coalition - Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance website

www.vsdvalliance.org