



Sojourner House
committed to ending domestic violence

MEDIA ADVISORY

What: A Video Game Rhode Island Can Be Proud Of!

- **PHOTO OPPORTUNITY:** Sojourner House releases first of its kind in the country online video game focused on healthy relationships

When: Monday, November 19th
10:00 am

Where: Highlander Charter School
42 Lexington Avenue
Providence, RI

Details:

- (1) Sojourner House releases *The Real Robots of Robot High*, a video game based curriculum that helps kids understand relationship systems and how to make them better. The curriculum and companion lesson plans combine gameplay, motion comics and digital creation to help middle school students learn about and build healthy relationships.
- (2) The video game is the result of *Start Strong Rhode Island*, a grant Sojourner House received in 2008 from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to create new ways to prevent teen dating violence and abuse. Sojourner House was one of only eleven programs in the country chosen for the new initiative focusing on preventing intimate partner violence.
- (3) *Start Strong* is the largest initiative ever funded to prevent teen dating violence and abuse by teaching 11 to 14 year olds about healthy relationships. This innovative approach to prevention is rallying entire communities to promote healthy relationships and prevent teen dating violence in middle schools.

Scheduled to speak and available for interviews:

- Vanessa Volz, Executive Director of Sojourner House
- Senator Sheldon Whitehouse
- Providence Mayor Angel Taveras
- A teen that helped create the video game

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