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Violence Prevention Program Hosts Summit and Training

Bismarck, ND — Catholic Health Initiatives' (CHI) Violence Prevention Program is sponsoring a summit and training, *Spotlight on Intimate Partner Violence* on March 10, 2016 from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. This free event will be held in Boniface Auditorium at CHI St. Alexius Health, 900 East Broadway Bismarck.

With the purpose of creating communities free of intimate partner violence in North Dakota, the program invites interested community members to learn about this issue that affects so many people in our state. "Nationally approximately one in four people incur intimate partner violence at some point during their lifetime and that statistic is even higher when you look at just North Dakota. That's why our program is interested in creating awareness and educating individuals and service providers on this important issue. It is time to learn more about this problem and start finding ways to work together to address it," stated Veronica Zietz, Director of Violence Prevention.

The morning session will provide participants with a basic understanding of the issue, with topics covered including intimate partner violence fundamentals, prevention basics and community capacity building. The afternoon session is a "Train the trainer" geared towards professionals with topics such as trauma informed practice and prevention in a professionals setting. Presentations will be provided by CAWS North Dakota, the statewide sexual assault and domestic violence coalition that connects services and programs from across the state and Futures Without Violence, a national organization that has been working to end violence against women, children and families for more than 30 years.

For more information or to register call 701-530-4973 or email vmzietz@primecare.org. Spots are limited, so register today. If you are interested in videoconferencing from Carrington, Devils Lake, Dickinson, Lisbon, Oakes, Valley City or Williston contact us for more information.

This event is made possible through grant funds provided by Catholic Health Initiatives' Mission and Ministry Fund with the purpose of supporting innovative projects designed to improve the health of a community. Communities served by this initiative include Bismarck, Carrington, Devils Lake, Dickinson, Lisbon, Oakes, Valley City and Williston.

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