

Take Back The Night



October 23, 2002

6:00 p.m. Rally

6:30 p.m. March

7:00 p.m. Vigil

The Jacksonville
Landing

Jacksonville

Sponsored by:

Community Connections of Jacksonville ~
Women's Center of Jacksonville ~ Hubbard
House ~ Quigley House ~ Department of
Children & Families ~ Children's Crisis Center
~ Jacksonville Sheriff's Office ~ Sexual Assault
Response Center ~ State Attorney's Office ~
FCCJ Women's Center ~ UNF Women's Center
~ City of Jacksonville, Victim Services Division
~ Girl Scouts of Gateway Council ~
Jacksonville Humane Society

PROGRAM

Welcome

Charlene Taylor Hill, Chair

Community Connections' Week Without Violence

Keynote Speaker

Shauna A. Wright

Assistant State Attorney

Division Chief

Survivors Speak Out

Introductions by **Charlene Taylor Hill**

Closing Remarks

Charlene Taylor Hill

Musical Finale

"Take Back the Night"

Written and Performed By **Juanita Forman**

If at any time during the program this evening you need to talk to a counselor or an advocate, please look for a woman wearing a red band around her arm. She is here tonight to provide you with the support that you may need.

A Message To Women

Women do not ask for, cause, invite, or deserve to be assaulted. Sometimes, women and men exercise poor judgment about safety, but that does not make them responsible for an assault. Offenders are responsible for their attacks and their use of violence to overpower, control, and abuse another person.

If you or someone you know is in danger, call:

Hubbard House (Duval County)	354-0076
Quigley House (Clay County)	284-0061
Betty Griffin House (St. Johns County)	824-1555
Statewide Domestic Violence Hotline	1 (800) 500-1119
National Coalition Against Domestic Violence	(303) 839-1852
Women's Center of Jax, Rape Recovery Team	722-3000
Rape Hotline	244-RAPE (7273)
Sexual Assault Response Center	244-4600
State Attorney's Office Victim Advocates	630-2509
Victim Services Center	630-6300
FCCJ Women's Center	633-8390
UNF Women's Center	620-2528
JU Counseling Departments	745-7180
NAS JAX Family Services	542-2766
NAS Mayport Family Services	270-6600 Ext. 130
Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network	1 (800) 656-4673

These numbers may be called to gain access to information and referral services, counseling services and advocacy services.

Women cannot stop violence alone. We need to support one another and work with men who care about us. Together we can create a safer future for women, children, and men.



The Clothesline Project

Provided by Hubbard House
& Quigley House

The T-shirts that are hanging at The Landing are part of an on-going project of Hubbard House and Quigley House. The project gives women an opportunity to break the silence about violence. These shirts represent individual women and their families expressing their own experiences with violence. The T-shirts hang on a clothesline shoulder to shoulder to represent women standing together against violence.

White	Women Killed
Yellow	Women Battered
Red	Women Raped
Blue	Women Sexually Abused
Purple	Women Victimized for being Lesbian or Bisexual
Black	Women Permanently Disabled by Violence

Special Thanks

Alpha Chi Omega

Beyond the Pale

Invisible Audio

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office

Juanita Forman

Pi Kappa Phi

Edna Saffy

State Attorney, Harry Shorstein

Men Against Violence Against
Women

Wolfson High School
Drum Squad

Women Take Back the Night is an international tradition with marches and rallies occurring around the world since 1976. That year, in Belgium, women attending the International Tribunal on Crimes Against Women marched together in solidarity, holding candles to protest the ways in which violence permeates the lives of women worldwide.

The highlight of Take Back the Night is the march when women walk through the night and reclaim the streets, which for many years have been sources of fear and violence. Another important aspect of Take Back the Night is the survivor testimonials. This serves as a safe place for survivors of sexual violence to come forward with testimonials, often sharing their experiences for the first time. The Clothesline Project gives victims and survivors of violence an opportunity to tell their stories in a unique and exceedingly powerful way. Symbolic of "hanging out our dirty laundry," or disclosing the secrets that we were told to keep and the shame we were made to feel for our own abuse, each shirt tells a story of one victim's pain, survival and healing.

Everyone in Jacksonville needs to be aware of and involved in confronting violence against women. The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office documented 1,101 cases of forcible rape and other forcible sex offenses in 2000. According to the National Victim Center, only 18% of such cases are ever reported, therefore, the actual number of occurrences in Duval County may have been as high as 5,000.

In 2000, the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office wrote 8,233 domestic violence incidence reports and 10 women lost their lives due to domestic violence homicides. Across the county, a woman is battered every 15 seconds.

**Remember that these are not just numbers,
they represent women and families that are
torn apart by violence.**

A Message To Men

We know most of you would never beat or rape your wife, your lover, a date, your child, or a stranger. We live and work with you. We love and respect you. You are our fathers, uncles, husbands, brothers, companions, friends, and lovers.

But there are men who are violent. Children learn fear, brutality, humiliation from them. These men destroy individuals and families.

The next time you hear a man say he's going to show her who's boss...

Tell him that hitting, slapping, and shoving are wrong. Tell him that you handle your anger and aggression differently. You talk things out when you disagree with your partner.

Tell him that women do not ask to be raped. Tell him you never force sex no matter how much money you spent or how long you've been dating. Tell him that "yes" means "yes" and everything else means "no."

The next time you see or hear one of us in trouble, pay attention! As one rape survivor notes, "Rape is a soul murder." We cannot stop the violence by ourselves.

Please Join Us!