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MEDIA ADVISORY

Sojourner to announce new 24-hour domestic violence textline on PTSD Awareness Day at lakefront arts event

What: Sojourner's President and CEO Carmen Pitre will announce the agency's new 24-hour domestic violence textline, giving survivors a new, accessible way to seek safety, shelter and support services at a time when domestic violence has drastically increased and related deaths are up 400% in the past two years.

The announcement is being made on Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Awareness Day as an estimated 51-75% of intimate partner violence survivors experience PTSD. Sojourner will host a transformational, interactive papermaking workshop and large-scale art installation as part of [Black Box Fund's Out of the Box Series](#). The family-friendly event is free and open to the public. [More information](#)

When: Sunday, June 27, 2021, 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Where: Lakeshore State Park, 500 N. Harbor Drive, Milwaukee, WI 53202

Visuals and interviews:

- Speak with Sojourner's President and CEO Carmen Pitre about the link between domestic violence and PTSD and how the 24-hour textline helps survivors who cannot speak per lack of privacy, disability or anxiety or fear.
- Learn about the installation, collaborative project and how making art can reduce stress and help heal trauma.
- View 15'x15' display of paper made in Sojourner's Arts Program
- Make art. Contribute to the hands-on, interactive papermaking project. Write about something difficult or painful, then blend the paper into colorful paper pulp. Transform pain into purpose as you pour your paper slurry and contribute to a beautiful, colorful and inspiring work of art.

Sojourner is the largest provider of domestic violence prevention and intervention services in Wisconsin, serving more than 10,000 clients annually. Learn more at familypeacecenter.org.

Please call or text Jess Williamson at (414) 758-3462 or email jessw@familypeacecenter.org if you plan on attending.