

Public Safety Presentation

**Sponsored by The Rotary Club of Richfield in
cooperation with the Department of Public Safety**

“Fighting Sexual Assault”

**featuring
Angela Champagne-From,
sexual assault victim and founder
of The Fight Back Project**

**Thursday, May 3, 6:30 PM
Richfield Middle School
7461 Oliver Ave. South**

On April 19, 2012, Angela Champagne-From was attacked at 4 o'clock in the afternoon in a Minneapolis parking ramp. She kicked, screamed and fought her attacker, even after being stabbed in the abdomen. He backed off, saying, "You're lucky you're a fighter."

Following her recovery, Angela founded The Fight Back Project to “educate and empower” women and girls to fight sexual assault. In presentations to schools, businesses, and community groups, Angela draws on her experience to show why it’s important to be

aware of your surroundings, recognize suspicious persons, and be able to defend yourself and recover emotionally if attacked.

What other say...

Angela presented her message at our middle school and we received outstanding feedback from students and staff. . .Her powerful story grabs the students' attention and paves the way into her tips for personal safety.

- John Droubie, Dean of Students, Isanti Middle School/Minnesota Center

When Angela's story aired it received an overwhelming response. It was a true story of survival, inspiration, and redemption. Later, our website was flooded with people wanting to read and watch how Angela ["fought back"] and how she is now sharing that inspirational message with other young women. At WCCO, we've covered a lot of stories that open your eyes but this one definitely ranks near the top. Give her a listen and you'll see for yourself.

- John Lauritsen, reporter, WCCO

For more information and additional testimonials, go to [http://
thefightbackproject.weebly.com/](http://thefightbackproject.weebly.com/)

**Women and Girls -
and others who care about them -
should plan to attend this important presentation!**

From Jean Fox:

This program will serve as an important public service, an excellent opportunity to partner with the City of Richfield in a significant way, and an excellent membership recruitment opportunity.

Listed below are what I see as the next steps, along with the names of individuals who have made volunteer commitments to date:

Task	Rotary Volunteer(s)
Web site and Facebook Posts	Jean Fox
Placement on Chamber of Commerce events calendar	Jean Fox
Contact Andrew Wigg (Sun Current) about event promotion/article/press release	Jean Fox
Create and print a flyer to hang on various bulletin boards such as schools, churches, YMCA or other public spaces	Barb Devlin (<i>Note: will need funds to pay for printing</i>)
Distribute flyers	Barb Devlin, Pam Serdar (More volunteers needed)
Contact and work with Richfield Public Safety on how they can promote the event	Barb Devlin

Attend meetings of other groups (e.g. Chamber of Commerce, Optimists, other Rotary Clubs, City Council) to build awareness of the event and encourage attendance.	Barb Devlin (More volunteers needed)
Help out at the event	Pam Serdar (More volunteers needed)
Create / update Richfield Rotary marketing materials for distribution at the event	Membership co-chairs Laura Briggs and Barb Devlin
Attend the event	All Richfield Rotarians should plan to attend, and bring others with you!

I am open to any and all additional ideas and volunteers – the most important thing is that we get started now because we cannot wait until the last minute if we want to be successful! Please call me (612-810-5044) or email me today with your comments and commitments.

Thanks! I see this as another signature project for our club that will give us lots of positive exposure and well as providing a wonderful service to the community.