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**A Candlelight Vigil to honor survivors and victims of family violence**

**Join us on October 12th at 5:30 PM!**

Free and open to the public.

Featuring - A representative from Sheriff Gabe Morgan's office; Christina Montoya, domestic violence survivor and Outreach Specialist/S.T.A.R. Coordinator at The Center for Sexual Assault Survivors; a tribute to Vivian Lamb; and a representative from the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance speaking about their campaign to Break the Silence

In two weeks, on October 12th, at City Center at Oyster Point in Newport News, concerned citizens, law enforcement, legislators, advocates, victims, survivors, friends, and family members will join together to raise their voices against the epidemic of family violence.

*NEW TIME - 5:30 PM*

If you, or someone you care about, has experienced domestic violence and you would like to share your or their story at the Vigil, please call Julia at 728-0025. We would really like your participation.

Candlelight Vigil to Break the Silence

In Virginia in 2003, 50% (42 of 84) of female homicide victims and 3.7% (12 of 326) of male homicide victims were murdered by intimate partners (Office of the Chief Medical Examiner). 32 people were killed as a result of intimate partner-associated homicide – among these victims were abusers killed by law enforcement officers responding to domestic violence calls or others trying to protect abuse victims; and family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and bystanders caught in the crossfire of a violence intimate partner

relationship.

To honor these victims and the survivors who suffer every day, Transitions Family Violence Services will be holding a Candlelight Vigil on Thursday, October 12th at 5:30 PM, Fountain Plaza in City Center at Oyster Point, Newport News. **Please help us honor the victims and survivors of family violence in Virginia and worldwide.** The public event will also raise awareness about the epidemic of family violence in our community and our nation as well as educate and inform the community about ways that they can help.

DATE: Thursday, October 12, 2006

TIME: 5:30 PM

LOCATION: Fountain Plaza, City Center at Oyster Point, Newport News  
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