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BEXAR COUNTY
NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS CELEBRATION
Reshaping the Future – Honoring the Past
APRIL 25 - 30, 2011

TUESDAY, APRIL 19TH

**PROCLAMATION OF NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK BY
BEXAR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**

The public, crime victims and victim service organizations are invited to attend Commissioners Court meeting during which National Crime Victims' Rights Week will be proclaimed. The proclamation will be held in the Bexar County Courthouse, Commissioners Courtroom at 11:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20TH

FAMILY VIOLENCE INFORMATION SESSION

The San Antonio City Attorney's Office – Prosecution Division will host an information session for victims of family violence assault cases that have been filed at the San Antonio Municipal Court. The session will be held promptly at 5:30 pm at the San Antonio Municipal Court building, Room 204. For more information contact the prosecutors' office at (210) 207-7355.

MONDAY, APRIL 25TH

VICTIM SERVICES BALLOON RELEASE

Bexar County and City Officials will be joined by singer, Patsy Torres to announce the start of National Crime Victims' Rights Week in Bexar County. The event will begin at 10:00 am at the south end of the Paul Elizondo Justice Center Tower at South Flores and West Nueva and will culminate in the release of over 300 balloons.

VICTIM CALL-IN HOTLINE

Victims may call KSAT-TV from 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m. for information concerning the criminal justice system and referrals for victim services. Watch KSAT for the call-in phone number.

TUESDAY, APRIL 26TH

WORKSHOP TRAINING

The Rape Crisis Center is hosting a CEU training titled "Immigration Remedies for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking" – presented by the Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services, Inc. (RAICES). The training will be held from 9:00 am – 11:00 am at the South Texas Center, AT&T Building, 7500 US Hwy 90 West. Seminar fee is \$20. (2 CEU's available for Therapists, Social Workers and Psychologists) Register online at www.rapecrisis.com, choose EVENTS/CEU and make your event choice from the drop box on this event.

OPEN HOUSE

Becoming Apparent will host an Open House at their offices located at 8930 Four Winds Drive, Suite 335, from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. Becoming Apparent serves men and women with individual and group counseling, family counseling, legal referral assistance and victim advocacy support. They are committed to being a blessing to victims of crime and families in crisis.

For questions or more information about these events or National Crime Victims' Rights Week, please contact Cyndi Jahn, Victim Services Coordinator for the Bexar County District Attorney's Office at (210) 335-2733.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27TH

CHILI'S "FUN" DRAISER

Catholic Charities, Anti-Trafficking Program is teaming up with Chili's Restaurant for a "FUN"draising night. When you eat at Chili's at IH 10 West and DeZavala on Wed., April 27th between 4:00 pm and close, 10% of your check will be donated to Catholic Charities to go towards victims of human trafficking. You must present the fundraising flyer when you go. The flyer can be located under the events tab at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/South-Texas-Coalition-Against-Human-Trafficking/198046856885417>.

DENIM DAY 2011 & MAKE A STATEMENT: THERE IS NEVER AN EXCUSE FOR RAPE!

In observance of Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Month each April, The Rape Crisis Center asks businesses, agencies and individuals to wear Denim in support of sexual assault survivors and to raise awareness about sexual assault misconceptions. Denim Day is an excellent opportunity to be proactive and visibly engaged in creating a community of safe and peaceful relationships. For more information go to www.denimdayusa.org.

MOVIE SCREENING

The Rape Crisis Center in association with San Antonio Fighting Back and PROJECT ASSIST will be hosting a screening and community dialogue of the documentary, "**Hip Hop: Beyond Beats & Rhymes.**" The film provides an examination of the representations of man-hood in hip-hop culture, as well as challenges the rap music industry to take responsibility for perpetuating and glamorizing sexism, violence and homophobia. The screening will take place at the Barbara Jordan Community Center, 2915 E. Commerce, from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm. Snacks will be provided. ***NOTE: Because of the graphic nature of the film, be advised that it may not be suitable for youth under the age of 16**.*

THURSDAY, APRIL 28TH

VICTIMS' TRIBUTE

The public, crime victims and victim service organizations are invited to attend a special service dedicated to victims of crime which will include a memorial wreath blessing and laying ceremony and lighting of our victims' flame. The event will be held at the San Antonio Police Academy, 12200 SE Loop 410 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. Free parking is available.

DATING, SEXTING, AND VIOLENCE: NOT MY KID! – TOWN HALL MEETING

The Victims Advocacy Council will sponsor a program directed towards parents focusing on relationships between children and parents, and children and their peers. The program will be held from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm at Laurel Ridge Treatment Facility, 17720 Corporate Woods. Free parking and refreshments are available.

FRIDAY, APRIL 29TH

CHILDREN'S PICNIC

A picnic honoring victims of crime, particularly children, will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in Milam Park. Everyone is invited to join the festivities, which will include games, clowns, face painting, pony rides, petting zoo, a visit from the Spurs Coyote, McGruff the Crime Fighting Dog, BACA, and others. Lunch will be served.

MOVIE NIGHT

FRIENDS of the South Texas Coalition Against Human Trafficking will host a special screening of "Playground" which focuses on issues surrounding human trafficking. The movie will show at 6:30 pm at the Cadena-Reeves Justice Center, 300 Dolorosa, Central Jury Room located in the Basement. A panel discussion will follow the film. This event is offered free of charge. For questions, please contact Candice Lown at (210) 212-3796.

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