

'Go Purple!' workshop focuses on preventing domestic violence

Legal Aid Service of Collier County invites the community to its "Go Purple!" Domestic Violence Prevention Workshop from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18, at Legal Aid Service headquarters, 4436 Tamiami Trail E. Legal Aid staff attorney Katie Kohn will be joined by Collier County Commissioner Georgia Hiller to present the program. Topics include:

- What is domestic violence?
- What are the issues and concerns in CC?
- How can Legal Aid Service help keep victims and their families safe from further abuse?

The program is designed for victims of domestic violence as well as social service agency representatives, case managers and other social workers, medical and health-care professionals, representatives of faith-based groups, family law attorneys and paralegals, human resources professionals, law students, victim advocates, law enforcement professionals, Guardian Ad Litem volunteers, educators and school officials and members of the public who would like to learn more about domestic violence issues and the mission of Legal Aid Service of Collier County.

Admission is free, and attendees are encouraged to wear purple. Seating is limited; although walk-ins will be accommodated if possible, reservations are encouraged. Call 298-8138 or email lmeester@legalaid.org.



Shelter observes Domestic Violence Awareness Month

One in three American women has experienced domestic violence in her lifetime, according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. That's more women than are affected by breast cancer, ovarian cancer and lung cancer combined. Still, more than one-third of Americans have never discussed the issue.

Throughout the month of October, The Shelter for Abused Women & Children is raising public awareness to end domestic violence with a variety of events as part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Here's what's on tap:

■ **Moe's Corporate Run:** 6:15 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 13, at Moe's (corner of U.S. 41 and Immokalee Road) - All levels of runners and walkers are invited to join this 3-mile run/walk that is not chip timed. To register, go to www.runsignup.com and search for Moe's Run.

■ **Purple Party Masquerade:** 6:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 14, at Paradise Wine - Hosted by The Shelter's NextGen group, this year's party theme is "Masquerade, Unmasking Domestic Violence." The evening attire will be purple, and attendees are encouraged to wear masks. There will be a prize for best mask and a raffle drawing for



a trip for two to Key West, including round-trip transportation via Key West Express, a two-night stay at Casa Marina, a tour on the Conch Train and visit to Ernest Hemingway Home & Museum. Admission is \$65; raffle tickets are \$20 or three for \$50. Tickets are available at www.naplesshelter.org/purpleparty.

■ **Hands are for Helping 5K Fun Run:** 8 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, in the parking lot at Publix, 175 S. Barfield Drive, Marco Island - Marco resident Tina Nash chairs this new event to raise awareness about the struggles faced by survivors of domestic violence. The first 100 participants will receive a free T-shirt. Race registration is \$22.50. Sign up at www.naplesshelter.org/funrun.

[lesshelter.org/funrun](http://www.naplesshelter.org/funrun).

In addition, for a \$5 donation members of the public can bring documents for shredding from 9:30-11:30 a.m. For more information, call Rebecca Thompson at 775-3862 or email rthompson@naplesshelter.org

■ **The Shelter Purple Flash Mob:** 6:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 21, at Second Cup in Mercato - Everyone is welcome to join The Shelter's flash mob to raise awareness of domestic violence. Learn the dance online at naplesshelter.org/dance. Wear purple and meet at the registration table in the common area outside Second Cup.

■ **The Immokalee Peace March & Children's Fair:** 3-6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24, at the Immokalee Sports Complex, 505 Escambia St., Immokalee - The Children's Fair takes place from 3-5 p.m. and is followed by the Peace March at 5 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Activities include children's games, a petting zoo, refreshments, entertainment and information booths hosted by partner agencies. For more information, email Josie Means at jmeans@naplesshelter.org.

■ **Coins for a Cause:** Now through Dec. 31, all coins tossed in the fountains at Waterside Shops will be donated to The Shelter for Abused Women & Children.

For more information about any of these activities, call Karen Harmon at 775-3862 or email kharmon@naplesshelter.org.



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