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Georgia Southern Health Services donates more than \$2,500 to The Teal House

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EIDonna Hilde, SANE Coordinator (left) and Megan Mercer, executive director of the Teal House, accept a donation from Georgia Southern's Health Services, presented by Gemma Skuraton, Health Promotion coordinator at Georgia Southern, and Diane Norris, director of Health Services at Georgia Southern.

Georgia Southern University Health Services is doing its part to help the Statesboro community by donating \$2,777.76 to The Teal House, Statesboro's Regional Sexual Assault and Child Advocacy Center.

The donation was made possible by proceeds raised during this year's Denim Day fundraiser on the University's three campuses. Denim Day has served as an international symbol of protest against negative attitudes toward victims of sexual assault ever since a 1998 Italian Supreme Court ruling overturned a rape conviction, suggesting the victim's tight jeans implied consent.

"Denim Day signifies the importance of believing in humanity, in standing with victims and not shaming them," said Director of Health Services Diane Norris, RN, BSN. "We knew we wanted to share this campaign with our University community and to let everyone know we have resources available to help victims in similar situations."

More than 450 University faculty and staff on all campuses participated in the initiative, each purchasing the student-designed shirts for the campaign and wearing them in solidarity on April 25, this year's Denim Day.

The proceeds from the shirts were donated in June directly to The Teal House, a community resource that provides education regarding sexual assault prevention, a direct response to victims of sexual assault and advocacy for sexual assault victims, to aid in those services.

"I'm so proud of our University community for coming together to make this fundraiser such a huge success," said Health Promotion Coordinator Gemma Skuraton. "It was amazing to see a sea of teal shirts throughout our campuses, each representing such a worthy cause."

For more information on Health Services, including counseling services regarding sexual assault, visit GeorgiaSouthern.edu/HealthServices.

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