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Restoring Hope: The Sacred Work of Confronting Racism

November 15, 2008

East Lansing, MI

The 2008 Presidential election vividly illustrates the contradictions that continue to surround race and racism in this nation. On the one hand, Barack Obama's candidacy demonstrates how racial barriers once thought intractable can be overcome. On the other hand, we have witnessed how race can still be used to breed fear and suspicion, and divide us from one another. In her lecture, Dr. Morrison will invite us to reflect on what this election season and other current events can teach us about the personal, political, and spiritual imperatives of dismantling racism. Recognizing that racism remains a wound at the heart of this nation, Dr. Morrison will address the sacred dimensions of working for racial justice. For information on how to attend this free event, please contact Cindy at (517) 332-8693 or cindy@edgewooducc.org.

Relief After Violent Encounter, Inc. 25th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, November 22, 2008

Owosso Country Club
4200 North Chipman Rd.
Owosso, MI

\$25 Requested Donation.

Dinner, Silent Auction, Door Prizes, Cash Bar

All proceeds benefit RAVE. For more information, please contact RAVE at (989) 224-4663 or online at www.ravecs.org

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

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

Health Cares About Domestic Violence Day 2008

Hospitals, clinics, medical students and educators around the nation are holding activities this month to encourage health care providers to routinely assess patients for domestic violence as part of the 10th annual Health Cares About Domestic Violence Day (HCADV Day), organized by the Family Violence Prevention Fund (FVVPF).

"Doctors, nurses and other health care providers can do a tremendous amount to help victims of domestic, dating and sexual violence, but too often fail to do so because they haven't been trained to assess patients for abuse," said FVVPF President Esta Soler. "Health Cares About Domestic Violence Day helps improve the health care system's response to violence by giving medical professionals the information and support they need to help victims and their children."

Women often sustain injuries from domestic, dating and sexual violence, but it also can harm them in other ways. Physical and psychological abuse are linked to a range of health problems including: arthritis; chronic neck, back and pelvic pain; sexually transmitted infections (including HIV/AIDS); complications during pregnancy and unwanted pregnancy; substance abuse; migraine and other headaches; ulcers; and chronic irritable bowel syndrome.

"Domestic violence can have immediate health consequences through injury, but it also can cause life-threatening conditions that affect survivors throughout their lives," said FVVPF Health Director Lisa James. "We aren't doing all we should to help victims because too many health professionals don't ask patients if they are experiencing abuse in their relationships. Providers routinely assess patients for potentially deadly conditions like high blood pressure, and for dangerous behaviors like smoking, but few take the time to ask about violence. We aim to change that."

Free materials, including national consensus guidelines and model protocols for responding to domestic violence, are available toll-free by dialing 1(888)RX-ABUSE or 1(800)595-4889 (TTY), or by visiting www.endabuse.org/health.

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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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Intimate Partner Sexual Abuse: Adjudicating This Hidden Dimension of Domestic Violence

Sexual abuse is far more prevalent in cases involving other forms of intimate partner violence than is generally recognized. Recent research with battered women reveals that intimate partner sexual abuse is a hidden but frequent aspect of family violence with significant implications for the courts.

The term "intimate partner sexual abuse" encompasses a continuum of behaviors ranging from verbal degradation relating to sexuality to felony-level sexual abuse and torture. Cases involving this type of abuse present specific and complex challenges for the judiciary, beyond the overarching goal of protecting victims and their children while insuring due process for the accused. Intimate partner sexual abuse is an important factor in risk assessment; in decision-making in civil, criminal, family, juvenile and probate cases; and in custody and visitation determinations. Thus, it is important for the justice system to have strategies that encourage victims to disclose such abuse and resources for effective offender dispositions and management.

This website, www.njep-ipsacourse.org, provides current interdisciplinary research from law, medicine and the social sciences that is applicable to judicial decision-making and case management. On this site, you can access resources, modules, recommendations and case scenarios on intimate partner sexual abuse. For more information, please visit www.njep-ipsacourse.org

The Crime of Human Trafficking: A Law Enforcement Guide to Indemnification and Investigation

Spanish Version

The IACP has translated The Crime of Human Trafficking into Spanish (El Crimen de la Trata Humana) providing an additional tool for local and state law enforcement to use when working with victims and educating the community. The English version of the guidebook has been widely distributed to local, state, county, campus, and federal law enforcement agencies in the U.S. and abroad. This product, together with the accompanying roll-call training video (English only), is available at no-cost for law enforcement and victim advocates. Visit <http://www.theiacp.org/research/VAWPoliResponse.html>.

New Nonprofit Start up Resources

Starting a nonprofit business can be very rewarding but very complex as well. In addition to providing your services, you must also hire, train & manage employees, maintain compliance with government regulations, understand your market and position your company to grow. The Michigan Resource Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence has compiled resources to help you with many of your needed charity startup solutions, so you can focus on implementing your services and do what you feel passionate about. Access key nonprofit startup resources at <http://www.mcadsv.org/mrcdsv/resource/resource.html#bib>.

Department of Justice grants \$114 million to Address and Prevent Violence Against Women

The Department of Justice granted over \$114 million as part of its efforts to address and prevent violence against women across the country. The Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women released the funds to all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and US territories through its STOP (Service, Training, Officers, Prosecutors) Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program.

According to the Department of Justice, STOP Program grants are wide-ranging and intended for state, local, and tribal court systems as well as Indian tribal governments and nonprofit, nongovernmental victim services groups. STOP formula grants are meant to support prevention of and effective responses to domestic violence, dating violence, stalking and sexual assault.

Cindy Dyer, director of the Office on Violence Against Women hopes the funds will "enhance services to victims" as well as "improve coordination between law enforcement, prosecution and courts, and strengthen victim services," according to Market Watch.

The Office on Violence Against Women awards are based on an amount of \$600,000 to each state, according to Market Watch, with further STOP funding to be allocated based on state population. Recipients must meet at least one of the program's statutory purpose areas to receive funding, which include training of law enforcement officers, judges, and other court personnel to better identify and respond to crimes of violence against women and the expansion of current victim services programs.

MCADSV is Participating in a Fall Fundraiser!

On Saturday, November 15, 2008



Younkers will host Community Day, a day of shopping that benefits the Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV). By purchasing a coupon booklet, available for \$5 from MCADSV, proceeds from the sale will support the Apple Blossom Fund for Social Change.

Each coupon book contains a \$10 coupon good on almost any merchandise priced at \$10 or more. In addition, the coupon booklet contains eight 20-percent-off coupons and offers for two great bonus items available only on Community Day. All the coupons can be used in addition to Younkers One Day Sale prices. Community Day coupons can also be used at Bon-Ton, Elder-Beerman, and Parisian.

To pick-up a booklet, please contact Tammy Lemmer at (517) 347-7000, ext. 27 or by email at Tammy.Lemmer@mcadsv.org

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