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Stockyard Redevelopment Organization and the Women's Center of Greater Cleveland Are Co-Hosting Community Forum

Stockyard Redevelopment Organization and the Women's Center of Greater Cleveland are co-hosting a community forum on Thursday, December 3, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Breen Center for Performing Arts at St. Ignatius High School, 2008 W. 30th Cleveland, to answer questions about addiction and violence perpetrated against women.

The forum is intended to promote healing in our neighborhoods resulting from the Imperial Avenue murders. Advocates from various social service organizations, Prosecutor's Office and Second Police will share information about resources that are available to the community. Judy Simpson, Vice President of United way Services will serve as the Moderator of the Question & Answer segment.

"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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