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Cleveland Rape Crisis Center and the Women's Center of Greater Cleveland Are Co-Hosting Community Forum

Cleveland Rape Crisis Center and the Women's Center of Greater Cleveland are co-hosting a community forum on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Mount Pleasant Branch of Cleveland Public Library, 14000 Kinsman Road, Cleveland, to answer questions about addiction and violence perpetrated against women. The forum is intended for people directly or indirectly impacted by the Anthony Sowell case. Advocates from the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center will share information about resources available to rape survivors and their loved ones. Counselors from the Women's Center will share insights into the disease of addiction.

"The Women's Center recognizes the destruction that has occurred as a result of addiction. Addiction is a disease that alters the brain chemistry in such a way that women may not be able to make rational decisions and evaluate a situation for their own personal safety. Their disease does not diminish their value or their ability to love their families," said Mary Jane Chichester, Executive Director of the Women's Center. The Women's Center operates an outpatient drug and alcohol treatment facility. The telephone number is 216-651-1450.

The mission of the Women's Center of Greater Cleveland is "providing opportunities for women to take greater control over their lives – physically, emotionally and economically. For more information, visit www.womensctr.org.

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