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Nacogdoches S.A.V.E. Coalition and the Family Crisis Center Partner to Commemorate Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April has been declared Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) in the United States. The goal of SAAM is to raise public awareness of sexual violence and to educate communities and individuals on how to prevent sexual violence. This year's theme is "Superhero-No Cape Required," in hopes to remind the public that community members and victims who speak out against sexual assault are all heroes.

The Nacogdoches S.A.V.E. Coalition, along with the Family Crisis Center of East Texas, is holding public activities throughout April to call attention to this important cause. "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" kick-off event at Baker Pattillo Student Center, on the SFASU campus, in Nacogdoches will take place on April 16th from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. This event is an opportunity for men to raise awareness about the causes, effects, and remediation of men's sexualized violence toward women. Men are asked to walk one mile in women's high heel shoes to better understand and appreciate women's experiences, to create awareness and decrease the potential for violence.

An informational booth will be set up on Monday, April 21, 2014, until April 23, 2014 at the SFASU Student Center from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. There, students will pass out handbills of events, buttons, and brochures to SFASU students to get them involved in SAAM. Friday April 25, 2014 will spotlight Sexual Assault Awareness Month through the "TAKE BACK THE NIGHT" event at Pecan Park in Nacogdoches. Take Back the Night is an interactive event that creates awareness, empowers survivors, and educates the community. The event will start at 7 p.m. and includes a lantern release, as well as comments from guest speakers and march through the park. Registration for the event will begin at 6:30 p.m. "Refuse to be a Victim," a free women's self defense class at the Nacogdoches Recreation Center on April 26th from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., will wrap up the month's events.

You can also show your support for Sexual Assault Awareness Month by purchasing the official, "Superhero-No Cape Required" t-shirt at www.fcet.com. The shirts are \$5 plus shipping and can be purchased starting now through April 30th. We would like to thank Dolphin Printing in Nacogdoches who generously donated a portion of the cost of the t-shirts.

The S.A.V.E. Coalition of Nacogdoches County continues to advance its mission of committing to investigate the root causes of sexual violence within their community. The S.A.V.E. Coalition seeks to provide training and/or education to its team members and the community, in addition to facilitating communication forums around the topic of sexual violence prevention.

The Family Crisis Center of East Texas continues to advance its mission of enhancing the safety of women, children and men by providing crisis intervention and advocacy services to reduce and prevent the occurrence of family violence and sexual assault through education and community awareness. The agency provides numerous services, and last year alone provided 1,185 residential and non-residential clients with over 102,000 essential services. For more information regarding Sexual Assault Awareness Month activities occurring in the area, or to find out how you can assist the agency, visit our website, www.fcet.com, or contact Susan Robertson at the Family Crisis Center of East Texas at (936) 639-1681 or srobertsonwset@suddenlinkmail.com.

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