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The Sudbury Coalition to End Violence Against Women and the M'nidoo Minissing Coalition Against Domestic Violence recently launched the long-awaited "*OUR COMMUNITY OUR PRECIOUS LIVES*" publication on violence against women. The project was proudly sponsored by the Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services.

The information in the "*OUR COMMUNITY OUR PRECIOUS LIVES*" publication outlines issues surrounding violence against women and its effects on children and the community as a whole. This one-of-a kind publication features articles in English, French and Ojibway. The objective was to develop a resource tool containing information in the form of articles from frontline agency workers to assist women experiencing intimate partner abuse and/or family friends and neighbours that know a woman experiencing abuse at the hands of an intimate partner.

The "*OUR COMMUNITY OUR PRECIOUS LIVES*" publication is being distributed throughout various press outlets, community events and functions in the City of Greater Sudbury and Manitoulin Island areas. Ginette Demers co-chair of the Sudbury Coalition To End Violence Against Women, says that the launch of this long-awaited resource tool is timely. The month of November is Woman Abuse Prevention Month and our local efforts are twofold: first, our respective member agencies will be out in full force creating awareness about the programs and services available to assist those affected by woman abuse and the Coalition to End Violence Against Women will continue its mandate to promote an end to violence.

We hope YOU, your families, friends and neighbours will take a stand with us, and declare that violence in all its forms is not tolerated in our community!

For your copy of the publication or for more information please contact:  
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