

The lifeline for victims of family violence

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## October 25, 2016 is Wear Purple Day to Support Victims and Survivors of Domestic Violence

Columbus, GA (October 20, 2016) – Georgia is ranked 8<sup>th</sup> in the nation for females killed by males and #1 in the nation for Teen Dating Violence. Domestic violence is an epidemic that affects every community.

Local domestic violence shelter Hope Harbour in painting the town purple on October 25, 2016. Please wear purple to give victims hope that they are not alone and to honor survivors that have made the brave decision to leave. Tag Hope Harbour in your pictures using #PurpleDay.

Join Hope Harbour staff at the Columbus Public Library (Macon Road) Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 5:00 for a free movie night. The movie that will be shown is "The Perfect Guy", because sometimes what appears to be too good to be true is exactly that. Following the movie there will be a discussion on the warning signs of abuse, the types of abuse and the resources that are available in our community for victims of domestic violence. Light refreshments will be served during the movie. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information on the event please contact Tiarra Williams at 706-256-0237 ext. 118 or twilliams@hopeharbour.org

## **About Hope Harbour**

Hope Harbour has provided emergency shelter, crisis intervention, security and support for victims of domestic violence and their children in the Chattahoochee Valley for 37 years. The Community Outreach Program provides victims who have a safe place to stay with the support that they need to continue to live a life free from violence. Education and awareness on recognizing and responding to domestic violence is also provided through the Community Outreach Program.

If you would like to make a donation to Hope Harbour, please mail your check to P.O. Box 4182, Columbus, GA 31914. If you would like for someone to come and speak at your organization about domestic violence please contact Tiarra Williams, Community Education Coordinator at 706-256-0237 ext. 118 or <a href="mailto:twilliams@hopeharbour.org">twilliams@hopeharbour.org</a>.

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