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**WESTLAKE HIGH STUDENTS RAISE MONEY TO PREVENT TEEN DATING VIOLENCE FOR *loveisrespect*, NATIONAL TEEN DATING ABUSE HELPLINE BASED IN AUSTIN**

***JUDGE JEANINE PIRRO, HOST OF THE JUDGE JEANINE PIRRO SHOW, IS KEYNOTE SPEAKER***

**Austin, Texas- April 10, 2010-** Students from Westlake High School are raising awareness about the serious issue of teen dating violence and digital abuse, like sexting and constant text messaging, by holding two fundraisers. Judge Jeanine Pirro, host of The Judge Jeanine Pirro Show, will be the guest speaker for both events. Judge Pirro serves on the celebrity board of the National Domestic Violence Hotline. While Judge Pirro was a former District Attorney and County Court Judge, she was recognized for her work as a leading advocate for victims of domestic violence and worked tirelessly to change the landscape of how courts deal with these issues.

**“A Day to Shine: Fashions Morning to Night”** will be hosted at the Austin Country Club. A dessert and fashion show will be held from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. and a dinner, fashion show with celebrity models and live auction will start at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 10 to benefit ***loveisrespect, National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline.***

**GETMAD** (Girls Engaged in Making a Difference) and **GENTS** (Guys Exhibiting Needed Traits in Society), Westlake High School student service organizations, will model attire from Dillard’s for the third annual fashion show to benefit the teen helpline. The teen models will join celebrity models, including Travis County Sheriff Greg Hamilton, KXAN main anchors Robert Hadlock and Leslie Rhode, and Mix 94.7 DJ Heather Rivera, for the evening fashion show. GETMAD and GENTS seek to serve Austin area organizations that are in need of financial assistance.

For more information about teen dating abuse, visit the Helpline on-line at ***loveisrespect.org*** or call **1-866-331-9474/1-866-331-8453 TTY.**

**About loveisrespect**

NDVH launched *loveisrespect*, National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline in 2007, to serve as a source of support and resources for teens involved in dating abuse relationships, their peers, parents, teachers, and friends. The Helpline offers new and innovative services to teens across the country who are experiencing dating abuse and those who are looking to engage in healthy relationships by utilizing technologies that teens use most often: the telephone, web, and chat. Young men and women can anonymously contact trained peer-to-peer advocates by telephone, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. at 1-866-331-9474 or [www.loveisrespect.org](http://www.loveisrespect.org) to chat (IM style).