



Frequently Asked Questions

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Press Kit

Who is TBTN?

Since 2001, Take Back The Night has been a 501(c)3 publicly funded charity with the mission of ending sexual violence in all forms and lending support to survivors. The grassroots efforts over the last thirty years in the form of marches and rallies around the world, flown under the banner of Take Back the Night, are the energy and spirit behind its mission! TBTN's Board of Advisors serves to guide and shape its initiatives and bring vision and experience to its endeavors.

The purpose of the national foundation is not to dampen the spirit of creativity of individuals and grassroots initiatives, but rather to provide greater national and international visibility for Take Back The Night's mission. TBTN provides assistance with organization, planning, sponsorship, supplies and other forms of support to Take Back The Night Events and Initiatives around the globe.

Can I obtain more information about TBTN Events?

TBTN only maintains information about Official Events. Local events are not required to register with the TBTN foundation. If you need more information about a local event, please contact the local event organizer directly.

How does the foundation support local Take Back the Night events?

The international foundation receives charitable donations that it uses to help local, grassroots Take Back The Night Events that have demonstrated that they meet the health, safety and legal guidelines as listed in the TBTN Guidebook. TBTN is thrilled to lend support, media assistance, supplies, shirts, banners, candles and presenters for as many Events as possible!

What is an official Take Back The Night Event?

The Take Back The Night Official Event Guidebook provides a summary of the qualifications to become an official TBTN. Local events that meet essential safety requirements and comply with governmental and/or campus ordinances can become official Events. These Events are eligible to receive funding and supply assistance through donors.

When will the Take Back The Night Official Event Guidebook be published?

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's 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!

May we use the TBTN logo, slogan or name?

TBTN has embarked on a journey to officially solicit and support Take Back The Night efforts around the globe. TBTN asks that any local event that would like to use the logo, slogan or receive official financial support or other donations, meet the qualifications set forth in the Official Take Back The Night Event Guide. The Guide is being compiled by the TBTN Board of Advisors as well as legal counsel and insurance providers. It is due out by September 1, 2009. If you meet the requirements outlined in the Guide, not only will you qualify to use the slogan and logo, but you might also be able to receive financial support! If you'd like to go it on your own, you may use the Take Back the Night name, but cannot use the TBTN logo or slogan, "Shatter the Silence. Stop the Violence."

Does TBTN provide a list of survivors who are willing to share their stories?

At this time, TBTN does not maintain and is unable to provide contact information for survivors willing to step forward. Similarly, TBTN does not maintain contact information for survivors willing to provide quotes or appear in news or media venues.

Does TBTN recommend presenters?

TBTN is currently compiling a list of qualified presenters for TBTN Events, and will release this list in January 2010.

Does TBTN provide interviews?

TBTN requires a minimum of 3 days advance notice for all interviews and other media requests. This allows TBTN to provide you with the appropriate spokesperson to suit your needs.

Does TBTN have internships?

Yes! TBTN offers two types of internships: Semester and Summer. A TBTN internship requires a commitment of 12 weeks and a minimum of 20 hours per week. Stipends are available to those who commit to more than the minimum number of hours per week or qualify for financial support. Residency is not required for the program, but all interns must have a computer with Internet access and a telephone.