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## ***TAKE BACK THE NIGHT- 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*** ***Speaking Out to End Violence Against Women and Children***

The City of Milwaukee Health (MHD) Commission on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, in partnership with community agencies, service providers, businesses, and individuals, will commemorate the 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ***Take Back the Night***. The event will be held on Thursday, September 22, 2005 at the Peck Pavilion from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Take Back the Night is a national event that honors and acknowledges women survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, incest, and other forms of violence. First celebrated in Milwaukee in 1979, *Take Back the Night* continues to build awareness that violence against women and girls affects us all.

With only a fraction of actual incidents being reported, it is estimated that a woman is sexually assaulted in the US every two minutes, and a woman is beaten every 15 seconds. One out of three women will be the victim of some type of intimate partner violence in her lifetime. In addition, research indicates that one out of three females will be the victim of unwanted sexual contact before the age of 18. *Take Back the Night* seeks to educate participants on these issues, provide support and resources to survivors and their families, and offers a public forum to speak out against all types of violence against women and girls.

**WHAT: TAKE BACK THE NIGHT Press Conference & Rally**  
**WHEN: Thursday, September 22, 2005**  
**TIME: 5:00 p.m. Youth Program & Community Resource Fair**  
**5:45 p.m. Press Conference**  
**6:00 p.m. Community Rally**  
**6:45 p.m. 1.5 Mile March**  
**7:30 p.m. Candlelight Vigil and Survivors "Speak Out"**

**WHERE: Peck Pavilion (Marcus Center for the Performing Arts)**  
**929 N. Water Street**

**PRESS CONFERENCE SPEAKERS:** Mayor Tom Barrett  
Bevan Baker, CHE, Health Commissioner  
Representative from State Sen. Lena Taylor's Office  
Cathy Seasholes, Director, UWM Women's Resource Center

While the print and electronic media are encouraged to record most of the event, survivors who are willing to talk to the media will be identified for you should you wish to interview them apart from the "speak out" scheduled for approximately 7:30 p.m. Please refrain from recording survivors on stage during the "speak out." Your cooperation and sensitivity regarding these issues are greatly appreciated.

For more information on this event, please contact Cathy Seasholes, UWM Women's Resource Center, at (414) 229-2852. For more information on sexual assault issues, please contact Maryann Clesceri, The Counseling Center of Milwaukee, at (414) 271-2565 or Lina Juarbe, The Healing Center, at (414) 671-HEAL (4325).

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