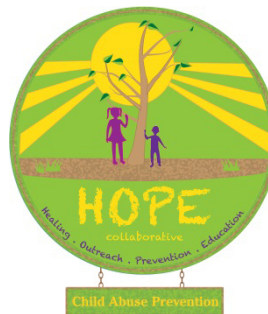


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## **OCTOBER DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS FROM THE EYES OF THE CHILD**

Hemet, CA (OCTOBER 7, 2015) – October is the designated domestic violence awareness month. Often times children are the forgotten victims of domestic violence. HOPE Collaborative, the child abuse prevention council of Riverside County, is sponsoring a movie discussion night to bring awareness to domestic violence, but from the eyes of children traumatized by it. This event is free and open to the public. It is being held at the Historic Hemet Theatre, located at 216 E. Florida Avenue, Hemet, CA on October 7, 2015 from 4-7pm, in collaboration with the Hemet Sunset Rotary Club, and representatives from Hemet/San Jacinto Chamber of Commerce, Millions Kids, and the Hemet area Lions Club.

The film for discussion, “The Children Next Door”, directed by Doug Block, documents the story of a mother and her four children after experiencing a domestic violence incident that ended with a fatal result. A post discussion, facilitated by HOPE Collaborative, will include shared thoughts and dialogue about the movie with the community and local organizations and a discussion about ways domestic violence can be prevented and resources being offered to support traumatized children and families.

Parents, professionals, seniors, community leaders, and students -- anyone seeking to help or be helped in domestic violence is invited. RSVP's are being accepted now: contact Cynthia Ramirez at (951) 686-1096 or [cramirez@fsaca.org](mailto:cramirez@fsaca.org). Free food for RSVP guest will be provided and children are welcome.

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