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Greetings Everyone!

April is recognized nationally and locally as Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). Throughout the month, advocates will say no to sexual violence and urge individuals and organizations to take action. The theme for this month's activities is Sexual Assault: Make It Matter! The social ills of sexual assault affect people of all genders, ages, races, religions, incomes, abilities, professions, ethnicities, and sexual orientations.

Catholic Charities, Inc. Rape Crisis Center will be hosting a kickoff ceremony April 1, 2016 at 12:00 noon in Smith Park (located) in downtown Jackson, Mississippi. We are inviting the general public to attend this ceremony to make it matter and honor victims and survivors of sexual violence. State and local officials, surrounding law enforcement agencies, churches and community organizations, and social service programs are invited to collaborate with us to raise awareness in support of preventing violence against all sexual assault victims.

During the month of April, let's make it matter for all victims and survivors. The kickoff event is free and we are asking the community to participate. Everyone can take more action and set an example for others to follow. In addition to the kickoff ceremony, the Rape Crisis Center will participate in a variety of other activities throughout the Metropolitan area, college campuses, public schools and organizations. The program will be also sponsoring our Annual Teen Summit on April 23, 2016 at Morning Star Baptist Church. Please watch for an invite for this event in the coming weeks.

Sexual assault is a serious problem in our community. It knows no socioeconomic barriers and it does not discriminate. The Rape Crisis Center provides free coordination of services to victims/survivors of rape and sexual assault 14 years of age and above. The services include crisis counseling, court advocacy, and community and prevention education. We focus on educating youth and adults, including underserved victims of sexual violence. If you know of anyone needing assistance, please feel free to contact us at (601) 982-RAPE (7233).

Thank you for your support. If you need more information, I can be reached at [601-326-3731](tel:601-326-3731) or mittie.williams@ccjackson.org for any questions. We look forward to seeing you!

Regards,

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