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Messages Survivors of Domestic Violence Need to Hear

Sojourner is available for interviews to reinforce messages of support after recent violence in our community.

Milwaukee, WI (Thursday, March 21, 2019) – It has been a heavy and heartbreaking week in the Milwaukee community. It is always tragic to hear of another life lost to violence. **Due to recent events, Sojourner President and CEO, Carmen Pitre, and one or more survivors of domestic violence will be available for onsite interviews on Friday, March 22 from 12:15 – 1:30 pm to reiterate important messages that all survivors of domestic violence need to hear.** These messages include:

- You are not alone. If you, or someone you know, is hurting, please reach out to someone in your life who you can trust to listen and offer support.
- Abuse is never your fault. You matter.
- We understand that it is difficult to come forward and that people can be afraid to come forward. Come forward, and keep coming forward.
- It is always important to safety plan. Reach out to someone in your life who can help you identify ways to get help.
- Sojourner Family Peace Center is here to help. Call our 24-Hour Domestic Violence Hotline at 414-933-2722, or visit Sojourner at 619 W. Walnut Street, to get support and resources.

Community and connection are very important during times of heartbreak and fear. We know that survivors can be triggered by this week's events and the constant violence in our neighborhoods. As a community, we can all offer a listening ear, comfort, and time to give to survivors of domestic violence and loved ones who may be hurting.

Reiterating these messages of support can bring hope and healing to the lives of many. Please contact Roxy Helmeid, Communications Manager at Sojourner, to schedule an interview on this important topic.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

About Sojourner

The mission of Sojourner is to transform lives impacted by domestic violence. Sojourner provides crisis housing, system advocacy, and individual support to people who are hurting. Sojourner is the largest provider of domestic violence prevention and intervention services in Wisconsin, serving over 12,000 clients annually. Our primary goals are to ensure the safety of victims of family violence and to provide a pathway out of violence for victims and abusers through opportunities to make positive and lasting changes for themselves and their children. Sojourner is committed to creating communities where people live peacefully. For more information, visit www.familypeacecenter.org or call Sojourner 24-Hour Domestic Violence Hotline: 414-933-2722.

About Family Peace Center

Sojourner is one of the first in the nation to house holistic services for survivors of domestic violence, all under one roof. Sojourner and Children's Hospital of Wisconsin formed a unique partnership to create one of the first co-located child advocacy and family violence centers in the country. The Family Peace Center accommodates a number of co-located and visiting partner organizations including the Milwaukee Police Department Sensitive Crimes Unit, Milwaukee Public Schools, the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office, Aurora Healthcare Abuse Response Services, and others. Families receiving services at the Family Peace Center have access to a wide array of services to support their efforts to achieve healing, self-sufficiency and freedom from abuse.

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