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Bring Awareness to Teen Dating Violence: #WearOrangeDay, Tuesday, February 8th, 2022

National Day of Action during Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month in February

Providing meaningful alternatives to living with violence

Serving Monroe, Martin, Owen, Lawrence, Johnson & Greene Counties

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Bloomington, Indiana – Annually, nearly 1.5 million high school students nationwide experience physical abuse from a dating partner, and we need your support to help prevent and end teen dating violence! Tuesday, February 8th, is #WearOrangeDay, and Middle Way House is inviting the community to wear orange to show their support for survivors of teen dating violence and bring awareness to teen dating violence in our community.

Be sure to post a selfie with you, your friends, and/or co-workers on social media wearing orange and use the hashtag #WearOrangeDay and tag Middle Way House, @MiddleWayHouse, on Facebook, Instagram, and/or Twitter!

Teen dating violence affects youth of all genders, orientations, ages, races, ethnicities, cultures, classes, faiths, and abilities. Pledge to help prevent and end teen dating violence and text *WearOrange* to 44-321 to donate today!

If you or someone you know is experiencing violence, Middle Way House is here for you on their confidential 24/7 help & crisis line, (812) 336-0846, and confidential help & crisis live chat, <u>https://www.resourceconnect.com/mwh/chat</u>. You are not alone, and you deserve to live a life free of violence.

About Middle Way House

Since 1971, <u>Middle Way House</u> has been providing services to people in crisis. Today, Middle Way House provides emergency shelter, a 24/7 help & crisis line, on-scene advocacy, support services for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and human trafficking, transitional and permanent housing solutions for survivors and their families, legal advocacy, and education and prevention programs. Middle Way House serves six counties in southern Indiana (Monroe, Greene, Lawrence, Owen, Morgan, and Martin) and relies on a staff of 70 and a committed volunteer force to provide around-the-clock response and services to those experiencing abuse and assault. It is not necessary that an individual reside in our emergency shelter or transitional housing program to access most of our services. We believe, support, and affirm the identities of ALL survivors. For more information, please visit <u>www.MiddleWayHouse.org</u>.

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