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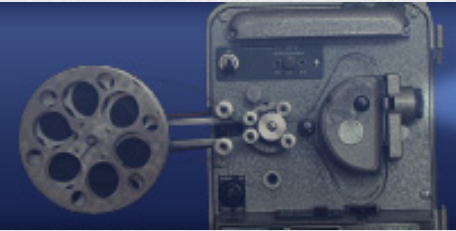
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ATTORNEY GENERAL J.B. VAN HOLLEN AND THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF DANE COUNTY PARTNER IN "PINWHEEL PROJECT"

This new statewide effort, organized by the Department of Justice Office of Crime Victim Services, is designed to raise awareness of the impact of violence on children and will include an event TOMORROW.

MADISON — Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen and Michael Johnson, CEO of the Boys & Girls Club of Dane County, are pleased to announce a new effort, ahead of this year's Crime Victims' Rights Week, designed to raise awareness of the impact of violence on children. This year, through a five-thousand dollar grant, the Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of Crime Victim Services (OCVS) is spearheading the "Pinwheel Project" in more than 50 counties across Wisconsin. As part of the project, victim/witness coordinators statewide each received 100 pinwheels and a yard sign, as well as bookmarks and posters for distribution, to highlight the impact of crime on our state's most vulnerable, our children.

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As a leader in positive youth development, the Boys & Girls Club of Dane County has partnered with the Attorney General and the DOJ's Office of Crime Victim Services in this effort. On Tuesday, April 9, 2013, before touring the State Capitol, children, Club leaders, the Attorney General and the OCVS gathered for a photo at the Capitol with pinwheels in hand in support of this year's "Pinwheel Project: Turning Toward Awareness." [Click Here for Photo](#)

Tomorrow, kids from the Club's Allied Drive location, Club leaders, CEO Michael Johnson, Attorney General Van Hollen, Jill Karofsky, Director of the DOJ's Office of Crime Victim Services and OCVS staff will gather at the Allied Family Center, located at 4619 Jenewein Road in Fitchburg around 3:30 pm, to set up more than 100 pinwheels for outdoor display. Media are encouraged to attend. (In the event of inclement weather, the event will proceed indoors.)

"These pinwheels serve to remind people that their actions may directly and negatively impact the young people in their lives, and to remind those impacted by crime that there are many people who care about their well-being and want to provide assistance. I'm thankful to Michael Johnson, Club leaders and the young people they serve for helping us spread this important message of prevention and awareness," Attorney General Van Hollen said.

"We want to do all we can to ensure young people are deterred from a life of crime. We also want to inform, educate and protect them to decrease their chance of becoming a crime victim. We are thankful that our kids will be joining the Attorney General to kick off this project," Michael Johnson, CEO of the Boys & Girls Club of Dane County, said.

About the Boys & Girls Club of Dane County

The Boys & Girls Club of Dane County is a local not-for-profit youth development organization that serves nearly 3,000 young people every year. The Club fuels kids with the inspiration to dream and teaches them the skills to achieve when they are most impressionable through quality programs in five core areas: Character & Leadership Development; Health & Life Skills; The Arts; and Sports, Fitness and Recreation. For additional information about the Clubs and their programs, please visit www.bgcdc.org.

The statewide "Pinwheel Project: Turning Toward Awareness" is one of a number of events this month to recognize Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 21-27, 2013. **On April 23, 2013, the Wisconsin Department of Justice and the Wisconsin Crime Victims Council will hold their**

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annual Crime Victims' Rights Week Ceremony in the State Capitol Rotunda (balcony level) at noon. This year, the *2013 Champion of Victims' Rights Awards* will be presented in honor of many who have gone above and beyond in their support of victims' rights in Wisconsin.

Please visit the following link for downloadable and printable posters in English and Spanish: [Office of Crime Victim Services](#)

More photos from the Club's visit to the Capitol are available at the following link: [Photo Gallery](#)

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