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Breakfast with the Guys Launches Family Violence Prevention Month

Valleyview, Alberta, October 31, 2017 – The Health, Education and Action in Relationships (HEART) Team hosts its second Breakfast with the Guys on November 1, 2017 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at the Burnside Performing Arts Centre in Valleyview. The event will be catered by volunteers from Valleyview Victims Assistance and is sponsored by Pembina Pipelines together with the HEART Team.

Tuval Dinner Nafshi with the Alberta Council of Women's Shelters will be speaking at the breakfast and share strategies for community based family violence prevention. Following the breakfast a workshop will be held from 8:30 until noon, followed by lunch. Nafshi will customize the workshop content to address participants' questions and concerns.

Lisa Hannaford, Manager of FCSS, explains the importance of Breakfast with the Guys: "This is not a one-off campaign. It's an ongoing conversation aimed at creating awareness, changing the thinking about what is seen as normal, and showing how men can be a part of the solution."

Breakfast with the Guys launches November's Family Violence Prevention Month projects in Valleyview and brings attention to HEART and Green View FCSS' year round programming. The Government of Canada's statistics show Valleyview and High Prairie have among the highest rates of intimate partner violence in Alberta, ranking in the top three communities provincially. Recognizing the serious demand for support services, Green View FCSS provides family violence prevention and intervention programs which assist all ages and genders. Services are available in Valleyview and throughout Greenview.

Two new courses are being offered this fall in partnership with PACE Grande Prairie: Intergenerational Healing, a trauma informed parenting program for parents and caregivers, and Caring Dads, a program which supports parents who have been involved in the abuse or neglect of their children. Supports are also available for men who want to learn about healthy communication and managing their emotions, and for those who have experienced abuse as a child or adult. Information on local services and referrals to organizations like PACE are available by contacting Green View FCSS or any of the HEART partners.

Green View Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) is a partnership between the Alberta Government, Greenview, and the Town of Valleyview that provides support for children, families and seniors in Greenview's communities. Valleyview's HEART Team began working together in the spring of 2014 to address the high rates of domestic violence in the town and surrounding areas. The team consists of Valleyview Victims Assistance, Child and Family Services, RCMP, Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation and Green View FCSS.

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