



DOVE presents domestic violence play “The Yellow Dress”

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DOVE, Inc., the domestic violence agency based in Norfolk County, presented “The Yellow Dress,” a play about teen dating violence, at Quincy and North Quincy High schools on April 30. Juniors at QHS attended the performance, while the production was opened to all grades at NQHS.

“The Yellow Dress” is a one-woman show featuring a teenager wearing a prom dress stained with blood. As she talks about her relationship with her boyfriend, the audience slowly comes to the realization that he has murdered her the day before their school prom.

YouthSpeak is an outreach program DOVE takes to area high schools. It introduces them to the direct services DOVE provides to youth who are primary and secondary victims of domestic violence. A main component is having students learn how to distinguish between healthy and unhealthy relationships.

According to Executive Director Stephanie Flaherty, this production drives home the issue of dating violence, “It really helps students realize dating violence can happen to anyone, and there are support systems out there that can help, like DOVE. I think it’s also important because this play helps young people identify the warning signs of dating violence.”

YouthSpeak is now in its 4th year at Quincy High School and its 2nd year at North Quincy High School.

DOVE is commemorating its 30th year helping individuals affected by domestic violence. Although DOVE’s services are not limited to Norfolk County, it is the only agency of its kind in the county, offering comprehensive domestic violence services and shelter.

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