

A Day to End Sexual Violence

April 6, 2006 • A Day to End Sexual Violence

On this day, the NSVRC encourages all individuals, groups, and organizations to organize and/or participate in an awareness-raising activity in their community. This year, the NSVRC is excited to promote SAAM Poetry Slam events in communities nationwide to assist in this effort. Poetry Slams are events in which poets perform their work in front of an audience, with a dual emphasis on writing and performance. They allow individuals the opportunity to use their voice, creativity, and passion to help end sexual violence in their community and across the nation.

The NSVRC believes that the more events that occur on this day, the more impact we can have in raising awareness of and promoting the prevention of sexual violence. Please see the “Featured Event” insert in the SAAM packet for more information on planning a Poetry Slam in your community.

This SAAM packet also includes other activity/event ideas that may be used on **A Day to End Sexual Violence**, during April, or throughout the year. Please review the “SAAM Activities” insert in the SAAM packet for activity/event ideas. As always, we encourage you to contact your state, territory, or tribal coalition for any coordinated activities or events that they may have planned.

Additionally, on April 6, 2006, the NSVRC will formally announce the recipients of the NSVRC National Award for Outstanding Response to and Prevention of Sexual Violence. The award is designed to recognize outstanding individuals, groups, or organizational projects designed to prevent or reduce sexual violence on a large scale, high-



light promising practices, and illustrate a wide range of strategies that, together, make our world a safer place. For more information or to submit your nomination, please visit the NSVRC website (www.nsvrc.org/saam).

If you have a photograph from **A Day to End Sexual Violence** you are willing to share, please send a copy to the NSVRC. Events from across the nation may be spotlighted in the NSVRC events calendar, future SAAM materials, newsletters, or on our website.

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