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14th Annual Family Violence Awareness Week Launch

Family Violence: It's EVERYONE's Business, What Will YOU Do?

This Monday, **October 6th** at 6:00pm, at the Salvation Army, the Coalition Against Family Violence NWT invites Yellowknife residents to take a stand against family violence at the Launch for Family Violence Awareness Week. The week starts on October 5th and goes to October 11th.

The Coalition asks Yellowknife residence to reflect on what they can do to help end violence. Will you choose to be a role model? Or will you stand by and watch? Will you choose silence? Or will you be an ally? Family violence is everyone's business, what will you do?

There are several other events going on in Yellowknife during this week:

1. **October 3rd** at 4pm the Native Women's Association of the NWT will be hosting a vigil for the Sisters in Spirit at the Tree of Peace. Just before the vigil there will be a Sisters in Spirit walk from N'Dilo School to the Tree of Peace starting at 3pm.
2. **October 9th** at 6:30pm the Coalition will also be holding their annual Take Back the Night March starting in Sombe K'e Park.
3. In addition to the Yellowknife events nine small communities throughout the north were funded to do their own events.

For further information, phone Lorraine Phaneuf, Executive Director for the Status of Women Council of the NWT, at 444-8308 or e-mail council@statusofwomen.nt.ca. You can also see a listing on our website at www.statusofwomen.nt.ca.