



APRIL IS NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

Hello Friends!

With April quickly approaching, we can all begin to think more about flowers and our lawns and less about snow removal! I think that is a relief for many people. At COMPASS, April brings a busy time of year – it's Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

This past year, we have had an alarming amount of news stories about women and children being victimized by sex offenders. Does it make you wonder if these crimes will ever end? Although this may seem overwhelming, you can help! Now, more than ever, we need you to get involved in the prevention of sexual assault. Here are a few ideas on how you can make a difference:

1. Make a commitment to speak up when you hear victim-blaming attitudes and beliefs.
2. Take advantage of the volunteer opportunities available at COMPASS.
3. Get educated on how to respond to acts of sexual violence and harassment.
4. Make a public statement of support to survivors by participating in the Walk A Mile in Her Shoes event on April 17th.

Remember, if we really want to decrease the number of sexual assaults, we need the help of men too! Encourage men in the community to get involved and show their support.

I look forward to seeing you on April 17th!

Molly

Molly MacMath
Director
COMPASS, Inc.

Walk a Mile *in her shoes.*

The Men's March to Stop Rape, Sexual Assault & Gender Violence

Saturday, April 17, 2010
J.I.M.'s Place
228 West High Ave
Registration: 10:30 a.m.
Walk Start: 11 a.m.

What is "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes®"?

Walk a Mile in Her Shoes® is a nationwide event that invites families to participate in a one mile walk to raise awareness around issues of rape, sexual assault, and gender violence. The march empowers men to join in the efforts of women in making the world a safer place, and it provides an opportunity for the community to talk about these important issues. This year marks the third annual Walk a Mile in Her Shoes® march in Tuscarawas County.

The Walk a Mile in Her Shoes® Campaign:

Expands the dialogue between men and women on gender differences, gender relationships and gender violence

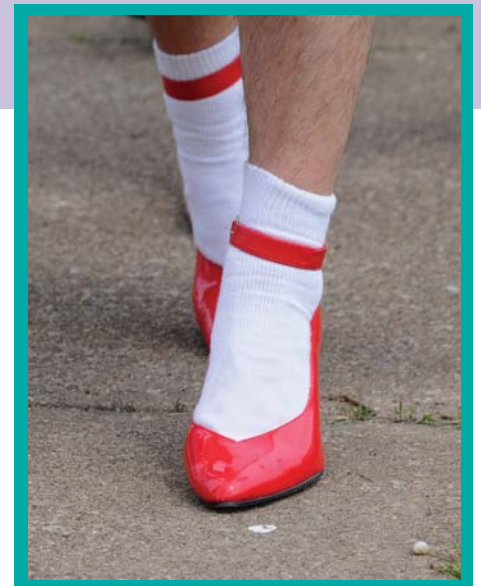
Encourages men and women to come together to make the world a safer place by preventing rape, sexual assault and gender violence

Encourages the community to talk about these very important concerns

Helps participants better understand and appreciate survivor's experiences

Gives people the opportunity to publicly demonstrate their courage and commitment to preventing sexual violence

Encourages men to literally walk a mile in women's high-heeled shoes (optional)



Who is the Walk benefitting?

Walk a Mile in Her Shoes® will benefit COMPASS, Inc., an organization established to provide direction for the victims of sexual assault in Tuscarawas and Carroll Counties in Ohio. COMPASS provides victim advocacy, sexual assault prevention through community awareness and education, and support groups for sexual assault victims. In 2006, COMPASS, Inc., became an affiliate organization of Goodwill Industries of Greater Cleveland and East Central Ohio, Inc.



For More Information:

If you would like more information on the upcoming walk or about COMPASS, Inc., please call us locally at (330) 339-2504 or visit our Web site at www.compassrapecrisis.org.

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 Wendy's

Saturday, April 17 - J.I.M.'s Place
228 West High Ave., New Philadelphia

Registration & Events: 10:30 a.m.
 Walk start: 11 a.m.

Registration fee: \$20
 Women and children welcome



Pledge Collector Name _____

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Phone _____ Email _____

Company/Team Name _____

All registration fees or pledge checks should be made payable to COMPASS and will be collected during registration.

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In consideration of my entry in the Walk a Mile event, I, for myself, my heirs, my executors and administrators, waive and release any and all right and claims for damages I have or may have hereafter against the organizers of this event, its participants, its employees, all sponsors and their representatives and all claims of damages, demands, actions whatsoever in any manner, as a result of my participation in the event, including travel to and from this event, I attest and verify that I am physically fit and have sufficiently trained for completion of this event and I have not been advised otherwise by a qualified medical person. Further, I hereby grant full permission to any and all of the foregoing to use my name and likeness in any broadcast, telecast, video or print media of this event without compensation.

Signature _____



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