PUBLIC STATEMENT
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YWCA Spokane Stands With Victims of Domestic Violence

Spokane, WA – On Wednesday March 7th, 2018, The Pacific Northwest Inlander released their weekly newspaper with an article titled, “Community leader Phil Tyler calls for men to stand up for women - but his own past is riddled with allegations of domestic violence” by Daniel Walters, also available online at Inlander.com.

As Spokane’s primary service provider to victims of domestic violence, YWCA Spokane would like to release the following public statement in response to this recent news:

Every day, at YWCA Spokane, we work to assist women and children who are affected by domestic violence and abuse. This week, The Inlander published an article detailing domestic violence allegations about a member of our community, who has supported the YWCA Spokane publicly in the past. We find these allegations deeply disturbing, and stand with these and other victims who have spoken out so bravely.

The women who we assist come to us in pain, desperate for help but fearful of what that might mean. We listen to their stories, unique in the details but so similar in the themes of control, and explosive outbursts. In The Inlander’s article we saw the same pattern, the same themes. And again, we are disheartened. This has to change. We ask the community to join us in our work to end the silence around domestic violence and to make a difference for our families and our community.

Regina Malveaux, CEO of YWCA Spokane
Nancy Norbury Harter, Board Chair of YWCA Spokane
ABOUT YWCA SPOKANE

YWCA Spokane’s three umbrella programs include the Alternatives to Domestic Violence Program, Spokane County’s only state-recognized program for domestic violence; the Women’s Opportunity Center, an established Workforce Connection Site; and Child Services which includes three sites implementing the State of Washington’s Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP). YWCA Spokane is also home to the uniquely collaborative Spokane Family Justice Center which includes YWCA legal advocates, and City and County law enforcement and prosecutors.

YWCA Spokane is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, standing up for social justice, helping families, and strengthening communities.

More information about programs and services can be found at ywcaspokane.org.

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