

## **Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2008**

The YWCA Northeast Indiana has planned a variety of awareness events for this year's Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This year's theme from the national YWCA is "**Enough**"!

Be sure to check out all of our Domestic Violence Awareness Month activities described below:

**Flowers on the River**- 5:00 p.m. on October 1 at the YWCA  
Join with other community members and participate in a symbolic walk along the river for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Flowers on the River. As a means of remembrance and celebration, we place a live flower on the river for each client our domestic violence programs have served in the past year. Since we began the program, we have placed over 3,000 flowers on the river, symbolizing the new journeys our clients and their children embark upon.

**Get the Word out with Allen County Public Library**-Main Library Great Hall

We will have a tabletop display open every day in October with information about our services and domestic violence in general. Be sure to grab one of our wallet safety cards!

**Engaging Men in Ending Violence Against Women**-6:00 p.m. on October 15 at the Main Library, Room C

Let's celebrate the men in our community who are working to end violence against women! Come participate in an open-forum panel discussion with local men and learn how you can play a role in creating safety for the women in your life.

**Week Without Violence Hope Awards**-October 20-24

Each day of the week will be devoted to ending a particular form of violence. Local leaders will be recognized by a presentation of a YWCA Hope Award.

The themes for each day are as follows:

Monday, Oct. 20 – Enough Gang Violence!

Tuesday, Oct. 21 – Enough Hate Crimes!

Wednesday, Oct. 22 – Enough Sexual Assault!

Thursday, Oct. 23 – Enough Domestic Violence!

Friday, Oct. 24 – Enough International Violence Against Women!

**Beats for Peace**

Are you an aspiring rapper/slam poet? If so, take part in our program specifically targeting teens/young adults interested in poetry and hip hop. Beats for Peace is essentially a writing contest, but instead of writing essays or reports, we are asking for submissions of raps or slam poetry! A winner will be chosen and their rap/poem will be displayed on our website! For more information, contact Aja Michael at [amichael@ywcaerew.org](mailto:amichael@ywcaerew.org).