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Fear 2 Freedom Leads Effort to Provide Care Kits for Victims of Sexual Abuse through Partnership with UVA Students, the Foothills Child Advocacy Center, and the Sexual Assault Resource Agency (SARA)

(CHARLOTTESVILLE) Oct. 17, 2013 – The global non-profit organization **Fear 2 Freedom** is partnering with the University of Virginia (UVA) student group **One Less** and the UVA **Campus Chapter of International Justice Mission (IJM)** to hold its first annual Celebration Night to benefit victims of sexual assault on **Thursday, Oct. 24**, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Newcomb Hall on the UVA campus.

UVA students will assemble 200 kits for victims of sexual assault and inter-partner violence to show compassion for victims and provide basic toiletries and clothing, since theirs may be kept for evidence. The kits will then be divided and delivered to the **Foothills Child Advocacy Center (Foothills)** and the **Sexual Assault Resource Agency (SARA)**, where the kits will be used in partnership with the **UVA Hospital Emergency Department** to be given to victims of abuse.

Every 2 minutes in America somebody is sexually assaulted. One in six women and one in thirty-three men will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime. According to Darkness to Light, nearly 70% of all reported sexual assaults, including assaults on adults, occur to children ages 17 and under, and adult retrospective studies suggest that 1 in 10 children will be sexually abused before the age of 18.

Volunteers are welcomed. For more information, please e-mail Fear 2 Freedom at getinvolved@fear2freedom.org; visit Fear 2 Freedom's FaceBook page; or visit www.fear2freedom.org.

About Fear 2 Freedom

Fear 2 Freedom is dedicated to bring hope and healing to those wounded by sexual abuse. Its mission is to redeem and restore lives broken by abuse and educate and empower colleges and communities to work to prevent the sexual abuse crisis. Fear 2 Freedom helps educate and empower students about sexual assault, date rape, and sex trafficking and mobilize them to be part of the solution by assembling Fear 2 Freedom (F2F) kits for local hospitals and non-profit organizations that serve sexual assault victims.

Rosemary Trible, president of Fear 2 Freedom, said, "It is through my own dark road of pain that I have become so passionate about helping victims and fighting against abuse. In 1975 I hosted a morning TV talk show in Richmond called 'Rosemary's Guestbook.' I did a show on sexual assault, never realizing I would be the next victim raped at gunpoint three days later."

About Foothills

The mission of Foothills is to provide a coordinated system of effective response and intervention to children who have been victimized and thereby to minimize trauma, promote healing, ensure child safety, and hold perpetrators accountable. Foothills conducts forensic interviews with alleged child crime victims in a child-friendly, safe environment, provides crisis intervention and referrals for services and ongoing support to the families, and offers free public training on mandated reporting and prevention of child abuse.

About IJM

IJM is a human rights agency that is dedicated to securing justice for victims of slavery, sexual exploitation and other forms of violent oppression in response to the biblical call to justice.

About One Less

One Less is a sexual assault education group that advocates for survivors of rape and sexual assault living in the UVA community.

About SARA

The mission of SARA is to eliminate sexual violence and its impact by providing education, advocacy and support to men, women and children. SARA serves residents of Charlottesville and Albemarle, Nelson, Louisa, Fluvanna and Greene Counties who have experienced any kind of sexual assault including rape, adult sexual assault, child sexual assault, sexual molestation, incest, trafficking, stalking, sexual harassment or unwanted touching. For more information visit SARA's Web site at <http://saracville.org/>.

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