



National Events and Initiatives

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Press Kit

TBTN National Conference: "Celebrating Our Past & Envisioning Our Future"

Take Back The Night is pleased to announce its first National Conference on Saturday, November 7, 2009 at Columbia University in New York City. Fully funded by the Avon Foundation for Women, the Conference will celebrate and memorialize TBTN's past, take stock of its present, and set a course for its future as an international organization dedicated to ending sexual violence and supporting survivors of sexual violence. TBTN will host 100 Delegates from schools and organizations across the country for this empowering day of presentations, speeches and discussions.

Shatter the Silence™ Benefit CD

This year TBTN is compiling *Shatter the Silence on Sexual Violence*. This collection of original music demonstrates the power of creativity and voice in the spirit of Take Back The Night's cause. TBTN is assembling tracks from all musical genres and musicians of all ages and genders around the globe. Contribute your own sounds of strength and join the cause to end sexual violence. This CD will inspire the millions affected by sexual violence! Scheduled release is April 2010 as part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Shatter the Silence™ Breaking the Silence Through Storytelling

Take Back The Night's supporters have always understood the power of speaking out. Rape, sexual assault, sexual abuse and domestic violence are often labeled "crimes of silence" because of low reporting rates and social discomfort with their public discussion.

Survivors of sexual assault, rape, domestic violence, and sexual abuse are invited to Shatter the Silence™ by submitting stories to the [Shatter the Silence™ Blog](#). Your strength and courage will help other survivors know that they are not alone, and that people will not tolerate these crimes or let them go silently into the night. Together, these stories will help the world work toward eliminating sexual violence.

Shatter the Silence™ is open to survivors of violence, supporters of survivors, and advocates wishing to eliminate violence from communities around the world. All submissions are screened prior to posting. You may send your submission anonymously, but please include your age and location.

History Collection

TBTN is actively collecting historical artifacts from Take Back The Night events all over the world for placement in the traveling history and memorabilia exhibit. This exhibit will make its way through museums, schools, government buildings and libraries throughout the year in an effort to showcase Take Back The Night's powerful presence in the lives of survivors.

If you would like to assist TBTN's efforts by donating artifacts or items of memorabilia from past events, please e-mail us at History@TakeBackTheNight.org. If you have participated in a TBTN event, the foundation invites you to help assemble the history by completing the [Historic TBTN Survey](#). Additionally, if you'd like to submit a written description of up to 500 words about your experience with TBTN, or be selected to provide a Historic Podcast for the exhibit and website, please e-mail us at History@TakeBackTheNight.org.

People Unite! Take Back The Night!

Help TBTN show the world its many faces! Myriad communities, cultures, and countries unite annually in the cause to end sexual violence and support survivors—TBTN wants to display the diversity and passion encompassed by its supporters! Submit your photos, video footage, event brochures and other memorabilia so others see the stand, the marches, the rallies and the vigils! To contribute items that must be mailed, please send them to PO Box 332; Wayne, PA 19087. To contribute photos and videos for the People Unite! Take Back The Night! Blog, please e-mail them to History@TakeBackTheNight.org. Be sure to include your event's location, time and date, and sponsoring organization(s). You may also include brief captions (10 words or less) to accompany your items.

Official Event Guidebook

The Official Event Planning Guidebook is in the development stage right now. It is due out by August 1, 2009. It will be the result of thoughtful input by the Board of Advisors, those who have planned and participated in TBTN events, legal counsel and insurance representatives who oversee the Take Back The Night Foundation activities. The guidebook describes the elements of Take Back the Night events throughout history, the role of men, the role of survivors, the feminist theory, chants, fire safety considerations for candlelight vigils, governmental and campus regulations for rallies and marches, considerations for providing support to survivors, and much more!