**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE Awareness Month**

**October 2015**

**Sept. 27-Oct. 2**
*Omega Phi Beta Sorority (sponsor)*

**Purple Hearts—Take a Pledge of Non-Violence**
University of Rochester River Campus, Wilson Commons
Event where students can make purple hand with heart cutout to symbolize their pledge promising not to hurt others with their words or hands. Cutouts will be hung at the University of Rochester and RIT campuses on "walls of awareness" throughout the week.

**Oct. 1, 10 a.m.**
Willow Domestic Violence Center* (sponsor)
**Launch of Domestic Violence Awareness Month**
Crime Victims Resource Center, 244 Plymouth Ave. S, Rochester
Annual domestic violence report given to the community. Domestic Violence Awareness Month launched.

**Oct. 1, 5 p.m.**
Willow Domestic Violence Center* (sponsor)
**Domestic Violence Awareness Month Launch Social**
Geneseo Brew House, 25 Cateract St, Rochester
Join Willow Domestic Violence Center to launch Domestic Violence Awareness Month at this social gathering.

**Oct. 2-16**
Willow Domestic Violence Center* (sponsor)
**Bridge the Silence to Voice and Hope**
University of Rochester Medical Center, Strong Behavioral Health, 300 Crittenden Blvd., Bridge Art Gallery
An exhibit of artwork created by local survivors of domestic violence.

**Oct. 3, 10 a.m.-Noon**
Willow Domestic Violence Center* (sponsor)
**Walk a Mile in My Shoes**
Ontario Beach Park
Event benefits Willow Domestic Violence Center.

**Oct. 4, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.**
*Rochester Yoga Festival*
St. John Fisher College, Varsity Gym, 3690 East Ave, Rochester
Festival proceeds benefit Willow Domestic Violence Center* For more details, visit www.rochesteryogafestival.com.

**Oct. 7, 6-7 p.m.**
Willow Domestic Violence Center* (sponsor)
**Bridge the Silence to Voice and Hope—Opening Reception**
University of Rochester Medical Center, Strong Behavioral Health, 300 Crittenden Blvd., Bridge Art Gallery
Opening reception and informational session for Bridge the Silence to Voice and Hope—A Gallery Exhibition of Strength, Survival, and Empowerment with Mixed Media.

**Oct. 8, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.**
University of Rochester Susan B. Anthony Center (sponsor)
**Transforming Our Community: Meeting the Needs of At-Risk Children**
Rochester Academy of Medicine, 1441 East Ave, Rochester
Conference to raise awareness about the adverse effects of violence abuse and neglect on the biopsychosocial health of children. For more details and registration, visit www.susanb.org/bridge.

**Oct. 9, Noon-3 p.m.**
University of Rochester Susan B. Anthony Center (sponsor)
**Stanton Anthony Luncheon and Conversation**
University of Rochester River Campus, Interfaith Chapel
Annual event. This year titled "Domestic Violence and Health: Considerations and solutions." For details and registration, visit www.rochester.edu/bridge.

**Oct. 10, 9 a.m.**
**Scarecrow 5k and More**
Apt for ages three and up. For registration information, please visit www.resolve-roc.org.

**Oct. 13-18**
Center for Youth (sponsor)
**Fashion Week Rochester 2015**
Various locations throughout Rochester
Each year the Center for Youth partners with Fashion Week Rochester to support youth shleter's programs. Proceeds from Fashion Week of Rochester benefit Center for Youth programs and Safe Journey.

**Oct. 19**
College Feminists at the University of Rochester and The New Agenda (cosponsors)
**STOP 5k Run and Walk**
Event to raise awareness of sexual assault on campus. For more details, visit www.thenewagenda.net.

**Oct. 20, 7-9 p.m.**
College Feminists at the University of Rochester (sponsor)
**Take Back the Night**
University of Rochester River Campus, Wilson Commons, May Room
This event allows survivors and advocates to advocate for the end of rape and sexual violence. A resource fair (6-7 p.m.) will provide information about volunteer opportunities to work with community organizations that raise awareness of sexual assault. Following the resource fair are a candlelight walk and a survivor speak-out (8-9 p.m.) to allow survivors to share their stories.

**Oct. 21, 6:30-7:45 p.m.**
Nazareth College (sponsor)
**A Path Appears**
Nazareth College, Stuhl Center, 4245 East Ave., Rochester
Nazareth’s Center for Civic Engagement, Social Work Department, and Women and Gender Studies will showcase the third episode, "Violence and Solutions," of the PBS documentary series A Path Appears. A panel discussion follows the screening.

**Oct. 22, 7-9 p.m.**
*Omega Phi Beta Sorority (sponsor)*
**Remember My Name in Light**
Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), Center for Campus Life, Bamboo Room (2650), One Lomb Memorial Dr, Rochester
This is a special event honoring women in the past and future. It will be held in Rochester and will be fueled by domestic violence. Event includes a poem reading "Remember My Name" and putting candle crafts together.

**Oct. 24, 2-3:30 p.m.**
*Sigma Phi Zeta Sorority (sponsor)*
**Start by Believing Campaign Event**
University of Rochester River Campus, Dewey Hall, Room 1-101
Start by Believing is a public awareness campaign uniquely focused upon changing and educating the public to respond toward victims of domestic violence. The guest speaker is Detective Sergeant Daniel Bennett of the Buffalo Police Department.

**Oct. 24, 5-7:30 p.m.**
**Pasta Dinner at Church of the Assumption**
20 East Ave., Fairport
Tickets $10/coop, $5/children under 12. Free/children under 3 tickets available at the door or in advance. Call 388-0040 to eat in or take out.

**Oct. 28, 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.**
**RESOLVE (sponsor)**
**Fairport Settlers Club Card and Games Party with Luncheon to Benefit RESOLVE**
Midvale Country Club, 2387 Baird Rd, Penfield
Tickets $25 in advance only. Email settleclub@rochester.rr.com or go to www.resolve-roc.org for registration form.

**Oct. 29, 7-9 p.m.**
*Omega Phi Beta Sorority (sponsor)*
**Telling Amy’s Story**
University of Rochester River Campus, Hoyt Auditorium
Screening of Telling Amy’s Story. A documentary about one woman’s tragic experience with domestic violence. A discussion about the movie’s meaning and the audience’s reactions, surprises, feelings, and familiarity follows the screening.

**Nov. 5, 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.**
*University of Rochester’s Frederick Douglass Institute for African and African-American Studies and the University of Rochester Susan B. Anthony Center (cosponsors)*
**Gender and Violence Lecture**
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**Sisters-in-Law Film Screening and Discussion**
University of Rochester River Campus, Rush Rhees Library, Hawkins-Carlson Room
Sisters-in-Law follows two legal professionals as they help women in their Cameroon village find the courage to fight difficult cases of abuse.

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*Formerly Alternatives for Battered Women*