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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



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Walkers from the 2016 event included, from left, Ray Desmangles, Rayna Desmangles, Tyler Thompson, Major David Thompson, Lt Eric Flowers, and St. Lucie Commissioner Chris Dzadovsky.

SafeSpace 'Rockin' the Walk'

All three Treasure Coast counties march to fight domestic violence

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STUART – The red stiletto shoes that are the signature attire of SafeSpace's Walk a Mile in Her Shoes® event will be rocking at three walks this year, one in each Treasure Coast County, in recognition of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

SafeSpace, the only certified domestic violence center serving the Treasure Coast, will hold its 2017 walks in Martin, St. Lucie and Indian River Counties this October.

Proceeds will support the organization's comprehensive provision of services offered to women, children and men which include: emergency shelter; supportive living/transitional housing; 24-hour hotline; legal advocacy; health care assistance; counseling; support groups and children's pro-

grams.

"Rockin' the Walk" is this year's theme, so the walks will be punctuated by spirited music and, of course, SafeSpace's very own "rock stars." The Martin County walk, chaired by Melissa Zolla and Jeff Endriss, will be held from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7 at the Riverwalk Stage area in Downtown Stuart.

The St. Lucie County walk, chaired by Juliana Taylor Walker and Mitch Kloorfain, will be held from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 14 at Tradition Square in Port St. Lucie.

The Indian River County walk, chaired by Lewana Dupree and Eric Flowers, will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28 at the Indian River Mall in Vero Beach.

"Our Walk a Mile events are always great fun," SafeSpace CEO Jill Borowicz said, "but they have three very important purposes. They raise funds that help us continue to offer our services, educate the public about domestic violence and communicate the critical information that we stand ready to assist victims at anytime, anywhere on the Treasure Coast."

Over the past several years, hundreds of SafeSpace supporters and community members have stepped up to wear the red stilettos to raise awareness about the issue of domestic violence in our local area.

Since the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes® event is going back to three walks and now is SafeSpace's only signature annual event, participation is expected to be even better and more enthusiastic than ever. Individual walkers and teams can register at www.safespacefl.org/events, with a discount for early registration by Sept. 1.

Red stilettos will be provided to all men who register on or before September 22. SafeSpace appreciates the generous support of its sponsors, which include: 93.7 WGYL, B94.7 Hot Country, 1450 WSTU, 1590 WPSL, Arrigo Dodge-Chrysler-Jeep-Ram of Fort Pierce, The Bark Park, Bolder BARRE, Carol & Rob Dols, Dale Sorensen Real Estate, The Firefly Group, Florida Community Bank, Geico, Harbor Community Bank, Congressman Mark Foley, Molly Maid of the Treasure

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Coast, Jill & Fred Borowicz, Joan & Reed Smith, Jeff & Nancy Ingram/1st Port Saint Lucie Church, Paul J. Feinsinger CPA CFP, SAH Dentistry, and Taco Dive. Sponsorships are currently available for businesses, organizations and individuals who want to support the mission of SafeSpace.

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Walk A Mile in Her Shoes® co-chairs are: Martin County, Melissa Zolla and Jeff Endriss; St. Lucie County, Juliana Taylor Walker and Mitch Kloorfain; Indian River County, Lewana Dupree and Eric Flowers.