



February is **Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month (TDVAM)**. To commemorate this occasion, the Walnut Avenue Family & Women's Center is seeking art submissions from local youth ages 13- 18 focusing on the topics of healthy and unhealthy relationships. We want to know how *you* feel about these topics and uplift your perspectives to the wider community.

The color for TDVAM is **orange**, so feel free to integrate it into your art pieces if you wish to do so. Most importantly, have fun and be as creative as you want to be in this process!

Instructions:

Utilizing your materials, please create a piece responding to only **one** of the prompts below. Your piece should be expressive, should answer the prompt, and should thoroughly utilize the art materials you have at your disposal (such as ceramics, paint, graphic design, etc.). Remember: you can explain more thoroughly what your piece means in your artist's statement--especially if your piece feels abstract.

Healthy Relationships

- PROMPT 1: Consent is key. How do you make sure you get your partner's consent?
- PROMPT 2: Boundaries are healthy. What is one boundary you can set for yourself in a close relationship (either with friends, family, or a romantic partner)?
- PROMPT 3: What is a one example of healthy relationship behavior?

Changing Your Community

- PROMPT 1: Social change starts with you. What is one thing you can do to help stop teen dating violence in your community?
- PROMPT 2: How would you respond if you suspect your friend or classmate was experiencing relationship violence?

Education

- PROMPT 1: Knowledge is power. What is one thing you want other teenagers to know about teen dating violence?
- PROMPT 2: What piece of information about healthy and unhealthy relationships would you share with others?

Please include an artist statement with your piece. Your statement should be 3-4 sentences long. It can be handwritten or typed. In your statement, please answer the following:

- Your name
- Your age
- The title of your work
- The materials you used



- What were you trying to say with your artwork?
- What do you hope others take away from your artwork?
- What did you learn from this experience?
- Briefly describe *how* you made your artwork.

Example artist statement: My name is Michelle Turner. I am 15 years old. This piece is called "Violence is Never the Answer." This piece is saying that it is never okay to hit, slap, kick, name call, ridicule, demean, insult, or bully your partner. I hope that others who view this piece see that teenagers understand what healthy relationships look like and that they remember to never try to intentionally hurt their partner. I learned that anyone can experience teen dating violence, even boys. I made this piece by using watercolor

Additional information

The art submission time period is from February 7th to February 28th, 2022. To submit your work and your artist statement, please send a photo or a digital copy of your piece to Nic Laflin at nlaflin@wafwc.org

Any art submitted to our virtual art show will be used on our social media platforms and on your digital bulletin board at our agency, unless it's otherwise stated by the artist. If you do not want us to share your work on social media or on our digital bulletin board, please make a note of your request in your submission email, and we will only share your art on our art show webpage.

Please include your name, address, and a phone number that we can use to reach you in order to receive a gift card as compensation for the time and effort you put in to creating a submission for this art show.