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Letter of the day: Treatment available for this 'epidemic'

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To The Editor:

In response to last week's City Views column by Craig Babstock (Monday, Dec. 6: Violence against women isn't 'a problem,' it's an epidemic) I have to say Metro Moncton cares and they are starting to open up a lot more about this.

If you are in a situation with these issues, please don't hesitate to contact the CAAR Outreach Worker at (506) 855-7222 or www.coalitionagainstabuse.com.

Close to 100 brave walkers took part to Walk a Mile in Her Shoes in the rain on Oct. 15.

We had a goal of \$10,000 this year and Moncton blew that out of the water. With the community's support, the organizing committee for the third annual IG Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event in Moncton presented a cheque for \$19,000 to the Coalition Against Abuse in Relationships!

The Coalition Against Abuse in Relationships believes all men, women and children have the right to live without physical, sexual, economical and emotional abuse.

CAAR. is a non-profit organization representing many service providers (www.coalitionagainstabuse.com) whose members work directly or indirectly with victims and/or perpetrators of violence in relationships.

I have so many people to thank!

A special thank you goes out to honorary chairman Chris Collins; our title sponsor Investors Group - especially Stephanie LeBlanc - silver sponsors Rotary Club of Moncton West and Riverview, Advance Savings Credit Union, Second Cup and Champlain Place and bronze sponsor the City of Moncton. You were all a huge part of our success!

Other sponsors and supporters who helped make this event happen were John Gunn, Daedelle Fine Design, Subway, C103, XL96, VIA Rail, Fingers Faces & Feet, Crowne Plaza, Daca Graphics, Frischkorn AudioVisual, Fundy Textiles, KnowMoncton.com and several volunteers including Kristal LeBlanc, Louise Martin, Julie Mercier-Doucette and Rhonda Flewelling. We graciously thank you all!

"One in three women has experienced gender violence in her lifetime," said Frank Baird, Founder of the International March (www.walkamileinhershoes.org).

"That means someone you know, someone you care about has been the victim of sexual violence. This violence does not just affect women. Men are hurt and angered when women they care about are raped. Men are also affected when they try to develop relationships with women in an atmosphere of fear and mistrust and blame.

"And the same violence that targets women also targets men because rape isn't about sex, it's about power, control and violence."

Approximately three women die every week in Canada at the hands of a partner. In 2009, there were 20,931 sexual assaults reported to police in Canada, including 559 incidents in New Brunswick - that's nearly 60 assaults each day in Canada.

Less than one in ten sexual assaults are reported to the police. The majority of sexual assault victims are women or girls, and many are children and youth under 18 years of age. (Source: Statistics Canada).

We can continue to work together to change these statistics. Next year's Walk will be held Friday, Oct. 14, 2011. For more information see www.walkamilemoncton.ca.

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