

Women in Need Victim Services

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ATLANTA NONPROFIT COMMEMORATES 10 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH A 5K WALK FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT VICTIMS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE

ATLANTA, GA. Women in Need Victim Services (WIN) is hosting a 5K walk to raise awareness and funds to support victims of sexual violence on May 1.

The fundraiser will start at The Carter Center, 453 John Lewis Freedom Parkway, and wind its way along the parkway to the steps of the Georgia State capitol. It costs \$25 per person to register for the 5K, and children under 10 are free. Pets are also welcome at the run. The deadline to register is April 30.

According to national police statistics, one in four girls and one in six boys will become victims of sexual abuse before they turn 18. WIN Victim Services encourages the community to act against these crimes.

“The work of preventing sexual violence is a job that must become the commitment of everyone in the community,” said WIN's executive director Eleanor Brand.

WIN's mission is to support victims of domestic and sexual violence and educate the public about the increase in these crimes.

“Creating change starts with each individual family,” said Brand. “Parents can teach their children well when they teach them to respect others.”

Among the methods that work: Families should talk openly about healthy sexuality and the importance of loving and respectful relationships; educators should promote nonviolent conflict resolution skills; employers are encouraged to enforce policies against sexual harassment; and community groups can welcome WIN to their meetings to learn how to identify and help victims of violence.

More information about WIN and future events can be found by calling 404-555-0467 or visiting www.women-in-need.org.

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