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OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH!

Emerge! Center Against Domestic Abuse and the *Pima County Attorney's Office* announce new programs during the month of October, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, to inform community members about the problem of domestic violence and services available to victims.

- **Domestic Violence Awareness Posters**. During the month of October, a print advertising campaign will help spread the message that "domestic abuse can happen to anyone; it's not your fault if it happens to you." The campaign is designed to raise awareness about the prevalence of domestic violence in all parts of our community and services are available to victims. Posters are free and available for display throughout the community.
- Telling Amy's Story. There will be a free showing of the film Telling Amy's Story on Thursday, October 21st at 7 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 3800 E. River Rd. Following the movie, a panel discussion will be hosted by Rabbi Thomas Louchheim of Congregation Or Chadash. The film explores a tragic domestic violence homicide and teaches people how to recognize and appropriately assist others who are trapped in domestic violence relationships.

Pima County Attorney Barbara LaWall encourages residents to educate and inform themselves about domestic violence especially during October – Domestic Violence Awareness Month. "Eradicating domestic abuse starts with educating ourselves about the significant impacts that this violence has on our communities, our neighborhoods, our congregations, our friends, and our families. We must believe victims and ensure that they get the support they need." *Sarah Jones, Executive Director of Emerge!* adds that "it is crucial that those impacted by domestic abuse understand they are not alone and help is available to them. We are only a phone call away, 24 hours a day, at 1-888-428-0101."

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TELLING amy's story

Free Movie & Light Refreshments!

in honor of
Domestic Violence
Awareness Month



Thursday, October 21st at 7:00 pm

Heritage Center Room
Tucson Jewish Community Center
3800 E. River Rd.



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For more information, contact the Pima County Attorney's Office Victim Services Division at 520-740-5525.