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HAVEN LAUNCHES ANTI SEXIST PROGRAM FOR MEN

PONTIAC, MI, September 8, 2011...HAVEN is launching a new group designed to get men involved and committed to ending violence against women. The group's first meeting on September 24 is open to everyone.

The group, Gentlemen, is described as an activist group working toward gender equality. The group is dedicated to encouraging healthy and respectful masculinity; challenging sexism and other forms of oppression; and supporting HAVEN in its mission to end gender-based violence.

"Although the majority of gender-based violence is committed by men, we know most men do not condone such behavior," explained one of the HAVEN Prevention Education Specialists, Mark Nesbitt. The new program provides a place for men to speak out about issues and learn what they can do to help stop the violence against women.

"Participants will explore the important role men can play in ending gender-based violence in their community and come up with positive changes all men can make," Nesbitt continued.

The inaugural meeting will be Saturday, September 24 at 10 AM at 30400 Telegraph Road Ste 101 Bingham Farms. Refreshments will be served. There is no obligation to join the group and all are encouraged to attend.

Questions about the meeting and the group can be directed to gentlemen@haven-oakland.org.

HAVEN is Oakland County's center for the prevention and treatment of domestic violence and sexual assault. The nationally recognized non-profit organization is a leader in preventing and treating the trauma of domestic violence and sexual assault, through community education and empowerment of survivors. HAVEN believes that everyone deserves to live without fear.

For more information about HAVEN and its programs and services, visit www.haven-oakland.org or call (248) 334-1284.