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Neighbours, Friends and Families Engages Men to Stop Abuse

Toronto, When Canadians remember the 14 young women murdered at l'École Polytechnique de Montréal this December 6, it will be with sorrow and regret. But there may also be hope, thanks to a campaign called Neighbours, Friends and Families (NFF).

A partnership between the government of Ontario and the Centre for Research and Education on

Violence against Women and Children, Neighbours, Friends and Families is an innovative campaign that focuses not on statistics to effect change, but on action and awareness. And its target audience is not just women who are abused, but also concerned fathers, brothers, uncles, and others in their community.

Currently operating in over 140 communities in Ontario, Neighbours, Friends and Families is a community-driven grassroots campaign to raise awareness of the signs of woman abuse. Neighbours, Friends and Families is supported by the Ontario government and facilitated by the University of Western Ontario's Centre for Research and Education on Violence against Women and Children. The NFF campaign makes information available to enable people close to an at-risk woman or an abusive man so they can help. Information is available in over 12 languages, with additional resources for Francophone and Aboriginal communities. For more information: www.neighbours-friendsandfamilies.ca. ■

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General Richard Blanchette, spokesman for NATO's International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Afghanistan. The effort was the result of tripartite meetings between ISAF, the Afghan military and Pakistani forces, he said.

"This is not only a co-operation in the execution. This is also a co-operation that has happened in the planning," Blanchette said. The pressure on Taliban on both sides of the border may hamper their usual winter withdrawal from Afghanistan into Pakistan's Tribal Areas, analysts say. ■