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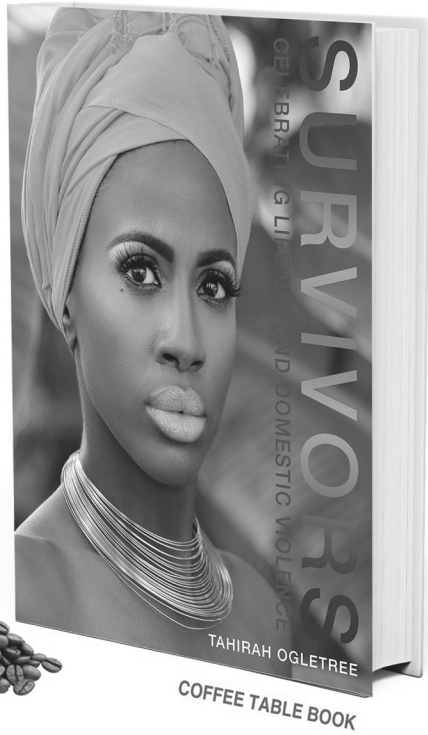
## New Book, Apparel Line Focus On Domestic Violence

Edited by AZI Staff

According to the National Domestic Violence Hotline, an average of 24 people per minute are victims of rape, physical violence or stalking by an intimate partner in the United States. That's more than 12 million people over the course of a year. It's ironic that in the same month (October) that domestic violence is observed, horrific travesties like the Tempe father who deliberately drove his entire family into the lake and drowned them occurs.

Domestic violence isn't a new issue, it doesn't occur only in October, and people must grow even more aware of the spiraling epidemic throughout the year. Starting the conversation is the most powerful element in healing and saving lives.

Author and survivor Tahirah Ogletree accomplishes it with this in her newly released *Survivor's Celebrating Life Beyond Domestic Violence* coffee table book. Along with an array of powerful, uplifting inspirations from world-renowned leaders, 14 heroic domestic violence survivors share their vivid tear-jerking testimonials, including two-



time Olympic Gold Medalist and former WNBA All-Star Champion Ruthie Bolten's untold story.

This book proves that no matter what you might be facing, everyone can heal and move forward with faith, forgiveness, strength and perseverance. It targets not just physical and sexual abuse, but other key factors such as psychological and emotional. The book provides an in-

depth look at how perpetrators terrorize and manipulate victims – sometimes to the point of death.

While the book educates on the epidemic of domestic violence, it also gives hope and positive light to its readers through encouragement, self-proclamation, and education on behaviors associated with domestic violence. It also has a list of 24 hour domestic violence hotlines for victims and batterers with highly trained advocates for immediate support and so much more!

After 16 years, Tahirah Ogletree, actress, charismatic leader, and indie filmmaker, broke her silence as a domestic violence survivor by advocating for those struggling to live beyond the power of the fist. Tahirah has dedicated her life to loving others and showing them how to become all that God has intended them to be.

This book is intended as a celebration of beauty that all survivors have within, and in knowing that with God, perseverance and belief in oneself, you can become an unstoppable force of success. It is dedicated to every victim and survivor of domestic violence. *Continued on Page 8*

### DECEMBER COALITION CALENDAR

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**American Legion Post #65** – 602-268-6059-1624 E. Broadway. Sunday Karaoke cash prizes 8 p.m. Happy Hour Mondays 5 p.m. Tuesday line dancing instruction – 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, pool tournament night. Also Ole School Wednesday and free line dancing classes, 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Ladies and Games night. Friday, Happy Hour 4:00 – 7 p.m. appetizers and music. Saturday Annie Mae's Kitchen with Bessie Childress for lunch & dinner 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Football Sunday all games.

**Elks Lodge #477** – 602-254-1772, 1007 S. 7th Avenue. Monday Domino tournaments starts 6 p.m. Tuesday Member's Night. Thursday karaoke, 7 p.m. Friday Ladies Night. Free pool 9 to 11 p.m. Saturday breakfast with Christie Turner 9 to 11 a.m. and lunch 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, MJ & Tru Fish Fry 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Ms. Lena's Tacos & More noon – 4:30 p.m. Kenny G. Project Band 5:30 to 10 p.m. Football Sundays. Coalition Children's Christmas Party, Saturday, December 19, noon to 2 p.m.

**Sportsman Social Club** - 943 W. Watkins Road – 602-252-7153 – Birthday parties every Saturday. Back Yard Boogie cookout Sundays starting at 4 p.m. Margarita Mondays, Tequila Tuesdays and karaoke Tuesday nights at 8 p.m., Whipped Wednesdays and Ladies Night & Pool. Thankful Thursdays and Men's Night every Thursday 8 p.m. Sunday Afternoon Football starts at 1 p.m. Ugly XMAS sweater party Friday, Dec. 14. Family & friends Christmas party Dec. 19. New Year's Day Party.

**VFW Post 1710** – 1629 E. Jackson -602-254-6409 – Monday Doubles Pool Tournament, sign up by 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Games Night, cards, dominoes. Pinochle Wednesday afternoons 1 p.m. Monday through Friday, Happy Hour from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday Night, Karaoke from 6 to 10 p.m. Stop by Thursdays 6 to 8 p.m. and pick up a fish dinner prepared by Ladies Auxiliary.

**All organizations invite the public to book your birthday, anniversary or other special event at their location. Call organizations' listed phone number for details.**

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