

PRESS RELEASE

VICTORY : From Shadow To Light A Documentary on the Experience of Conjugal Violence

On Thursday March 10, 2016, not a seat was left empty at Cinéma Guzzo's (Marché Central) Hall 4 as **200 people** attended the special screening of ***Nίκη (Victory): From Shadow to Light***.

This touching and emotional documentary shows the difficult reality of 5 women from different, ethno-cultural communities, who were all at one time, victims of conjugal violence. In this film they each give a personal account of the overwhelming obstacles that they faced on their journey towards a life without violence.

This documentary also includes Interviews with doctors, social workers, police officers, spiritual leaders and media representatives, to help the audience gain a better understanding of what community support means for the victims.

"Victory" is also an audio-visual resource to be included as part of a national strategy on conjugal violence - engagement 10 - under "Prevention of violence and promotion of non-violence", in the five year plan on conjugal violence, 2012-2017, of the Quebec Government.

Conjugal violence affects all of Quebec society. But when it involves women from ethno cultural communities, it takes on a much different perspective. Often isolated, (socially, linguistically, and economically) they are faced with many more barriers that may impede their access to existing resources.

Nίκη (Victory): From shadow to Light is a message of hope, as well as a testimony to the resilience of these women. The film reminds us that is always possible to have a better life, free from violence, with a view to a more peaceful and positive future.

We would like to thank: **Vincent and Maria Guzzo for sponsoring this event. Other collaborators include: Costco, McDonald's, Casey's Grill & Bar.** Special Presenters for this event were: **Dr. Banafcheh Hejazi – Family Doctor, Marie Griffith - owner of Mike FM, and Julie Normand – Officer with the SPVM.**

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