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TAKE BACK THE NIGHT – ANN ARBOR

ANN ARBOR AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN JOIN TOGETHER TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT SEXUAL VIOLENCE, GIVE SURVIVORS A VOICE AND WORK TO STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, MEN AND CHILDREN

February 16, 2013, Ann Arbor, MI: On April 4, 2013, at 7:00 pm, the Take Back the Night Ann Arbor rally and march will be held in the University of Michigan Rogel Ballroom, doors open at 6:30 pm. Take Back the Night is a grass roots movement to end sexual violence against women, men, and children.

For thirty-five years, people have embodied the spirit of Take Back the Night to empower and support survivors, raise awareness, help those in pain, and assert that it is wrong for people to live in fear of the night or any time of day; our rallies, marches, candlelight vigils, and speak outs exemplify these endeavors. On April 4, 2013, University of Michigan students and area community members will come together to celebrate survivors, create awareness about this violent crime, demand change, and take a stand against violence.

This year's rally will feature Gregg Milligan. Gregg Tyler Milligan is an internationally-known author and child abuse prevention advocate. His two books detail his childhood and the horrific suffering Milligan endured at the hands of his mother and strangers. They also tell the story of how he rose up above this and broke the chain of abuse to become a loving father and a survivor in the true sense of the word. Gregg, a resident of Canton, MI, has told his story at various events across the country and was featured on "Oprah" in February, 2010. His website is www.godmustbesleeping.com.

The rally will include performances by Amy Baumann, a Michigan native, who has sung on the stages of New York and Chicago, a tap dance performance by University of Michigan's Rhythm, and hostess, Ber-Henda Williams, who is a local poet and author. Men in the audience will be asked to sign a pledge to join in the fight against sexual violence. Local organizations will also be in attendance to share information about their services.

The march is immediately following through the streets of campus and Ann Arbor to raise awareness and come together as a unified voice that this violence must stop.

"Please remember, the reason we are here is to save one another – Break the cycle.", Gregg Milligan

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About Take Back the Night – Ann Arbor

Take Back the Night Ann Arbor is an event put on by Michigan Takes Back the Night, non-profit corporation in the state of Michigan and University Students Against Rape, a student organization at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Volunteers work together to put on events to raise awareness about sexual violence and to offer hope to those who have been touched by this crime. We provide information about local resources, share stories to show you can survive and celebrate surviving at the TBTN rally and march. To learn more, visit www.tbtnannarbor.org

About Gregg Milligan:

Milligan is a member of the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN) Speakers Bureau and continues to spread his message of hope. His personal history reflects a pattern of significant hardships followed by accomplishments because he never quit trying. Addiction, rape, torture, molestation, domestic violence, – abuse of every kind – these were the pillars of his foundation, and yet he chose to love – to never stop believing in a Beautiful World. His success has directly contrasted the dire upbringing he had and is indicative of his tenacity and powerful spirit that have driven his life's work to give back, believing we are truly here to save one another. His two books, A Beautiful World and God Must Be Sleeping have been read internationally and his story has been heard across the globe. For more information on Gregg, visit www.godmustbesleeping.com

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