



LENA-WINSLOW HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WIN STATEWIDE VIDEO CHALLENGE

Students each received an iPad Pro and their school a \$1,000 grant

Springfield, Ill. – The Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV) today awarded a team of high school students from Lena-Winslow with a \$1,000 grant and iPad Pros for winning first place in the annual NO MORE Teen Dating Abuse video challenge. The grant and technology are courtesy of a HopeLine from Verizon grant.

Now in its fifth year, the ICADV NO MORE Teen Dating Abuse Video Challenge is a competition that invites high school age teens throughout the state to create short PSA-type videos that promote healthy relationships. The videos were judged based on creativity, audience appeal and messaging.

"One in four females and one in seven males in the United States will suffer from relationship violence in their lifetime. And it's imperative that we work together to increase awareness and put an end to teen relationship violence," said Vickie Smith, Executive Director of ICADV at today's event. "I am proud of the students at Lena-Winslow high school for standing up to this issue and sharing great messages about healthy personal relationships among teens."

For more than a decade, Verizon, through its HopeLine program, has been a champion of ending domestic violence. Verizon supports a broad range of programs that include: training health care practitioners and first responders about screening for signs of abuse; engaging men as role models and advocates for prevention; educating teens about preventing dating violence; providing resources for domestic prevention organizations and survivors; and using health information technology to enable better chronic disease outcomes.

To learn more about the challenge and ICADV, or to view the winning videos visit www.ilcadv.org.

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