



#EngagingMenAndBoys

Men won't sit back and be silent in the movement to end gender violence and domestic violence. Men and Boys are raising awareness and working for prevention, and Rohit Musuku is one of them. Here is a message from Rohit:

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Gender violence and partner abuse is a prevalent topic that continually gets put aside within modern society. It is a topic that people continue to emphasize, yet hardly any progress is being done in stopping it. As a college student, I deeply understand the effect that one's mental self can have on their physical and social self. Gender violence and abuse are phenomena that can have long-lasting impacts that might not always seem quite visible. While I have not witnessed any form of concrete gender abuse, that does not stop me from understanding the severity of this issue in the modern age. Yet, I can say the same thing as others and just voice my opinion, rather than acting on it. However, I want to use this platform that we are given in college by being a part of several large organizations in order to better convey the legitimacy of these issues, supporting the victims, and preventing any occurrences within my social networks. It may seem like a lengthy and arduous cause, but the sum of a structure's parts is more efficient than its parts individually. We must all work in unison to recognize those who engage in gender based violence and hold them accountable, while working to convince others that we must support victims at all times. We can only reach an end to these unfortunate circumstances if we act on our word and continually spread awareness of subliminal phenomena that have been occurring for many years.

**About the participant:** Rohit Musuku is an undergraduate student at the University of Pittsburgh studying neuroscience and sociology on the pre-med track. He is the Technology Director for Taaza, a dance competition located within Pittsburgh. Rohit hopes to use this platform to rejoice in the cultural arts of South Asia and create a competition that demonstrates his passion for it.

