

# **ALLIANCE AGAINST FAMILY VIOLENCE AND** **SEXUAL ASSAULT** **SAAM EVENTS APRIL 2008**

## **TEAL RIBBONS ON CHESTER:**

- PLEASE JOIN THE ALLIANCE AS WE TIE TEAL RIBBONS ON THE TREES OF CHESTER AVE. EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE IN FRONT OF CITY HALL APRIL 1, 2007 AT 12:30PM AND CONCLUDE ON CHESTER AVE. AT 24<sup>TH</sup> STREET. TEAL IS THE OFFICIAL COLOR OF SAAM.

## **"BEYOND WORDS":**

- THIS YEAR, THE ALLIANCE WILL HOST AN ART PROJECT PROVIDING SURVIVORS AND THEIR FAMILIES AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS THEIR EMOTIONS THROUGH VARIOUS ART MEDIUMS. THE COMMUNITY IS INVITED TO JOIN US THROUGH APRIL 24, 2008 AT THE ALLIANCE OFFICE 1921 19<sup>TH</sup> STREET, MONDAY – FRIDAY FROM 9:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

## **DEFENDING YOURSELF FROM SEXUAL ASSAULT:**

- THE ALLIANCE WILL SPONSOR TWO SELF-DEFENSE SESSIONS IN THE MONTH OF APRIL AT THE JUNIOR LEAGUE BUILDING 1928 19<sup>TH</sup> STREET. THE FIRST WILL BE A "MOTHER/DAUGHTER" 5:00PM-6:00PM SESSION WHERE ALLIANCE INVITES MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS TO ATTEND TOGETHER, PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE THE EXPERIENCE AND TALK ABOUT THE DIFFICULT ISSUE OF SEXUAL ASSAULT. THE SECOND SESSION ENCOURAGES ALL FEMALES TO ATTEND AND "BRING A FRIEND" 6:00PM-7:00PM TO LEARN DIFFERENT SKILLS TO DEFEND THEMSELVES. SPACE IS LIMITED, PLEASE CALL TO RSVP.

## **DENIM DAY KICK OFF:**

- PLEASE JOIN THE ALLIANCE AT RUNNER PARK (CSUB CAMPUS) ON APRIL 23, 2008 AT 6:00P.M. FOR DENIM DAY AND OUR FIRST ANNUAL SART RECOGNITION AWARDS. WEARING JEANS DURING APRIL IS A SYMBOL OF PROTEST OF HARMFUL ATTITUDES ABOUT RAPE IN RESPONSE TO AN ITALIAN SUPREME COURT DECISION TO OVERTURN A RAPE CONVICTION BECAUSE THE VICTIM WORE JEANS. THIS DECISION DID NOT RECOGNIZE THAT COERCION THREATS AND FORCE ARE A PART OF THE ACT OF RAPE. WE ARE INVITING ALL OF KERN COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN DENIM DAY BY WEARING JEANS AND A "WHY DENIM" BUTTON ON APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup>. BUTTONS ARE FREE OF CHARGE. TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE CONTACT ALLIANCE.

## **TAKE BACK THE NIGHT: "*SILENCE DOESN'T MEAN CONSENT*"**

- PLEASE JOIN CSUB'S CAMPUS VIOLENCE PREVENTION COMMITTEE A TAKE BACK THE NIGHT RALLY ON THURSDAY APRIL 15, 2008 AT 6:00P.M. EVENTS WILL INCLUDE GUEST SPEAKERS AND A CANDLE LIGHT CEREMONY. THE EVENT WILL CONCLUDE WITH A MARCH AROUND THE CSUB CAMPUS. THE RALLY WILL BE HELD ON CSUB'S CAMPUS IN FRONT OF THE STUDENT UNION. TAKE BACK THE NIGHT IS A WORLDWIDE DEMONSTRATION WITH THE PURPOSE OF EMPOWERING THE COMMUNITY TO RECLAIM OUR HOMES, OUR STREETS, AND OUR CAMPUSES FROM SEXUAL VIOLENCE.

## **SEXUAL ASSAULT CRISIS COUNSELOR CERTIFICATION TRAINING:**

- THE ALLIANCE AGAINST FAMILY VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT WILL HOLD ITS VOLUNTEER TRAINING EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> –MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> FROM 6:00PM-10:00PM. UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION SEXUAL ASSAULT CRISIS COUNSELORS ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOLUNTEER AT THE ALLIANCE TO AID SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIM AND PROVIDE COURT ACCOMPANIMENTS,

## **SEXUAL ASSAULT HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS:**

- ALLIANCE SEXUAL ASSAULT CASE MANAGERS WILL VISIT KERN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOLS TO ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO TAKE A STAND AGAINST SEXUAL VIOLENCE. TOPICS WILL INCLUDE SAAM, DENIM DAY, AND AN OVERVIEW OF THE SEXUAL ASSAULT PROCESS ONCE IT HAS BEEN REPORTED. ALL HIGH SCHOOLS WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN DENIM DAY AND ALL OTHER SAAM ACTIVITIES.

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