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GARY LAUNCHES DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN MEDIA ADVISORY: PRESS CONFERENCE MONDAY!

Gary-Indiana-The City of Gary in conjunction with the National Initiative, Gary for Life and the Gary Police Department will launch its Domestic Violence Awareness Campaign, Monday, May 16, 2016.

The Mayor will hold a Press Conference Monday, May 16, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall, 401 Broadway, 2nd floor. The conference and will discuss the awareness campaign and programs available to citizens. Gary Police Officials and representatives from Family Service agencies will join the Mayor in the Press Conference.

To kick off the campaign, the community is asked to support the "Fill A Purse" effort through donations of new or gently used women's handbags or knapsacks filled with toiletries. The bags will be distributed to victims of domestic violence who often have to flee, leaving personal items behind. Donations of full or travel size toiletries for both men and women are greatly needed.

Citizens are encouraged to look for the PURPLE donation boxes located at City Hall, 401 Broadway, the Public Safety Building, 555 Polk Street and the Gary Commission for Women, 839 Broadway to drop off items. All are urged to join us as we work to reduce domestic violence in the City of Gary. "It Could Happen to Anyone."

The Domestic Violence Campaign will run from the month of May through October where a number of events are planned. The Fill A Purse initiative will run from May 16, 2016 to June 15, 2016.

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