

A CALL TO MEN of Western North Carolina

Program Introduction

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Committed to Ending Violence Against Women



OUR MISSION

**To galvanize a movement of “well-meaning” men
committed to ending all forms of violence
against women**

**To influence a change in men’s behavior by
challenging sexism**

**To shift social norms which define “manhood” in
our culture**

What is a “well-meaning man” ?



“Heraldic Chivalry” by Alfons Mucha

Where do we as “well-meaning men” fit into the gender-based violence equation ?



- **25% of survey participants reported some type of unwanted sexual experience in their first 2 years at college**
- **Unwanted sexual touching = 22%**
- **Attempted unwanted anal, vaginal, or oral sex = 15%**
- **Completed unwanted anal, vaginal, or oral sex = 5%**
- **Defined their experience as “rape” = 2%**
- **Approximately 20% of high school females reports being abused by a boyfriend**
- **26% of pregnant teens report being physically abused by their boyfriends. Half of those say the battering began or intensified when their partner found out they were pregnant**
- **40% of teenage girls (ages 14 – 17) report knowing someone their age who has been hit or beaten by a boyfriend**
- **Kimble, M., Neacsiu, A.D., Flack, W.F., & Horner, J. (2008). Risk of unwanted sex for college women: Evidence for a Red Zone. Journal of American College Health, 57(3), pp. 331-337.**
- **National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (www.ncadv.org)**

Breaking Out of ...



THE MAN BOX !!!









The Chef
does everything
but cook
- that's what
wives are for!



I'm giving my wife a



Kenwood Chef



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CHANGE.**

**NEITHER
DO WE.**



**NEITHER
DO WE.**



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For Your Consideration

Well-meaning men and assaultive men have more commonalities than differences.

There is a “silent partnership” between men.

Silence and permission are synonymous.

For Your Consideration

Well-meaning men consciously and subconsciously separate themselves from men who commit violence and sexual assaults while simultaneously giving them permission.

We give permission by remaining silent, blaming women, minimizing the violent act or becoming desensitized to it.

LESS VALUE

+

PROPERTY

+

OBJECTIFICATION

=

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

MONTHLY MEN'S CIRCLE!!!

- **Men's Support Group**: Participants create a safe and confidential environment to support each other in our daily lives, work, church, school and vocation. We support each other in all of our efforts to create a non-violent community and end violence against women.
- **Action Workgroup**: Discussion and development of projects, programs, and activities of participating members and/or their agencies . (Examples: men's mentorship network for youth; media literacy campaign; etc.)
- **Ongoing Training**: Female guest speakers each month. This last third of the meeting is in the spirit of working in cooperation with women for guidance, feedback, support, and training.

10 Things Men Can Do To End Violence Against Women

- 1. Acknowledge and understand how sexism, male dominance and male privilege lay the foundation for all forms of violence against women.**
- 2. Examine and challenge our individual sexism and the role that we play in supporting men who are abusive.**
- 3. Recognize and stop colluding with other men by getting out of our socially defined roles, and take a stance to end violence against women.**
- 4. Remember that our silence is affirming. When we choose not to speak out against men's violence, we are supporting it.**
- 5. Educate and re-educate our sons and other young men about our responsibility in ending men's violence against women.**
- 6. Break out of the "man box". Challenge traditional images of manhood that stop us from actively taking a stand to end violence against women.**
- 7. Accept own our responsibility that violence against women will not end until men become part of the solution to end it. We must take an active role in creating a cultural and social shift that no longer tolerates violence against women.**
- 8. Stop supporting the notion that men's violence against women is due to mental illness, lack of anger management skills, chemical dependency, stress, etc. Violence against women is rooted in the historic oppression of women and the outgrowth of the socialization of men.**
- 9. Take responsibility for creating appropriate and effective ways to develop systems to educate and hold men accountable.**
- 10. Create systems of accountability to women in your community. Violence and discrimination against women will end only when we take direction from those who**