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#MuteRKelly National Co-Founder, Kenyette Tisha Barnes, Speaking at Anti-Sexual Violence Fundraiser in Cincinnati

CINCINNATI— The national co-founder of popular social movement #MuteRKelly will speak at the annual fundraiser, Shine the Light, for the Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence (OAESV) this Saturday at The Sanctuary event center. Kenyette Tisha Barnes will deliver a keynote, “From Survivor, to Fighter: Translating Sexual Violence into Activism,” focused on how survivors can take action to end sexual violence in their communities. Her keynote will support the fifth annual fundraiser for the statewide anti-sexual assault agency that supports, trains, and advocates for the 32 rape crisis centers in Ohio.

Barnes has served as an expert on sexual violence issues, and has been featured on BBC, CNN, The New York Times, The Washington Post, NPR, The Atlanta Journal Constitution, HLN, ABC, NBC, CBS, and several other news outlets. She has been honored by the City of Philadelphia City Council and The City of Detroit City Council, for her work with the #MuteRKelly Movement; and served as a speaker on HIV, human trafficking, sexual violence prevention, and social justice at several academic institutions including Spelman College and Temple University.

“More than ever, we are witnessing the testimonies of survivor after survivor coming forward. It is on us to stand with and elevate the voices of survivors, and to hold perpetrators accountable, so that abuse in our homes, schools, sports teams, workplaces, places of worship, and neighborhoods is no more,” says OAESV Board President, Emily Resnik.

The yearly fundraiser helps to support OAESV’s services, which include legal aide, public policy advocacy, prevention education training, advocate training, technical assistance, and resource development. The services provided to survivors, advocates, and community organizations cannot be sustained without the support of donations, such as those received during Shine the Light.

Supporters are encouraged to stay connected with the organization via their website and social media platforms. If you’d like to help OAESV with their mission, you can donate to the organization, volunteer for OAESV projects that serve survivors, and purchase tickets for the 6th Annual Shine the Light in September 2020.

The recording of the keynote will be posted on OAESV’s online platforms following the event.

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As Ohio's statewide coalition, OAESV advocates for comprehensive responses and rape crisis services for survivors and empowers communities to prevent sexual violence.

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