



MEDIA ADVISORY

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THE NEW YORK CITY HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION HOSTS *What is Safe?* AN ART GALLERY EVENT FOR STUDENT ARTISTS TACKLING ISSUES OF RELATIONSHIP VIOLENCE AND ABUSE

Safe Horizon and Limited Brands Inc. team up to produce an exhibit of 100 student artists exploring the meaning of "safe."

WHAT: *WHAT IS SAFE?* ART GALLERY EXHIBIT

WHEN: TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 4:00-7:00 P.M.

WHERE: NEW YORK CITY HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION
180 WATER STREET, 12TH FLOOR

On Tuesday, April 15, 2008, Safe Horizon and Limited Brands Inc. will jointly produce an exhibit displaying art work by 100 students from eight public schools throughout New York City. *What Is Safe?* culminates three months of violence prevention workshops developed in partnership with Limited Brands Inc. volunteers, eight local public schools of the Department of Education and Safe Horizon. The Safe Horizon program is a part of HRA's Relationship Abuse Prevention Program (RAPP), a school-based curriculum created to help teenagers both avoid and deal with existence of relationship abuse in their lives. Through classes, outreach and counseling, students learn to recognize and to change destructive patterns of behavior in their own lives and environment. HRA will host the even at their main offices in lower Manhattan.

With a focus on leadership, empowerment and the development of social, emotional and interpersonal skills, Safe Horizon's workshops offer students ranging in age from 8 to 18 years old the opportunity to address issues of violence in a creative, stable, non-discriminatory setting. Participants are tasked with exploring what "safe" means to them through the use of a variety of art materials, creating sculptures, mobiles, art boards and more.

The event marks the third consecutive school year in which corporate volunteers from Limited Brands – parent company to brands Victoria's Secret, Bath & Body Works, C.O. Bieglow, Henri Bendel, La Senza, and The White Barn Candle Co.– have partnered with Safe Horizon. Each year, volunteers facilitate corporate-style meetings for students so they can plan out both the scope of the project and the celebration that takes place once the project is completed.

Safe Horizon is the nation's leading victim assistance organization and serves over 350,000 people each year who have been touched by violence. Whether responding to child abuse, domestic violence, or other violent crimes, the organization helps victims and their families heal and rebuild their lives. Safe Horizon provides comprehensive services in eight schools throughout New York City, with each program staffed by a full-time, master's-level social worker or counselor. Last year, Safe Horizon staff and 100 peer leaders provided messages of safety and support to over 14,000 students and adults in school communities throughout New York City.

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