Silent Auction at Amra's in Raleigh on April 2 Will Raise Funds for V-Day Apex 2009

Auction Items Include Paintings, Accessories, Jewelry and More

March 30, 2009 - *PRLog* -- A group of Triangle women, men and local businesses have united to support V-Day 2009, a global movement to end violence against women and girls. Locally, this group operates as V-Day Apex 2009.

On Thursday, April 2nd from 6 to 9 p.m., V-Day Apex 2009 will partner with local artists to host "Vajayjays and All That Jazz," a silent auction at Amra's in downtown Raleigh. Auction items include paintings, accessories and jewelry crafted by artisans; a tote bag from Holly Aiken's line Stitch; a necklace from Stir Studio; and a "Rockstar Package" from Fab'rik that includes personalized shopping with cocktails for the winner and a group of guests. Local businesses will also be represented and live music will be performed by Kennebec.

Admission to this event is free. To purchase auction items, please bring cash and checks only. Here are the details:

Who: V-Day Apex 2009

What: "Vajayjays and All that Jazz", a silent auction to raise funds for V-Day Apex 2009 Where: Amra's at 106 Glenwood Avenue in Downtown Raleigh's Glenwood South district

When: April 2nd from 6 to 9 p.m. (bid sheets will be pulled by 8:30 p.m.)

Admission: Free

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Goal: To raise awareness for and help end violence against women and girls. Locally, V-Day Apex 2009 will raise funds for the Apex Police Department's "soft" interview room and additional officer training.

Eighty percent of the funds raised by V-Day Apex 2009 this year will be donated to the Apex Police Department to build a "soft" interview room where detectives and officers can meet with victims of crimes and their family members in a relaxed, comfortable and non-threatening environment. The funds will also be used for officer training focused on responding to domestic and sexual violence. Since the new Apex police station is currently undergoing construction, this is the perfect time to raise funds for the creation of this room.

"I believe an inspired, committed community can take steps toward preventing violence together," says Somer Cooper, a V-Day Apex 2009 Community Organizer.

About V-Day: V-Day is a global movement to end violence against women and girls that raises funds and awareness through benefit productions of Playwright/Founder Eve Ensler's award winning play The Vagina Monologues and other artistic works. In 2008, over 4000 V-Day benefit events took place produced by volunteer activists in the U.S. and around the world, educating millions of people about the reality of violence against women and girls. To date, the V-Day movement has raised over \$60 million and educated millions about the issue of violence against women and the efforts to end it, crafted international educational, media and PSA campaigns, launched the Karama program in the Middle East, reopened shelters, and funded over 6000 community-based anti-violence programs and safe houses in Democratic Republic Of Congo, Haiti, Kenya, South Dakota, Egypt and Iraq. V-Day was named one of Worth magazine's "100 Best Charities" in 2001 and Marie Claire's "Top Ten Charities" in 2006. The 'V' in V-Day stands for Victory, Valentine and Vagina. http://www.vday.org

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Source V-Day Apex 2009

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