

LEVI coordinators honored by MESA

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During the Fifth Annual Brave, Bold and Beautiful event on Oct. 13, MESA (Moving to End Sexual Assault) honored Trish Wood and Kim Heard, the coordinators for LEVI (Longmont Ending Violence Initiative), with MESA's Prevention Education Community Partner Award.

The purpose of the award was to recognize LEVI for playing a key role in helping MESA meet its mission during the past year.

Specifically, Trish and Kim were recognized for their work this past June in conducting the White Ribbon Campaign, the world's largest effort to engage men in working to end violence against women and girls.

As part of the campaign, the two LEVI coordinators placed 30 large white ribbons on Main Street, wrote columns that appeared in Longmont Life and City Line, ran newspaper ads and printed 15,000 beverage coasters with a message of men's responsibility in ending violence against women.

The coasters were distributed to restaurants through-

out Longmont. As a result of LEVI's efforts, thousands of Longmont residents were reached through this campaign.

The Brave, Bold and Beautiful event is MESA's signature annual event, during which the organization honors survivors of sexual assault as well as community partners who have played key roles in helping police meet their mission during the past year.

The mission of Moving to End Sexual Assault is to end the suffering in our community caused by sexual assault. We believe every person has the right to live free of sexual assault. Through our client services, we are here to help sexual assault survivors and their loved ones today. Through our prevention education programs, we are working toward changing tomorrow to ensure a world free of sexual assault.

Since 1972, MESA has been the only rape crisis center serving Boulder and Broomfield counties. It serves more than 1,000 individuals annually through our Rape Crisis & Information Hotline.