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PRESS RELEASE

TO: All Local Media Outlets

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SUBJECT: "It's Time to Talk" Suicide Awareness and Prevention Documentary Viewing Events

The Marquette County Health Department, in conjunction with the Marquette County Suicide Prevention Alliance, would like to announce two upcoming events that will be open to the community to view the new, locally produced, 30-minute documentary titled, "It's Time to Talk."

- Thursday, June 28, 6:00 pm - Masonic Center (Theater), Marquette
- Friday, June 29, 12:00 pm - MARESA, Marquette

The documentary highlights local suicide loss survivors as well as a suicide attempt survivor. Additionally, resources of what to do and where to go for those who may be experiencing a suicidal crisis are given in the documentary. The Thursday evening viewing will include an opportunity for the participants that were featured in the documentary to share their experience as well as the producer, Tony Beres from LaDolce Video and Design.

I would also strongly urge that if outlets choose to report on suicide, it is very helpful on every reported piece to include the National Lifeline number (800-273-TALK) and our local Crisis Center, Dial Help's information (800-562-7622). Dial Help has calling, texting or chatting capability 24/7.

We realize that the media has a strong influence on our community and thank you for being a partner to share the message of hope!