Cell Phone Drive

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Today marks the beginning of domestic violence awareness month. It’s an epidemic that affects one in three women and one in four men.

There’s a simple way you can help with this issue. Amy Bingham explains what it is in this week’s View from the Hill.

How many of you have one of these in a drawer at home that you no longer use? Cell phones, chargers even cases are being collected on campus this month as a way to support domestic violence organizations.

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Hopeline from Verizon Cell Phone Drive

Runs through October 16

Drop Off Locations:

DSU Information desk

Diddle Arena

Alice Rowe Learning Assistance Center, C234, WKU South Campus

Gender & Women’s Studies Center, 1532 State Street

Couseling and Testing Center, Potter Hall Rm 409

Institute for Citizenship and Social Justice, Tate Page Hall Rm 110

“I went through my house and found four old cell phones and a half/dozen chargers that didn’t connect to anything anymore. It was great to get rid of those and to donate to a good cause.”

These boxes labeled HopeLine from Verizon can be found at about a half dozen locations around campus.

Through October 16th, you can rid your home of any electronic debris and it will be recycled or refurbished in the name of domestic violence.

“One of my colleagues brought in a whole bunch of phones and said I don’t think they can use these they are old, hard core phones you could run over and never break or shatter and I said yes, you can at least dial 911 if needed.”

Elizabeth Madariago has been working at WKU’s Counseling and Testing Center for the past fifteen years. She says it’s important to keep the issue of domestic violence at the forefront.

“I think the spotlight that has come on college campuses regarding interpersonal violence, which includes domestic violence, dating violence, sexual violence and stalking. I think that light brings awareness and puts a spotlight on us.”

Because of cell phone drives like this, Verizon has donated 25 billion dollars to domestic violence shelters and programs around the country since 2001.

6:38 “It’s not just a woman’s issue, it’s a community issue.”

If you have old cell phones or chargers you would like to donate, you can do so through October 16th at the following locations:

DSU Information Desk

Diddle Arena

South Campus

Gender & Women’s Studies Center on State Street

Counseling & Testing Center in Potter Hall

And Tate Page Hall room 110.

With this week’s View from the Hill, I’m Amy Bingham.

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