

class assignment

The Spring of Tampa Bay

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TAMPA BAY EVENT TO RAISE TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS

TAMPA, Fla. (Feb. 5, 2015)—Teen Summit, a free event to help spread a positive message about healthy relationships, will take place April 17, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Florida Aquarium, 701 Channelside Drive in Tampa, Fla.

The Spring of Tampa Bay will host the event in collaboration with Frameworks of Tampa Bay, an organization for positive youth development, following their partnership during February's Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month.

This year, Verizon's HopeLine will be sponsoring the event. A portion of the money raised from their #becausevoiceshavepower campaign will be donated to The Spring. National speakers will host breakout sessions on technology and how to be an effective upstander.

The Spring's mission is to prevent domestic violence, protect victims, and promote changes. They offer a 24-hour domestic violence crisis hotline, emergency residential center, outreach services, legal assistance, transitional housing, and prevention and education programs.

According to Futures Without Violence, one in three adolescent girls in the United States is a victim of physical, emotional or verbal abuse. An average of more than three women a day are murdered by their boyfriends or husbands in the US.

Attendance for Teen Summit is open to everyone, but high school and college students are encouraged. Attendees must RSVP at <<INSERT RSVP INFO HERE>> and volunteer applications are also available.

The event will include lunch provided by <<INSERT LUNCH INFO HERE>>, entertainment, and an art contest. The contest, #expectrespect, is open to students in Hillsborough County.

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Note to Editors and News Directors:

Contact Marina Mendez to schedule interviews with teen organizers from Frameworks and local schools, 345-555-6789, marinamendez@mail.usf.edu.

Photographs are permitted during interviews.