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CRISIS LINE TRAINING

■ NOVEMBER 30TH
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CONSUMERS WITH
DISABILITIES WEBINAR
■ DECEMBER 13TH
OKEMOS, MI

The Getting Started Workshop Series: How to Form a 501(c)(3) Public Charity In Michigan

November 20, 2007

Detroit, MI

Starting a nonprofit organization can be a challenge: program design, fundraising, board development and compliance all present unique obstacles. Careful planning and preparation can help new nonprofit leaders successfully navigate through the process. Through interactive discussion, Session One of the series will introduce you to the start-up process, as well as planning considerations and best practices that will make your organization a success. Sessions Two and Three will provide you with a "guided tour" of the required forms, helping you avoid common mistakes. For more information, please visit www.mnaonline.org

National Center for Victims of Crime Training Institute

December 3-5, 2007

Las Vegas, NV

Don't miss the National Center's 2007 Training Institute! This unique program offers affordable high-quality training to anyone who works with victims of crime. Topic include: The Use of Technology to Stalk; Identity Theft; Vicarious Trauma; Ethics and Victim Service Supervision. This training is open to victim advocates working in government agencies and community based organizations; Mental health service providers; Law enforcement officers; Social workers; Sexual assault and forensic nurse examiners; Prosecutors; Probation and parole officers. For more information, please visit www.ncvc.org

10th National Indian Nations Conference: Justice for Victims of Crime Hope for All Generations: Weaving a Network of Safety, Justice and Healing

December 7-9, 2007

Palm Springs, CA

This national conference will provide opportunities for education on a wide variety of important issues pertaining to victimization in tribal communities. The goals of this conference include: Putting Victims First; Promoting Healing for Victims; Honoring Survivors and Helpers; Promoting Cooperation and Networking; Providing Skills Building Training; Sharing Promising Practices. For more information, please visit <http://www.tribal-institute.org/>

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Your link to cutting edge information on the issue of violence against women

Biden and Lugar Introduce International Violence Against Women Act

Senators Joseph Biden (D-DE) and Richard Lugar (R-IN), the chair and ranking member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, introduced yesterday the International Violence Against Women Act. The bill was written with the input and expert advice of over 100 NGOs focusing on gender-based violence, human rights, health care, international development and aid, including the Women's Edge Coalition, the Feminist Majority, Amnesty International, the Center for Women's Global Leadership, and Human Rights Watch.

The bill includes three major provisions to fight violence against women. First, it would create a central Office for Women's Global Initiatives to coordinate US policies, programs, and resources that deal with women's issues. Second, it requires a 5-year comprehensive strategy to fight violence against women in targeted countries and provides \$172 million a year to support programs that fight violence against women. Last, the bill mandates training, reporting mechanisms and a system for dealing with women and girls afflicted by violence during humanitarian, conflict and post-conflict operations.

"The International Violence Against Women Act marshals together, for the first time, coordinated American resources and leadership to address this global issue. I believe the time is now for the United States to get actively engaged in the fight for women's lives and girls' futures, and we must begin by preventing and responding to the violence they face," added Senator Biden.

Senator Biden was the chief sponsor of the domestic Violence Against Women Act, which was passed in 1994 and was reauthorized in 2000 and 2006. This landmark legislation has provided billions of dollars for domestic violence shelters and training of law enforcement and judicial officers to improve response to domestic violence.

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The Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence is dedicated to the empowerment of all the state's survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

Our mission is to develop and promote efforts aimed at the elimination of all domestic and sexual violence in Michigan.

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MCADSV Charity Hold'em

On November 23-24th, the Friday and Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend, MCADSV will be the beneficiary of a Charity Hold'em Poker Tournament (license number M38069) hosted by the Holiday Inn West, 7501 West Saginaw Highway, Lansing, MI 48917.

Texas Hold'em poker is taking the country by storm, and Michigan Charity Hold'em gives players the opportunity to play Vegas-style poker *locally* while helping non-profit organizations fundraise. Michigan Charity Hold'em assists non-profit organizations in conducting professional, well structured, Vegas-style poker fundraisers, while allowing the charity to benefit by retaining the proceeds typically earned by a casino—20 percent of the buy-in fees.

The funds raised during the tournament will support the MCADSV Apple Blossom Fund for Social Change. The Fund enables us to bring the voices of survivors to the halls of the State Capitol and elsewhere by providing critical support for:

- Public policy and legislative initiatives directed at safety for domestic violence and sexual assault survivors while holding perpetrators accountable
- Public awareness efforts to ensure that accurate information is available about domestic and sexual violence
- Acting as a catalyst for innovative, long-range plans for the prevention and elimination of domestic and sexual violence

When you are tired of turkey, join us Thanksgiving weekend for live action/cash games including Texas Hold'em, 7-Card Stud & Omaha Hi/LO. For more information on this event, please visit our web site at <http://www.mcadsv.org/>. Questions? Please contact Tammy Lemmer at (517) 347-7000, ext.27.

White Ribbon Campaign Launches Blog!

In an effort to strengthen the global effort towards ending violence against women, The White Ribbon Campaign announced the launch of its new Blog; Our Future Has No Violence Against Women.

Across Canada and around the world, there is a growing momentum for organizing around men's roles and responsibilities in ending violence against women.

"This Blog is an amazing opportunity for us to connect with people working to end gender based violence all around the world. It allows us to respond to current affairs, share resources and best practices, and strengthen the international network," states Todd Minerson, Executive Director of the White Ribbon Campaign.

The Blog will: Provide updates on activities from White Ribbon Campaigns around the world; Host commentary and opinion pieces from advocates working to end violence against women from across the planet; Serve as a centralized online forum for individuals to come and discuss issues.

The White Ribbon symbolizes a man's pledge to never commit, condone, or remain silent about violence against women. The White Ribbon Campaign is the world's largest effort by men to end men's violence against women.

For more information please contact Todd Minerson, Executive Director of the White Ribbon Campaign at (416) 920-6684 or tminerson@whiteribbon.ca

<p>National Domestic Violence Hotline Linea Nacional sobre la Violencia Domestica 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) TTY 1-800-787-3224 www.ndvh.org Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN) 1-800-656-HOPE (4673) www.rainn.org</p>
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Updated Bibliography on Working with Men to End Violence Against Women

The Michigan Resource Center on Domestic & Sexual Violence recently updated the Working with Men to End Violence Against Women bibliography. Included on the bibliography are print, video, audio and internet resources. To access a copy of this bibliography electronically, please visit our web site at <http://www.mcadsv.org/mrcdsv/resource/resource.html#bib>

Women's Funding Network Turning its Attention to Poverty

US Women Without Borders (USWWB) is a project of the Women's Funding Network to mobilize women to act in support of women worldwide. The Women's Funding Network wants a world where all women and girls can realize their full potential without the obstacles created by gender inequality. They are working to build the voice of U.S. women equipped to influence foreign policy and media, particularly as it impacts the situations of women and girls in other countries.

Women are disproportionately impacted by poverty yet are too often absent from the policy and solutions designed to address it. Women's health, education and freedom from violence are all adversely impacted by poverty.

The US Women Without Borders website provides a place to learn about issues affecting women and girls, exchange opinions, facts and stories and find practical ways to make a difference. Visit often and tell your friends! For more information, please visit <http://www.fundforward.org/>

First Ever Standards of Practice for Lawyers in Civil Protection Order Cases Released

The American Bar Association Commission on Domestic Violence recently released the newly adopted *ABA Standards of Practice for Lawyers Representing Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking in Civil Protection Order Cases* at its Annual Meeting in August 2007. These Standards raise awareness of the need for high quality legal representation for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.

Every year in the United States, approximately 1.5 million women are assaulted by their intimate partner. Access to legal services is identified as one of the most effective tools for victims to become safe; however, survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking are frequently unable to access the remedies provided to them by the justice system.

The Standards recommend lawyers become knowledgeable about the dynamics of domestic violence and its intersection with sexual assault and stalking before undertaking representation of a victim in a protection order case. Other considerations addressed include understanding the role culture, language, immigration status, age and/or disability of the victim may play in effective representation of diverse clients, ensuring effective communication between the lawyer and client, and being able to identify the potential need for interpreters.

To access the standards of practice please visit www.abanet.org.