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Angel Walk supports domestic violence shelter

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KOKOMO, Ind. – For the sixth consecutive year, students, faculty and staff at Indiana University Kokomo and community members will gather on Tuesday, April 26, to draw attention and raise funds for domestic violence victims. Monies raised through the Take Back the Night (TBTN)/Angel Walk will benefit the local domestic violence shelter.

The event is sponsored by the American Democracy Project at IU Kokomo and the Family Service Association (FSA) of Howard County. Last year, about \$17,000 was raised for the shelter.

A rally in Alumni Hall will kick off the event at 5:30 p.m., in which a representative from FSA and a domestic violence survivor will each speak. Walkers will leave Alumni Hall at about 6 p.m. to complete the one-mile trek. The walk will take place rain or shine.

“There is no deadline to sign up to participate in the walk,” said Kathryn Stremiecki, coordinator of programming and applied learning. “Most people show up on the day of the walk, which is great! We encourage everyone to participate, whether or not they’ve raised funds for the event. It’s a great way to become involved and help others in the community.”

Local musicians, Gary and Jessica Rhum, will provide music, and class projects regarding domestic violence will be on display both before and after the walk. Instead of an essay contest this year, students were invited to submit a video, creative writing or an art piece as part of a creative arts contest. The winners will be announced the night of TBTN. Refreshments will be available after the walk, and organizers will announce the fundraising and scholarship winners.

In addition to the TBTN, IU Kokomo will participate in The Clothesline Project, in which T-shirts designed by survivors, families and friends of victims of domestic violence will be displayed in Alumni Hall the week before the walk. Earlier this month, students helped raise awareness and funds for the FSA domestic violence program with a Dance Relay and ping pong and corn hole tournaments.

For more information, contact Stremiecki at (765) 455-9491, or e-mail at kwidman@iuk.edu (<mailto:kwidman@iuk.edu>). IU Kokomo students, faculty and staff interested in forming an Angel Walk team can contact Stremiecki. Community members wishing to participate in the walk should contact FSA of Howard County at (765) 457-9313.







TBTN, an international rally and march, is organized in local communities in an effort to spread awareness of all forms of violence against women, children, and families. This event originated in England and Germany in 1974 to protest the fear women felt walking the streets at night and to bring awareness, empowerment, and encourage action to end violence

against women and children.

Walkers do have to sign a waiver, which will be handled the night of the event. Youth ages 17 and younger who wish to participate, but will not have a parent present, will also need to have a signed waiver to join in the walk.

The event at IU Kokomo is the partnering of the TBTN rally with the FSA of Howard County's Angel Walk.

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