



Sanctuary, Inc. staff are pictured with Hopkinsville Mayor J.R. Knight and Christian County Judge-Executive Jerry Gilliam during a proclamation reading declaring April as National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month.

TEATIME W/ JULIE-ANNA



Nearly 20 individuals attended this year's teatime event at Milkweed Health and Harmony Emporium on April 13. Sanctuary provided information on healing resources and Reikki Healer Michelle Rodrigues provided introduction to Japanese energy style healing.



Sanctuary staff pose with a few of the items shared with attendees of the teatime event (above). Self care workbooks, reusable tea bags and tote bags were just a few of the items for giveaway!

CHALK THE WALK



Staff from businesses across the Pennyriple participated in the annual Chalk the Walk on April 19, writing encouraging messages to survivors.

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH RECAP

Sanctuary used the month of April to raise awareness and educate the Pennyriple about the prevalence of sexual assault and the impact it has on survivors.

In Kentucky, more than 39% of women and 18% of men have experienced contact sexual violence.

The community came alongside Sanctuary, Inc. by turning the town teal with free blue lightbulbs and by visiting our book display at the local public library, which

featured topics on sexual assault. Sanctuary hosted several events including the annual Chalk the Walk and Denim Day events. A new event titled Teatime with Julie-Anna focused on self-care and healing strategies. To round out the month, local officials received a first look at Sanctuary's new SAFE Room which will provide medical care and forensic exams to those who have experienced sexual assault.



United Southern Bank



Gracious Me!



Tony and Holly Boggess

Local businesses and board members showed their support for survivors by wearing teal throughout the month.

NEW SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSICS EXAM ROOM OPENED MAY 1

Sanctuary, Inc. has opened its SAFE Room where sexual assault survivors can receive a free and confidential exam provided by a trained sexual assault nurse examiner.

A Sexual Assault Forensic Exam, also known as a rape kit, is a physical exam used to collect and preserve DNA evidence from your body and clothes after a sexual assault.

The SAFE Room at Sanctuary, Inc. is open by appointment from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Anyone needing to schedule a SAFE Exam can call Sanctuary's hotline at 1-800-766-0000.

A medical advocate will be available during the exam at the survivor's request. To learn more about the SAFE Room, visit www.thesanctuaryinc.com.



SAFE Room Coordinator Amanda Sholar, APRN shows guests the state-of-the-art equipment which will be used to provide SAFE exams to survivors of sexual assault.



Tracey, Sheila, Katie, Grace, and Betsy wearing denim at Sanctuary for the opening of the SAFE room. Tracey and Betsy are members of the Sanctuary Board of Directors.

THANK YOU LOCAL BUSINESSES FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND HELPING SANCTUARY TURN THE TOWN TEAL

Clayton's Downtown Diner

Davinci at Novadell

Downtown Nutrition

Heather's Homemade Ice Cream

Milkweed Health & Harmony Emporium

The Mixer and Baked

Outer Limits Nutrition, in Madisonville

Sassystuff Consignment

Stella's Soap Co.

Vansauwa's Tacos and Vegan Eats