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ContactLifeline and Ezion Fair Baptist Church Launch *Men of Strength* Club

ContactLifeline is pleased to announce that it has partnered with Ezion Fair Baptist Church of Wilmington, Delaware to establish Delaware's first *Men of Strength (MOST)* Club. Men of Strength is a project of Men Can Stop Rape, a national organization that strives to redefine the concepts of masculinity and male strength, engaging and re-educating young men towards the crucial goal of eliminating violence against women.

The MOST Club will provide young high school men a safe, structured and supportive space to connect with male peers, exploring healthy aspects of male masculinity and strength. Employing a curriculum endorsed by the National Crime Prevention Council, the program is designed to expose these young men to healthier, non-violent models and positive visions of manhood. At the end of the 20 week session, the young men become ambassadors on these topics, themselves serving as speakers for community groups and among their peers.

The new MOST Club is seeking to recruit 10 to 15 young men between the ages of 13 and 18 to participate in the first session of a twenty week program. Participants must be nominated to the program by a parent or other adult. From among those nominated, a committee will select between 10 and 15 candidates to participate. Two presentations and nomination sessions are scheduled for those interested in being a part of the MOST Club. The sessions will be held at Ezion Fair Baptist Church, located at 1400 B Street in Wilmington, on October 12, 2011 and October 19, 2011, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The first session of the MOST Club will be held at Ezion Fair Baptist Church on November 2, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. Student participants will be served dinner then and during subsequent sessions. Each session lasts one hour.

ContactLifeline is a nonprofit organization that provides a comprehensive program of crisis services for Delawareans in crisis. Those services include Delaware's only 24/7 *Crisis Helpline* and *Information/Referral* service, helping individuals at risk of self-harm, sexual assault victims and others; Rape Crisis Counseling; Hospital Accompaniment for victims of sexual assault; Rape Aftercare support and Sexual Assault Prevention Education. ContactLifeline also facilitates the *Sexual Assault Network of Delaware*.

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