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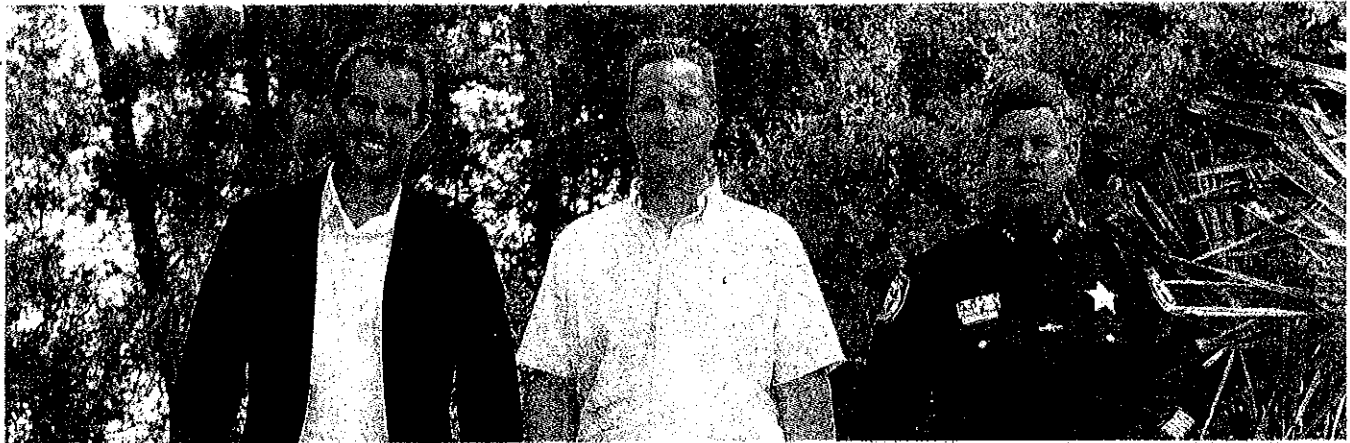
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Cover Story

Area Men Are Invited to "Walk A Mile In Her Shoes"

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Steven Leighton, Bryan Gardner and Indian River County Chief Deputy Bud Spencer

Imagine men walking around in women's high heeled shoes. Then, imagine those same men walking an entire mile in those shoes.

That's what hundreds of Treasure Coast men will do during the month of October, as they participate in the men's march "Walk a Mile In Her Shoes" to benefit SafeSpace, Inc.

Held locally for two consecutive years, this national event now celebrates its 10th anniversary. Since its inception in 2001, thousands of men have participated in "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes," courageously stepping up and out to bring awareness to the increasing problem of domestic violence.

Men in Martin, St. Lucie and Indian River counties will show their support for efforts to end violence against women by walking a mile in red high heeled shoes, raising funds and awareness for SafeSpace's domestic violence programs.

Each year, the "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" men's walk has validated support of local community leaders, businesses, and the women and children who march alongside the shaky high-heeled men. The walk provides the community an opportunity to celebrate men's commitment to the cause and encourages the community to talk about these very important concerns. It is an example of the

old saying: "You can't really understand another person's experience until you've walked a mile in their shoes."

Lt. Jenell Atlas of the Martin County Sheriff's Office and Stephen Leighton, district director for Congressman Tom Rooney, are the co-chairs for the Oct. 1 Martin County walk. SafeSpace board president Theresa Wyres and board member Bryan Gardner are the co-chairs for the Oct. 15 St. Lucie County walk, where Florida Center for Recovery, Inc. is the premier partner. And, Donna Fabean, director of Women's Health at Indian River Medical Center, has teamed up with Indian River County Chief Deputy Bud Spencer to co-chair the Indian River County walk on Oct. 29.

Jill Borowicz, CEO of SafeSpace, comments, "Domestic violence touches all of our lives. Men walking in high heels is a light hearted way to call attention to a very serious problem. The point isn't to torture men's feet by making them wear stiletto heels, it's about stepping up and standing with SafeSpace in the fight against domestic violence in our community."

Join men throughout the Treasure Coast in the effort to raise awareness for SafeSpace. Registration is a \$50 minimum contribution or sponsorship. For additional information or to register, call Tracy Levy at (772) 223-2399.

• SafeSpace is a private, non-profit organization that offers victims of domestic violence safety, support, and

education while empowering positive self-direction of life. SafeSpace provides a haven for abused victims and their children, from Indian River, Martin and St. Lucie counties.

Where To Go	
Martin County	St. Lucie County
Oct. 1: 8:30-10:30 a.m.	Oct. 15: 8:30-10:30 a.m.
Downtown Stuart	Digital Domain Park
Indian River County	
Oct. 29: 8:30-10:30 a.m.	
Indian River Medical Center	

Cover photos provided: (Standing) Donna Fabean, co-chair of the Indian River County walk and director of Women's Health at Indian River Medical Center, Theresa Wyres, co-chair of the St. Lucie County walk and president of Personal Independence Network, Inc., Martin County Sheriff's Lt. Jenell Atlas, co-chair of the Martin County walk, (seated) Indian River County Chief Deputy Bud Spencer, co-chair of the Indian River County walk, Bryan Gardner, co-chair of the St. Lucie County walk and president of MicroTech Systems, Inc., and Stephen Leighton, co-chair of the Martin County walk and District director for Congressman Tom Rooney, have seen to every detail of the three "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" events.



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