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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.

The University of South Florida is a high-impact, global research university dedicated to student success. USF is a Top 25 research university among public institutions nationwide in total research expenditures, according to the National Science Foundation. Serving over 48,000 students, the USF System has an annual budget of \$1.6 billion and an annual economic impact of \$4.4 billion. USF is a member of the American Athletic Conference.