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Your Joe Torre Safe At Home Foundation Team

SAVE THE DATES

2015 Los Angeles Dinner

Thursday, April 30, 2015
Hotel Bel-Air
Los Angeles, CA
For more information, please contact Jocelyn Toner at jocelyn@joetorre.org

2015 Celebrity Golf & Tennis Classic

Thursday, July 23, 2015
Sleepy Hollow Country Club
Scarborough, NY
For more information, please contact Jennifer Coppola at Jennifer@joetorre.org

2015 TCS New York City Marathon

Sunday, November 1, 2015
New York, NY
For more information, please contact Anna Oliveros at Anna@joetorre.org

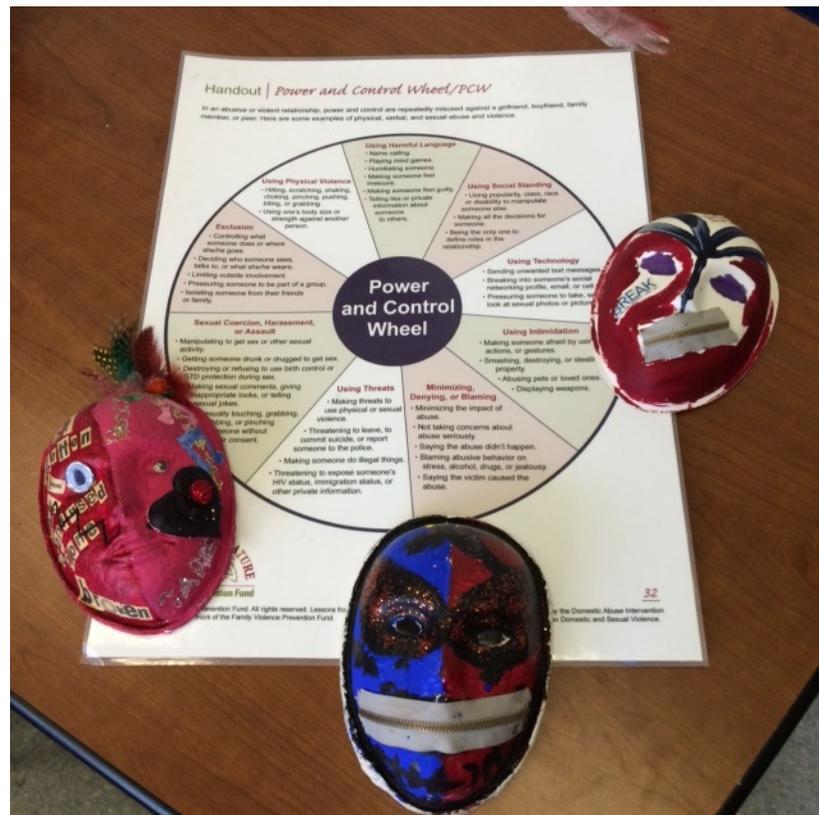
NYC MARATHON

Calling All Runners...Join Team Safe At Home in the TCS New York City Marathon!

We are excited to share that New York Road Runners has selected the Joe Torre Safe At Home Foundation to participate as a charity partner in the 2015 TCS New York City Marathon on November 1st! We have a limited number of guaranteed spots. Please contact Anna Oliveros at

MARGARET'S PLACE

Youth Empowered to Speak Curriculum Highlights



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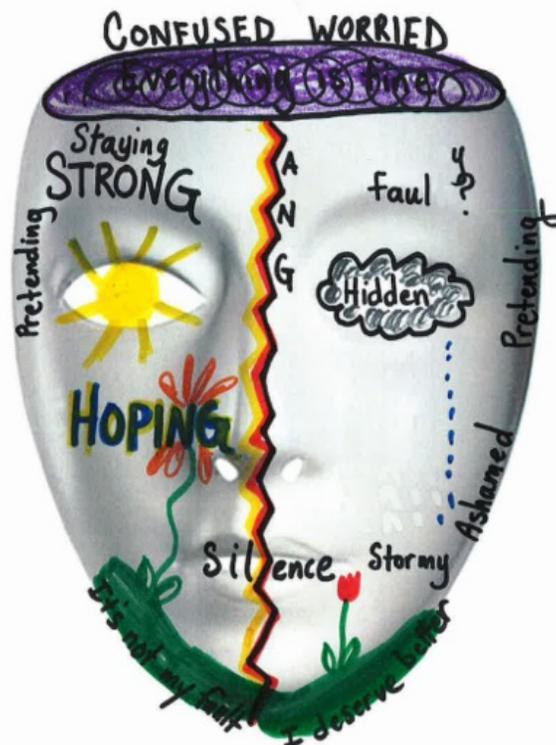
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Above: The Impact of Trauma: Trauma is the result of an experience (often a violent experience) that is emotionally painful, distressing, or shocking. The above mask illustrates some typical responses to trauma.

Margaret's Place's Youth Empowered to Speak Curriculum (YES) is a five session violence prevention curriculum taught to all 7th and 9th graders at our MP sites. Through the sessions, MP Counselors teach young people how to identify and differentiate between healthy versus abusive behaviors in relationships; how violence and trauma impact individuals and communities; coping skills and safety strategies to assist youth in dealing with violence and abuse; how to be a responsible bystander and help someone who is experiencing violence; how to get help; and what we all can do to empower ourselves to speak out and end violence. The YES Curriculum uses engaging true stories written by teens along with interactive, reflective activities to get youth talking about violence-related issues impacting their lives and communities. Issues such as domestic violence, teen relationship abuse, gang/community violence, child abuse, bullying, cyber/digital bullying, fighting, etc. are all discussed as a part of the curriculum. YES brings these issues out into the open and MP staff create a safe environment where students can not only build their awareness and understanding, but can strategize what they can do to cope, stay safe, and empower themselves to do something. Through YES discussions MP Counselors spread important messages to youth such as: violence is never the victim's fault, you are not alone, there is help, and you can do something about it. Furthermore, YES reaches many students who are presently witnessing or experiencing violence or abuse. Often during or after the YES curriculum students will self-refer or refer a friend to MP counseling, identifying through the YES lessons that what they are experiencing is trauma or abuse and understanding that there is help at the school through Margaret's Place. Here's what some students had to say about the YES Curriculum:

"I have family and friends that go through these problems everyday and the stories you read gave me ideas on how I can help them get help..."

"You taught me to speak up for someone who may not be able to speak up for themselves. Never let violence go unrecognized".

"YES has given me the power to stand up for myself and others, even if I am afraid."

"As I learned about violence and its effect on people and the environment, I also noticed how violence is not always physical...I also educated my mom about it a bit, just for her to not be a part of violence one day. My mom was surprised how violence is not just hitting or killing someone".

"Being one of the quiet kids in class, I don't usually speak my mind and say what I want to say. I let people do something or say something wrong and not say a word about it. Now, since the YES program was taught, I learned we have the power to stand up and say something."

Margaret's Place Student Spotlight: SARA*

Sara is a 7th grade student who referred herself to MP counseling to speak about the domestic violence she had witnessed as a child between her parents. She shared that as a result of the violence she had experienced at home she had been placed in foster care. When Sara began counseling she shared that she was struggling with how to control the anger she felt as a result of the abuse she had experienced in her life. She said that she often directed her anger and hurt towards her classmates and peers. In MP individual counseling Sara worked on developing coping skills to help her deal with her feelings. The MP Counselor also provided a space where Sara could express her feelings and better understand all that she had gone through. Sara also became involved in the MP Peer Leadership program. Despite the struggles Sara was having at home and at school she showed strong leadership qualities and a potential to grow through being a part of the program. Through her participation in MP Sara has been able to gain skills to help her cope with the impact of what she has witnessed in her life. She has become a dedicated member of the program, speaking out against domestic violence and feeling empowered to help others.

Recently Sara came into Margaret's Place visibly upset. She explained that she had gotten into a heated argument with another female student. Sara described the urge she felt to fight the other student, but said that she was able to control her anger because of what MP had taught her. She said to the MP Counselor, "...You are like my mentor and if it wasn't for what I've learned through counseling and peer leadership I would have just exploded." Sara's story reminds us of the profound impact domestic violence has on the way young people feel and behave, and how important having a space like Margaret's Place is in helping young people end the cycle of violence.

**Names have been changed.*

EVENTS

Join Us on April 30th for Our Dinner Event in Los Angeles!



Above: Margaret's Place alumna, Melissa, speaking at the 2013 LA Dinner.

On Thursday, April 30th 2015, Ali and Joe Torre and the Safe At Home Foundation will be hosting an event in Los Angeles at the Hotel Bel-Air. The evening will include a cocktail reception, dinner and silent auction. We are thrilled to share that Kirk Gibson will be joining Joe Torre onstage at the event. Famous for two dramatic World Series home runs, the first in 1984 with the Detroit Tigers and the second in 1988 with the Los Angeles Dodgers, he will be a special part of the evening. Additional panelists will be announced shortly.

All proceeds will benefit the Joe Torre Safe At Home Foundation and its goal of expanding its comprehensive, in-school program, Margaret's Place, in Los Angeles and educating youth to end the cycle of domestic violence.

To reserve your ticket, or for sponsorship information, please contact Jocelyn Toner at (310) 570-4523 or email Jocelyn@joetorre.org.

Reserve Your Foursome or Tennis Sponsorship Today for Our Celebrity Golf & Tennis Classic!



Join Ali and Joe Torre, along with sports legends, entertainers, and television and movie personalities, in celebrating the Safe At Home Foundation's Annual Celebrity Golf and Tennis Classic. The Foundation is excited to return to the prestigious Sleepy Hollow Country Club in Scarborough, New York. Nestled on the Hudson River, Sleepy Hollow offers breathtaking views and a history that dates back to the 1800s. Only a limited number of foursomes will be available and each will be paired with a celebrity, making it a "five-some!" The day will commence with a brunch buffet before tee-off and conclude with a dinner reception, silent auction and awards ceremony in the clubhouse.

The Foundation will once again be adding a tennis component to the day's activities. Individuals will be able to compete in a Round Robin

tournament during the day and then join the golfers for the evening's festivities.

To reserve your foursome, inquire about tennis, or for sponsorship information please contact Jennifer Coppola at jennifer@joetorre.org or call 212-880-7360.

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