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Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center Hosts Survivor-Centered Exhibit for Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Thumb Area, MI – The Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center (TAACC), a program of the Human Development Commission (HDC), invites community members to take part in a meaningful and impactful experience in recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month this April.

Throughout the month, TAACC will host a powerful exhibit titled **“Okay, But What Were They Wearing?”**—a survivor-centered display designed to gently challenge harmful myths surrounding sexual violence, including the false belief that clothing or appearance is ever to blame.

Through real stories and thoughtful visuals, the exhibit creates space for reflection, learning, and connection. It honors survivor experiences while helping shift the conversation toward accountability, compassion, and community support.

“This moment in time is more important than ever,” said Kimberly Koepf, Victim Services Senior Manager. “Survivors are finding their voices, and our communities are beginning to listen in ways we haven’t seen before. This exhibit creates space for survivors to reclaim their stories, their strength, and their truth—while reminding them they are supported, believed, and not alone.”

Community members are invited to stop in during designated hours to experience the exhibit, explore TAACC’s survivor-centered spaces, and learn more about the resources and support available. Whether you come to learn, support, or simply to stand in solidarity, your presence matters.

Exhibit Locations and Open Hours

Bad Axe and Caro (The Garden)

- 618 N. Port Crescent St., Bad Axe, MI
- 337 Montague Ave., Caro, MI (The Garden)
- Tuesdays and Thursdays in April | 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Guests who visit the Caro location can also tour newly renovated client spaces designed to provide a safe and welcoming environment for survivors.

Sandusky

- 33 E. Sanilac Rd., Sandusky, MI
- Mondays and Wednesdays in April | 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Schedule a Visit

Appointments are available for those unable to attend during open hours. Contact Abbey Bowers, Survivor Response Manager: AbbeyB@HDC-Caro.org | Call/Text (989) 551-8455

About Human Development Commission

Human Development Commission (HDC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit Community Action Agency committed to improving the quality of life for residents in our communities. Guided by the mission of “Restoring Hope by Helping People and Changing Lives,” HDC provides vital services and programs designed to promote self-sufficiency, health, and overall well-being. The Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center is a program of HDC

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