

#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 Saad Khan is one of them. Here is a message from Saad:

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Gender based crime and partner abuse is the taboo of our society. It's very difficult for us to talk about even though the problem is so widespread. Despite women being the

backbone of our families and communities, they are mistreated, taken advantage of and exploited. We need to create a society where women feel confident about going out in public with the assurance that they will not be harassed. This all changes with us educating and raising the future generation about how to treat women and remove the degrading behavior that has persisted for so long.

An important topic to address is that today we connect manhood with being emotionless and hyper masculine, we forget that being a real man is being a good person. We need to redefine the definition of manhood, we need to create a future where men can honor women and educate others on what it means to be a real man.

About the participant: Saad Khan is a junior student at the University of Pittsburgh studying Chemistry, and he is the Finance Director for Taaza, a Bollywood and Ras competition in Pittsburgh. He hopes to set an example for how men should be honoring women and educating others about gender abuse.