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10th Annual “Take Back the Night” Event at USF to Show Support for Survivors of Sexual Violence

Attendees will participate in a silent march, candlelight vigil and survivors will share their experiences on Thursday, April 14

TAMPA, Fla. (April 11, 2016) -- Driven by the experiences of sexual violence survivors and inspired by an international movement, the University of South Florida will hold its 10th annual “Take Back the Night” event at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 14 in the Marshall Student Center Amphitheater. The night will include a candlelight vigil, silent march and survivors speaking out against sexual violence.

Studies estimate that one in four women and one in thirty-three men are victims of sexual violence. Both men and women are invited to attend the moving event, as it’s free and open to the public.

Relationship Equality and Anti-violence League (REAL) Trainers will lead everyone in the REAL Promise to end sexual and relationship violence. This is a commitment made by participants to take a stand against gender-based violence and the culture that fosters it.

Later, attendees will walk around the heart of campus in a silent march, ending with a speak-out for survivors and allies to share their experiences.

This empowering and educational event will be hosted by the USF student organization N.I.T.E. (Network. Improve. Transform. Empower.) , in collaboration with the USF Center for Victim Advocacy and Violence Prevention. Additional involvement includes the Clothesline Project of Tampa Bay and Paws for Justice.

ASL interpreters will be present. For reasonable accommodations, please contact (813) 974-5756.

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