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Women Writing for (a) Change V-Day Event – Repeat Performance!

*Cincinnati, OH--*Women Writing for (a) Change will present its annual V-Day event a second time on March 14. This powerful program consists of readings from *A Memory, A Monologue, A Rant and A Prayer*, a groundbreaking collection of monologues by world-renowned authors and playwrights, edited by Eve Ensler and Mollie Doyle. V-Day is a global activist movement aimed at stopping violence toward women and girls. Proceeds from both the previous and the repeat event benefit the Cincinnati YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter.

Originally presented on February 14, five inches of fresh snowfall and dangerous travel conditions threw a significant damper on plans, but the show went on! All who managed to make it to the event witnessed a compelling evening highlighting the problem of violence against women around the world and in our own community. Because many were unable to be there, including several performers, a reprise has been scheduled for March 14th. For more details on this event to benefit the Cincinnati YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter, and to register to attend, please visit <http://www.womenwriting.org/home/programs.html>.

Ensler and Doyle's *A Memory, A Monologue, A Rant and A Prayer* was commissioned by V-Day for the first V-Day: UNTIL THE VIOLENCE STOPS festival, which took place June 2006 in New York City. Beyond the time constraint of five minutes or less and the theme of women and violence, each monologue was for the writer to realize. No constructs, restrictions, or rules. A fantasy of a world where there is no violence. A poem about the physics of a slap. A memory. These writings are inspired, funny, angry, heartfelt, tragic, and beautiful. Together they create a true and profound portrait of how violence against women affects every one of us. *A Memory, A Monologue, A Rant, and A Prayer* is a call to the world to demand an end to violence against women.

V-Day is a global activist movement to end violence against women and girls that raises funds and awareness through benefit productions of Playwright/Founder Eve Ensler's award winning play *The Vagina Monologues* and other artistic works. The V-Day movement has raised over

\$100 million; educated millions about the issue of violence against women and the efforts to end it; crafted international educational, media and PSA campaigns; reopened shelters; and funded over 13,000 community-based anti-violence programs and safe houses. V-Day's most recent global campaign, ONE BILLION RISING, galvanized over one billion women and men on a global day of action towards ending violence against women and girls. V-Day has received numerous acknowledgements and awards and is one of the Top-Rated organizations on both Charity Navigator and Guidestar.

Women Writing for (a) Change, located in Silverton, offers writing programs for women, girls and teens, plus coed classes and outreach into the community. For over 20 years, Women Writing for (a) Change has pursued its mission by providing a safe and non-competitive environment for individuals to develop their writing skills, strengthen their voices, cultivate their creativity, build community and become empowered to create positive change. Writing is encouraged as a process for self discovery and self expression—a celebration of the individual voice. Information on Women Writing for (a) Change can be found at www.womenwriting.org or by calling 272-1171.

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Joint photo caption: Women Writing for (a) Change V-Day event readers Laurie Fitzgerald Althaus; Holly Dehner and Jori Cotton