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Domestic-violence program simulates victims' experiences

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A program about domestic violence Sunday in Phoenix will allow participants to simulate some experiences of battered women.

The program, called "In Her Shoes," is open to the public and runs 1 to 3 p.m. at UMOM New Day Centers, 3333 E. Van Buren St.

Attendees will take on the identity of a domestic-violence victim by receiving a bio of a victim when they arrive, and they will proceed to various stations to simulate talks with police and lawyers. One exercise will be an attempt to obtain a restraining order.

The group will convene to discuss lessons learned and misconceptions.

Attendees are asked to consider bringing a pillow, bath towel or sheet to donate to UMOM's domestic-violence shelter. Donations are not required.

The program is co-sponsored by UMOM, a large homeless shelter for families, and the Phoenix/Scottsdale chapter of the National Organization for Women.

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