

# ENTRY FORM

Closing Date for Entries: Friday, May 1, 2015

Please Print:

Artist's Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Artist's First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Artist's Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Artist's Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Artist's Email \_\_\_\_\_

(not required—for reward notification purposes only)

Artwork Title \_\_\_\_\_

Please use the space below to tell us about the artwork that you are submitting to this competition. It would be useful to explain how your artwork connects to the theme: *"What can you do (peacefully) to keep people safe"*. Please use a separate sheet if necessary.

Entries will not be accepted unless both the student-artist and his/her parent/guardian sign this entry form. Your signature below means that you have read and agree to the terms and conditions of this Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance Student Art Competition as set forth in the Official Rules attached to this entry form.

Artist's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Artist's Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Artist's Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

## QUESTIONS?

Contact our contest coordinator Marcy Sowa (541-592-5332)

The Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance has been serving the Illinois Valley since 2001. We are a non-profit organization dedicated to ending violence against women and creating a society where all individuals are empowered to live with dignity and without fear. IVSHA provides emergency shelter, a walk-in-center, information, advocacy, crime victims claims assistance, assistance with restraining order, and safety planning to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. All services are ALWAYS FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL.

# OFFICIAL RULES

Closing Date for Entries: Friday, May 1, 2015 4PM.

## ELIGIBILITY:

Anyone living in the Illinois Valley ages 13-19.

## COMPETITION THEME/BACKGROUND:

The theme of the Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance Teen Speak Art Competition is:

***“What can you do (peacefully) to keep someone safe?”***

Violence happens too often in our community, including domestic, sexual, and dating violence. Even when we are not directly victimized, violence affects all of us. We all know that violence is wrong. However, when we see or hear a violent or potentially dangerous situation, we often don't know what to do or say. We are afraid we might make things worse, or put ourselves in danger, or embarrass ourselves. So, we don't say or do anything. Unfortunately, when we are silent, we are telling those who are involved (the victim, the perpetrator, and anyone else who is witnessing the situation) that we are okay with violence. We often feel that the only way to intervene is to step between two people at the moment of conflict.

However, there are many creative ways that people take a stand against violence, without putting themselves or anyone else at risk. There are three general approaches:

**Direct** – Check in with the person (either the victim or the perpetrator) at the time or later. Tell them you are worried about them, give them resources and/or point them in the direction of services, tell them you care and you are worried, ask them if everything is okay.

**Distract** – Say or do something that is completely unrelated to the situation (i.e. ask for directions, “accidentally” set off the alarm on your phone, drop something on the ground and ask if it belongs to them, use humor (without minimizing the situation), start singing.

**Delegate** – Tell someone who is in a better position to do or say something: a friend who knows one of the parties better, confide in a mutual friend, tell a teacher, parent, boss, coach, etc. that you are worried, or that the situation made you feel uncomfortable.

The other thing you can do is let people know that you disapprove of violence and you are willing to do your part to keep people safe. For example you can post anti-violence messages on social media, respond to posts that are degrading or demeaning, write a paper about dating violence, write a letter to the editor, or talk to your friends about how violence has affected you or that you see violence as a problem in our community.

The possibilities are endless! And this is where you come in. We are looking for images that reflect the many ways we can all keep people in our community safe from violence. Be creative!

## AWARDS:

1. The winning artwork will receive \$300
2. Each of the three artists recognized for honorable mention will receive \$100

## ARTWORK

1. The artwork may be a drawing, painting, photography, poetry, computer generated, multi-media, or other medium suitable for reproduction on posters, clothing and other merchandising items.
2. The artwork should be a minimum of 4" x 6" (suitable for greeting cards, mugs, etc.) and a maximum of 16" x 22" (suitable for tee shirts, posters, etc.).
3. All artwork entries must be of original design and the artist must be the sole owner of and have all rights to the artwork submitted.
4. The artwork may not have been used by any individual or other organization for any other purpose.
5. Artwork should not contain the text of the competition theme. Only text that is part of the design of the artwork should be included in the artwork itself.
6. Each artist may submit up to three entries. The artist's name should not appear on the front of the artwork.

## HOW TO ENTER:

1. Submit the artwork entry along with a completed Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance Violence Awareness and Prevention Art Competition form to the Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance.
2. Make sure the name of the artist and school is printed on the back of each artwork entry.
3. The entry form must be signed by both the artist and the parent/guardian and submitted no later than Friday, May 1, 2015.
4. All entry forms must be securely attached to the back of the submitted piece or it will not be accepted. When submitting multiple pieces of artwork, please attach an entry form to each piece.
5. Entries using copyrighted images, logos, etc. will **NOT** be accepted.

## WHAT MAKES A GOOD POSTER?

1. Short, catchy message that can be interpreted in 10 seconds
2. Use of colors and white space to grab viewer's attention
3. Creative design that captures the essence of the theme
4. Large pictures that convey a powerful anti-violence theme

## JUDGING

Judges for the IVSHA Violence Awareness & Prevention Art Competition will include local artists, IVSHA staff, student volunteers and/or Board members and volunteers. Their decisions will be based on the following:

1. Does the design captures the competition theme?
2. Originality
3. Adaptability of the design for marketing and merchandising purposes.

The winners of the art competition will be announced on May 15, 2015. Winners will be notified by phone.

## RETURN OF ARTWORK

All artwork will become the sole property of The Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance and will not be returned to the artist. By entering the Art Competition, each artist irrevocably assigns and transfers to IVSHA all past, present and future rights, title and interest, including but not limited to any copyright in his/her artwork if such artwork is selected as the winning entry or for honorable mention. Any submitted artwork may be used for promotional purposes. However, IVSHA is not obligated to use the artwork in any way.

## QUESTIONS?

Contact our contest coordinator Marc y Sowa (541-592-5332).