

**Eastern Union County**  
**PRESS ADVISORY**

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**In recognition of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month**  
**YWCA Eastern Union County Hosts**  
**“An Empty Place at the Table”**

The YWCA of Eastern Union County is hosting *An Empty Place at the Table*, an event to honor the memory of victims of Domestic Violence. The event will be held in the *Little Theater in the University Center at Kean University, 1000 Morris Ave., Union, NJ on October 26, 2009 from 3:00 pm-8:00 pm; with performances by Lisa Regina and Creative Interventions beginning at 6:00 pm. A candlelight vigil will be following the performances.*

*An Empty Place at the Table* is an art exhibition featuring dinner place settings, photographs, short stories and personal items, each of which represent someone who has lost her life due to domestic violence. The purpose of *An Empty Place at the Table* is to remember those who have passed away, increase awareness of the lethality of domestic violence, and to act as a catalyst for social change.

Lisa Regina is an artist educator who utilizes her skills in acting, writing and directing to create projects that shed light on stories that often go unheard. As an actress, Lisa's credits include “*Soprano's*” Fifth Season Premiere Episode. She just finished shooting two feature films, *Bottom Feeders* with Arthur Nascarella and *Priceless* with Robert Clohessy. The Bakery and National Commercial Campaigns include Delta Air Miles and Macy's. As a filmmaker, her documentary, “Kenny” won the Manhattan Global Film Festival and a Humanitarian Award and most recently was a finalist at the 2009 Long Island Film Festival. Lisa's non-profit organization, A Write to Heal evolved after Lisa's traumatic assault on April 2, 2005. Her physical and emotional injuries led Lisa to utilize her artistic skills as an alternate way towards healing through the medium of writing and performance.

Creative Intervention is an interactive theater performance that will involve the audience in an innovative way. Creative Interventions will

address different forms of abuse that affect many people across all demographics and generations.

The YWCA of Eastern Union County is a non-profit organization serving the women, children and families of Union County since 1920. The YWCA EUC's services include a 24-hour hotline, temporary emergency shelter, supportive housing, advocacy, counseling, children's services and legal advocacy, accompaniment and representation. The YWCA EUC's programs provide women with the tools they need to build self-sufficient and violence-free lives. The local purpose of the YWCA Eastern Union County seeks to create an environment through which women empower themselves, and work to lead non-violent lives.

The YWCA EUC is inviting surviving family members to be involved in their family member's place setting. If you have a loved one who lost their life to domestic violence and wish to have their lives memorialized, please feel free to contact Kris.

For more information, to volunteer to assist at the event or to discuss having a family member honored at this year's "*An Empty Place at the Table*" please contact Kris at (908) 518-9911.