



T.I. Heads Up New Effort To Stop Domestic Violence

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Posted Oct. 9, 2008 - Domestic violence strikes Black women three times as much as Whites. That alarming figure was revealed by the Violence Policy Center, a national non-profit organization that does research on violence in the

United States. You might find it interesting that those figures have compelled celebrities, particularly male celebrities like T.I., to do something to curb the violence.

In its annual report, "When Men Murder Women: An Analysis of 2006 Homicide Data," the Violence Policy Center said yesterday that 551 African American women were murdered by males in 2006 and that 305 of them were shot dead, mostly during an argument. That's unacceptable says Rapper and Actor T.I., who is one of six celebrities to join forces with Atlanta-based non-profit It's Cool To Be Smart to battle domestic violence this October, which is Domestic Violence Prevention Month. Part of the men's involvement in this national campaign includes their contributions to a new book "Saving Our Daughters: From A Man's Point of View," which addresses several issues plaguing young women and single mothers, including domestic violence.

"It's normally women speaking out against these issues, and we felt that as men, it would be extremely impactful and meaningful for us to take a stand in a way that lets women know that they are supported and valued, while letting men know that they need to seek help," T.I. said in a prepared statement.

Good for T.I. for having the insight to see that men should talk with other young men to break the cycle of violence. I hope he's able to reach them, because one in every four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime according to figures gathered by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. It's numbers like that that T.I. says made him join forces with other men to make their stance against some of these issues.

Scheduled for release in next month, *Saving Our Daughters* is a collection of authentic, candid and unedited memoirs and reflections from female and male celebrities, like T.I., about the importance of positive relationships with family and member of the opposite sex in the successful transition of girls into womanhood. Other celebrities involved with the domestic violence prevention campaign who've contributed to the book include Gary Sturgis and Lamman Rucker, both stars of films produced by Tyler Perry, super-producer Sean Garrett, and Chad Coleman and Anwan Glover, both of the popular television show *The Wire*. The co-authors of the book will also be panelists at the 3rd Annual "See it, Stop it, Prevent it" Teen Domestic Violence Awareness Seminar sponsored by former Miss Black Georgia USA Bessie A. Winn on Saturday, October 25th from 11 am - 2 pm at the FCS Urban Ministries Building located at 750 Glenwood Ave, SE in Atlanta, GA.