
Big Stars and Big Hearts Help Battle Domestic Violence in Atlanta

Popular celebs **T.I.**, **Ne-Yo** and others contribute to new book in support of womens' issues and causes



(Atlanta, GA) – Rapper and Actor **T.I.** is one of six celebrities joining forces with Atlanta-based non-profit organization **It's Cool To Be Smart** in the battle against domestic violence this October, which is Domestic Violence Prevention Month. The men's involvement in this nation-wide campaign is a result of their contributions to the new book titled *Saving Our Daughters: From A Man's Point of View*, which addresses several issues plaguing young women and single mothers, including domestic violence.

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, one in every four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime, and there were over 54,000 reported cases of domestic violence in Georgia in 2006. These alarming statistics combined with other societal pressures resulting from single parenthood and sexual abuse led **T.I.** to join forces with other men to provide words of encouragement to women through literature while also embarking on a public campaign to make their stance against some of these issues known.

“Unfortunately there are too many women in our community who are victims of domestic violence daily, and that needs to change,” said Co-Author & Executive Director of **It's Cool To Be Smart**, Curtis Benjamin.

T.I. also commented, “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.”

Scheduled for release in November, *Saving Our Daughters* is a collection of authentic, candid and unedited memoirs and reflective passages from women and male celebrities, including **T.I.**, about the positive matriculation of girls into womanhood based upon establishing positive relationships with family and the opposite sex and learning from and overcoming past hurts. During the month of October, proceeds from all book sales will be used to support the efforts of local non-profit organizations that provide aid to single mothers who are domestic violence victims.

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 men will participate in interviews on The Porsche Foxx Show on V-103 FM and Praise 97.5 FM in Atlanta on October 16th and

on the Simone Party Show on 101.1 WIZF FM in Cincinnati, OH. 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.

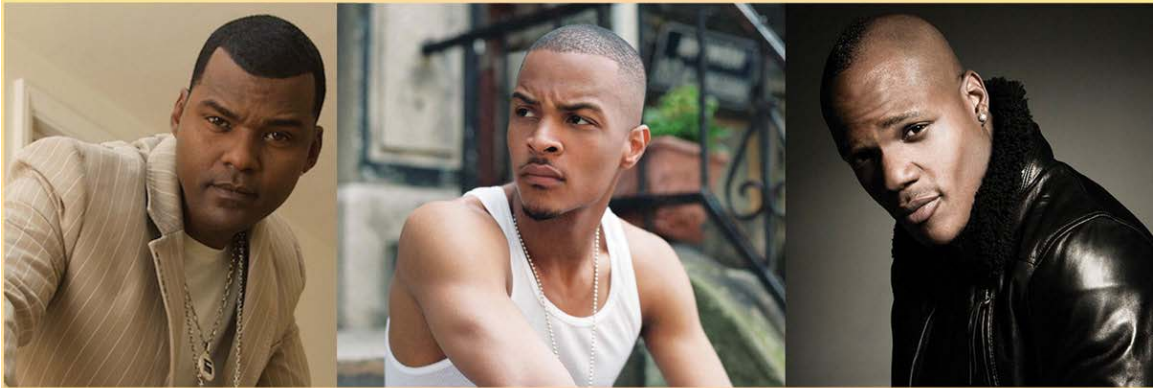
For more information about *Saving Our Daughters* and to pre-order a copy of the book, please visit www.amanspointofview.org. Media interested in scheduling interviews about the book or previewing a copy should contact m320consulting@gmail.com.

About It's Cool To Be Smart:

Founded in 2000, **IT'S COOL TO BE SMART** is a mentoring program for teenage girls which has touched the lives of more 3000 youth across the country, including cities such as Atlanta, Los Angeles, New York, DC, Philadelphia, New Orleans and Chicago. The program's mission is to empower young girls to become future business leaders by creating mentorship opportunities with influential young women in the entertainment industry throughout the nation. For additional information, please visit: <http://www.itscooltobesmart.org/home.html>

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