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***NWCAVE AND SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF PORTLAND JOINS GLOBAL
CAMPAIGN - ONE BILLION RISING - TO STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS***

February 14, 2013 to be V-Day's Largest Day of Action Ever

Portland, OR (February 1, 2013) -: On **February 14, 2013, from 12-1pm**, the National Women's Coalition Against Violence & Exploitation (NWCAVE) and Soroptimist International of Portland will join with activists around the world for ONE BILLION RISING, the largest day of action in the history of V-Day, the global activist movement to end violence against women and girls.

ONE BILLION RISING began as a call to action based on the staggering statistic that 1 in 3 women on the planet will be beaten or raped during her lifetime. With the world population at 7 billion, this adds up to more than ONE BILLION WOMEN AND GIRLS. On February 14, 2013, V-Day's 15th anniversary, the National Women's Coalition Against Violence & Exploitation (NWCAVE) and Soroptimist International of Portland will join activists, writers, thinkers, celebrities, and women and men across the world as we express their outrage, demand change, strike, dance, and RISE in defiance of the injustices women suffer, demanding an end at last to violence against women.

"When we started V-Day 14 years ago, we had the outrageous idea that we could end violence against women," said Eve Ensler, founder of V-Day. "Now, we are both stunned and thrilled to see that this global action is truly escalating and gaining force, with union workers, parliament members, celebrities, and women of all backgrounds coming forward to join the campaign. When we come together on February 14, 2013 to demand an end to violence against women and girls it will be a truly global voice that will rise up," said Ensler.

About Event:

The National Women's Coalition Against Violence & Exploitation (NWCAVE) and Soroptimist International of Portland present **One Billion Rising Luncheon on February 14th at the Benson Hotel** in downtown Portland, Oregon. The luncheon in combination of Soroptimist's business meeting will include music, video and a speaker to help educate the audience on V-Day's campaign to Stand Up, Strike, Dance and Rise Up Against Rape and Sexual Assault in our Society!

Lunch is optional and you can pay at the door (\$20.00)

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About One Billion Rising

One in three women on the planet is raped or beaten in her lifetime. That is ONE BILLION WOMEN violated. One billion daughters, mothers, grandmothers, sisters, lovers and friends. On 14th February 2013, V-Day's 15th Anniversary, we are inviting ONE BILLION women and those who love them to WALK OUT, DANCE, RISE UP, and DEMAND an end to this violence. ONE BILLION RISING will move the earth, activating women and men to dance across every country. V-Day wants the world to see our collective strength, our numbers and our solidarity across borders. Join V-Day and ONE BILLION RISING today and SAY NO to violence against women and girls. To sign up and learn more, visit www.onebillionrising.org

About V-Day

V-Day is a global activist 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 2012, over 5,800 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 \$90 million and educated millions about the issue of violence against women and the efforts to end it, crafted international educational, media and PSA campaigns, reopened shelters, and funded over 14,000 community-based anti-violence programs and safe houses in Democratic Republic of Congo, Haiti, Kenya, South Dakota, Egypt and Iraq. Over 300 million people have seen a V-Day benefit event in their community. V-Day has received numerous acknowledgements including Worth Magazine's 100 Best Charities, Marie Claire Magazine's Top Ten Charities, one of the Top-Rated organizations on Philanthropedia/Guidestar and Great Nonprofits. V-Day's newest campaign is ONE BILLION RISING, which will culminate on 021413 with a global action worldwide. www.vday.org

About NWCAGE

The National Women's Coalition Against Violence & Exploitation (NWCAGE) is a volunteer operated non-profit organization located in the pacific northwest of the United States of America. We continue working to inform, educate and prevent violence and exploitation against women and children nationally and internationally. Whether human trafficking, domestic violence, sexual assault, sexual violence, stalking, bullying, hate crimes and all other forms of violence and exploitation against women and children, NWCAGE strives to keep the public informed and educated on how we can live in a more civilized society free of violence.

About Soroptimist International

Soroptimist is an international organization for business and professional women who work to improve the lives of women and girls, in local communities and throughout the world. Over 80,000 Soroptimists in about 120 countries and territories contribute time and financial support to community-based and international projects that benefit women and girls.

To learn more about NWCAGE visit www.NWCAGE.org. To learn more about V-Day and its campaigns visit www.vday.org. For more on Soroptimist, visit www.soroptimistpdx.org.