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***Silhouettes* showcases anti-violence messages in public places**

WHITEHORSE—*Silhouettes*, part of the Am I the Solution? campaign, is being displayed in a number of public places from November 28 to December 6 as a complement to the 12 Days to End Violence Against Women, minister responsible for the Women's Directorate Elaine Taylor announced today.

"*Silhouettes* focuses on Yukoners thinking about the issue of violence against women and children and what we as individuals can do to help influence the end of violence in our communities," Taylor said. "Through social art, *Silhouettes* is another means of provoking discussion and action in our daily lives to end violence against women."

The display consists of five large, free-standing wooden silhouettes of women. Visitors are invited to write what they will do to help end the circle of violence against women in their daily life on the Take Action silhouette. The public can also make an action pledge using an on-site iPad or on the Facebook page.

Each of the five silhouettes explores a different aspect of violence: statistics, women's resistance to violence, bystander response to violence and pledges to end violence.

Silhouettes is an initiative of the interagency working committee on prevention of violence which comprises Les EssentiElles, Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre, the Yukon Status of Women Council, Kaushee's Place and the Women's Directorate. The committee developed the concept and researched the content for each silhouette, created by artist Sonja Ahlers. Local carpenter Lymond Hardy cut wood panels into five silhouettes of women and content was added to give life to each silhouette.

For more information visit www.womensdirectorate.gov.yk.ca.

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