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Palm Beach County Victim Services & Certified Rape Crisis Center Asks for 604 Supporters to Stand Strong for Survivors of Sexual Violence

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). The theme for SAAM 2022 is "Centering Survivors in Care, Community & Change." On Tuesday, April 5, from 5 to 7 p.m., Palm Beach County Victim Services will be hosting the sixth annual "Field of Hope." The event will take place at the SART Center, 4210 N. Australian Avenue, West Palm Beach, 33407.

The first Tuesday of every April is the SAAM Day of Action. The Day of Action is an opportunity to start the month off with highly visible and coordinated actions and address sexual violence through citizen engagement.

Palm Beach County Victim Services is looking for 604 community members to show up and show their support to adult and child survivors of sexual assault. Six-hundred-four represents the number of adult and child survivors assisted by Victim Services in 2021. Survivors and supporters will be invited to plant a flag with a personal message in the Field of Hope. Advocates, therapists and Victim Services staff will be available to provide encouragement and support.

To register, visit https://www.fieldofhope2022.eventbrite.com.

To see the full schedule of events for SAAM

visit <u>https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RWD8jJRZSKKCe5RnbPYXNvfDGVUYEg-e/view?usp=sharing</u>

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