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UNTIL THE VIOLENCE STOPS: A TWO WEEK FESTIVAL

February 21- March 7, 2009

PONTIAC, MI, February 2, 2009...The message comes in so many voices that everyone will know that violence against women must stop.

UNTIL THE VIOLENCE STOPS: Detroit is a two-week long festival raising awareness and funds to bring the issues of violence against women and girls center stage in our city. The festival issues a call to action to all citizens of Detroit, through theatre, art, spoken word, photography, performance and community events: demand an end to violence against women and girls, and become an active partner in ending it.

The series of events takes place at different venues and proceeds benefit various agencies in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. They feature actors and performers from the across the metro area. For a complete list, www.utvsdetroit.org

Of note is a performance benefiting HAVEN on February 25 and 26. "Necessary Targets" is a ground-breaking play about women and war—about the violence of dark memories and the enduring resilience of the human spirit. This play has been read by Meryl Streep, Angelica Houston, and Calista Flockhart and was performed in Sarajevo by Glenn Close and Marissa Tomei.

"Necessary Targets" takes place on February 25, 26 7:30 PM at the Ringwald Theatre, 22742 Woodward, Ferndale, MI 48220

Other festival events are as follows:

The Vagina Monologues February 20, 21 at Fairchild Theatre, Michigan State University Campus

Women's Self-defense Class February 21 Salem Memorial Lutheran Church
21230 Moross Rd, Grosse Pointe.

A Memory, a Monologue, A Rant and A Prayer Feb 24-25 at 1515 Broadway, Detroit.
Love HER, Cherish HER, Respect HER, An Evening of Spoken Word February 27 at
1515 Broadway, Detroit.

Anyone of Us: Words from Prison Feb 28- Mar 1 at 1515 Broadway, Detroit.

Until the Violence Stops Film Festival March 3-5 at 1515 Broadway, Detroit.

The Vagina Monologues March 6 7 1515 Broadway, Detroit.

HAVEN has been working towards eliminating domestic violence and sexual assault by building violence-free communities one family at a time for over thirty-years. It is a nationally recognized non-profit offering treatment and prevention services across Oakland County and the surrounding communities. For more information about programs and services visit www.haven-oakland.org, or phone (248) 334-1284.

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