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Vera House to Host Clothesline Project Culminating
 Event at Carousel Center

*250 shirts will be on display to celebrate the strength and courage
 of survivors of sexual assault*

SYRACUSE, NY – Vera House, Inc. will host a Clothesline project Closing Event on Saturday, May 20 from 10 a.m. – 12 noon at Carousel Center on the Commons Level. Over 250 shirts will be on display, each bearing an individual message of anguish, hope and healing using a variety of media.

These unique works of art are displayed together publicly, forming a tribute to the strength and courage of women, children, and male survivors of sexual assault, celebrating their transformation from victim to survivor. Some quotes that appear on t-shirts made locally include: “It wasn’t my fault”, “Childhood should be a beautiful experience”, “Live your life to the fullest - be proud of who you are” and “Strength is telling, courage is crying”. The local Clothesline project is part of an international effort to educate people about the personal impact of sexual violence.

The Clothesline Project stands as testimony to the enormous effect sexual violence has on our community. Each t-shirt hung on the clothesline is created by someone whose life has been altered inextricably by rape, sexual assault, relationship violence or other forms of sexual violence. For more information about the Clothesline Project, please call Crystal Collette, Vera House Clinician, at 315-425-0818 x235.

Vera House works to end domestic violence and sexual assault in our community through various programs and services. The agency provides a 24-hour crisis, support and information line, and emergency shelter to ensure that women and children are safe from violence. Actively engaged in domestic and

sexual violence education and training in the community, Vera House offers counseling and advocacy services for victims of domestic and sexual violence as well as youth education programs. For more information about Vera House, please visit our web site at www.verahouse.org.

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