

Rape Victim Advocacy Program

Rape Crisis Line: 319-335-6000 (24 hours)

Business Line: 319-335-6001

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320 S. Linn Street, Iowa City, IA 52240

Iowa Sexual Abuse Hotline: 800-284-7821 (24 hours)

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Providing services to Johnson, Cedar, Iowa, and Washington Counties

How to Add a Shirt to The Clothesline Project

Creating a shirt

We ask women to submit shirts, blouses or tee shirts of durable material preferably with the following color code:

- WHITE for women who have died of violence
- YELLOW or BEIGE for women who have been battered or assaulted
- RED, PINK or ORANGE for women who have been raped or sexually assaulted
- BLUE or GREEN for women survivors of incest or child sexual abuse
- PURPLE or LAVENDER for women attacked because of their sexual orientation

You need not be an artist to create a moving, personal tribute. Whether you choose simply to paint or to sew elaborate embroidery is up to you – any remembrance is appropriate. These colors are not mandatory if a different color or pattern has a special significance to you.

We would like each shirt to reflect the woman's personal experience. You may include a name, date, and memorabilia such as tools of a trade or symbols of interest. Some suggestions for enduring durability:

- Use a natural fabric
- Sew rather than using glue
- Photocopy photographs onto iron-ons
- Use acrylic or textile paint, color-fast dye or indelible ink

For survivors of violence

Because making a shirt can be part of the healing process for survivors of violence, shirts should be submitted by the survivor. If not possible, a shirt for a survivor should be submitted with her written permission. We ask that you respect their anonymity by not using their name.

For women killed

You may want to submit a shirt that belonged to her. Please show on the shirt the woman's name, date of birth and death and hometown. When the shirt is complete you may wish to take the time to write a description of the person you have memorialized. Please include information you wish to share about her death. Tell us what this person meant to you and how you think she should be remembered. Include a photograph of the person if you have one you are willing to part with.

Names

Naming the perpetrator is an important part of the healing process. But, for legal reasons, we cannot display shirts with full names of the perpetrators. We ask that shirt makers use first names or initials if they wish to name the perpetrator.

To participate

Drop off shirts to a display of The Clothesline Project or to the Rape Victim Advocacy Program (RVAP) at 320 S. Linn Street in Iowa City. Call RVAP at 319-335-6001 for more information.



The Rape Victim Advocacy Program provides confidential, accessible support and advocacy to victim/survivors of sexual abuse and their partners, friends, and family members and works to create a community free from sexual violence by providing education and prevention strategies and by promoting social change.