

## Stop Abuse Today, Inc.

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## Greetings,

Stop Abuse Today, Inc is proud to announce the launching of an education and awareness campaign called Project BREAK, [ $\underline{\mathbf{B}}$ uilding  $\underline{\mathbf{R}}$ elationships through  $\underline{\mathbf{E}}$ ducation  $\underline{\mathbf{A}}$ wareness &  $\underline{\mathbf{K}}$ nowledge]. The focus of Project BREAK is to promote healthy relationships in order to prevent abuse.

Stop Abuse Today, Inc is a 501 c 3 nonprofit whose purpose is to support abuse victims and their families. Our primary objective is to provide education, awareness, outreach and support concerning domestic abuse, elder abuse and bullying among our youth. The group strives to develop partnerships with our school systems and our public safety officials, as well as other community groups and local and state government leaders.

In 2001, the Towns of Brimfield, Holland & Wales joined forces with the Tri-Town Domestic Violence Task Force, which was created after Wales resident, Sheryl Crane, was murdered by her estranged husband. Over the years, the Task Force worked to support abuse survivors and to raise awareness in our communities on how to break the cycle of violence. On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017, at a meeting of the original Trustees, the Task Force was designated as the charter member of Stop Abuse Today, Inc.

Focusing on elder abuse and bullying in addition to domestic abuse makes our group unique. Our members and partners have the ability and expertise to focus on different aspects of the education, prevention and support process, ranging from those who can provide support in the areas of counsel and recovery, to those who can provide support in matters related to the criminal and legal procedure. Working together as a cohesive group of people from varying backgrounds allows us to contribute to the cause from different perspectives, which in turn allows us the ability to provide a more comprehensive service overall.

In 2019 we plan to build upon the foundation the Task Force provided for us. Through the Project BREAK initiative we will continue to provide education and awareness to help prevent the abuse that afflicts our communities, including our families, senior citizens, and today's youth.