



ZONTA CLUB OF TRENTON/MERCER
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***Zonta Club of Trenton/Mercer Announces 10th Annual R.A.V.E. Walk
(Rape and Violence Eradication)
Saturday, April 17, 2010***

The Zonta Club of Trenton/Mercer is a part of a worldwide service organization of business executives and professionals working together to advance the status of women and children, and the eradication of violence against them. As part of our commitment to this mission, the Zonta club is sponsoring the 9th annual RAVE Walk on Saturday, April 25, 2009 at Veteran's Park in Hamilton, NJ. The net proceeds from this annual event go to Womanspace to support their efforts to organize and train *Domestic Violence Victim Response Teams* and the *Sexual Assault Support Services Advocates Program*, as well as other domestic violence programs.

Womanspace is a nonprofit community organization providing a broad array of services to women and children who are victims of rape and domestic violence. The *Domestic Violence Victim Response Teams* and *Sexual Assault Support Services Advocates Program* are a collaborative partnership between Womanspace, municipal police departments, and community volunteers. These volunteers receive over 80 hours of training by Womanspace, and provide immediate emotional support for victims and their families after an incident has occurred. The teams have proven to be an invaluable resource to police departments and prosecutors offices and provide compassionate, trained assistance to help preserve the dignity of rape and abuse victims during the investigation process.

Since 1931, the Zonta Club of Trenton/Mercer has helped raise funds for many local service agencies and provided scholarships and awards for women of exceptional ability. Since the Zonta Club of Trenton/Mercer is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, contributions are tax deductible. You are invited to become a sponsor of this important event to promote awareness of the need to assist victims of sexual assault and domestic abuse and be part of the movement to end the violence in our communities.

Your support will be recognized at the event during our opening ceremony and your name will be prominently displayed on the day of the walk and on our website. Participation has grown each year the RAVE Walk has been held and over \$55,000 has been raised to support Womanspace since the project began.

If you need further information or have additional questions about becoming a sponsor, making a donation, or organizing a team of walkers from your organization, please visit us at www.zontatrenton.org or contact Susan Valentine at 609-406-1177.

Together we can ensure our voices are heard and that our efforts make a difference for the communities in which we live and work.

Sincerely,

Susan Valentine
Zonta Club of Trenton/Mercer
R.A.V.E. Walk Sponsorship Chair