

the walk

NYC The Teen Dating Violence Awareness Walk-a-Thon™ was founded and is sponsored by The Healing Center. It is New York City's only walkathon to bring awareness to teen dating violence. Each year hundreds of teens, parents and educators gather to hear teens tell their stories of abuse, struggle and triumph in their own words while advocating empowerment. Your participation raises funds for our programs, counseling and referral services, outreach and education related to our Daughters of the Lotus teen program.

the healing center

The Healing Center (THC) is a non-sectarian not-for-profit organization founded in 2000 to help families affected by violence. With seed money from Wheat Ridge Ministries and the community, THC expanded beyond our Brooklyn roots to cover a larger area and address a multitude of needs within diverse populations. Partnered with Bethlehem Lutheran Church, we serve more than 500 women, children, teens and the elderly each year through a variety of services, counseling, workshops and support groups. We provide direct assistance for safety planning, filing police reports, housing options, child custody, immigration rights, court proceedings, obtaining legal counsel, and other issues for victims' and their families' short and long-term well being.

our mission

The Healing Center is committed to the intervention and prevention of family violence, abuse and sexual assault, serving people of diverse faiths, cultures and personal experiences.

about teen dating violence

- Teen dating violence runs across race, gender, sexual identities, and socio-economic lines.
- Intimate partner violence among adolescents is associated with increased substance abuse, weight control issues, sexually risky behavior, pregnancy and suicide.
- One in four teens will experience dating violence.

The Healing Center's Daughters of the Lotus program directly addresses these issues by providing a safe space for teenage girls ages 13-15 to talk about issues important to them, including violence in their homes and community, teen dating violence, healthy relationships, and peer pressure. Girls learn to develop self esteem, and how to express themselves through dialogue, dance, art and literacy activities.

our charter sponsors

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- ☐ Tell me about volunteer opportunities
- ☐ I would like THC to make a presentation at my school or organization