April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

16% of American women have been the victim of an attempted or completed rape in their lifetime.

3% of American men have experienced an attempted or completed rape in their lifetime.

21% of transgender, genderqueer, nonconforming college students have been sexually assaulted.

Every 98 seconds another person experiences a sexual assault.

Statistics from RAINN.org
You can walk away from a statistic, but you can't walk away from a friend.
Wait, what's sexual assault?

It's never the survivor's fault.

Sexual assault is a crime based on perceived power and control, and exists in many different forms, including:

- **Unwanted touching and/or fondling**
- **Rape and attempted rape**
- **Forcing someone to perform sexual acts**
- **It can be verbal (threats) or visual (taking sexual pictures without consent)**

Information from womenshealth.gov
YOU'RE NOT ALONE.

According to MU's Campus Climate Survey in 2015,

27.2% of female undergraduates reported "nonconsensual sexual contact (ranging from unwanted kissing to assault) involving physical force or incapacitation since they entered MU."

5.9% of male undergraduates reported "nonconsensual sexual contact involving physical force or incapacitation since they entered MU."

More than 28% of MU students "believe that sexual assault and misconduct are very or extremely problematic for the university."

Information from civilrights.missouri.edu
Many perpetrators of sexual violence know the victim/survivor. 

*But that doesn't mean it's not an assault.*

"Approximately 3 out of 4 sexual assaults are committed by someone known to the victim, such as in the case of intimate partner sexual violence or acquaintance rape."

- RAINN.org

Statistics from RAINN.org
Have you been affected by sexual assault? Just remember, you are not alone. We believe your story, and we support you.
RESOURCES

Have you, a friend, or a loved one experienced sexual assault? Here are some resources to share.

RSVP (Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention) Center

Provides advocacy, limited case management, and referrals for those who have experienced sexual assault or are seeking resources. Works with MU community members in crisis.
Also offers education and prevention programming to community. Confidential.

True North Shelter

Provides a safe space for survivors of violence and their minor children, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Provides legal and medical advocacy for survivors, community outreach, and many more services to Columbia. Confidential.

MU Counseling Center and 24-hour hotline

Offers resources, professional help and referrals to students and community members in crisis. If you or a friend are facing a crisis after hours, give the Counseling Center's 24-hour hotline a call at 573-882-6601. Confidential.
MORE RESOURCES

Student Health Center
Provides individual and group counseling. Works within an integrated model of care: psychologists and social workers collaborate with psychiatrists, physicians, and other health care professionals working together to provide comprehensive and individually tailored care.
Confidential.

University Hospital's Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE)
Provides forensic exams, STI/STD treatment, emergency contraception and other resources. A SANE exam is free of charge for survivors, and trained advocates are available to stay with survivors during the process.
Confidential.

The LEAD Institute
Provides leadership through education, advocacy, crisis intervention services, counseling and other direct services for Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Deaf/Blind, and Late Deafened victims, survivors, and their families.
Confidential.

Office of Civil Rights and MU Police Department
Title IX

This is not an exhaustive list.
Visit rsvp.missouri.edu for more resource information.