

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **LOCAL NON-PROFIT TAKES NEW APPROACH TO INVOKING CONVERSATION AROUND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN OUR CHURCHES & COMMUNITIES**

(June 24) – On **Sunday, June 24, 2018** [The K.A.S.S.I.E. Project](#) will facilitate this first of its kind approach to community conversations. Invoking conversation through ‘**TRAPPED**’ - a dramatized presentation (40 minute play) depicting one couple's journey from love to domestic violence will be presented as the invitation to the conversation. This presentation exposes the signs, side-effects and stigmas of domestic violence while igniting the much needed conversation among groups and churches, in an effort to form collaborations which will work towards reform through support, prevention and resolutions within our communities.

[The K.A.S.S.I.E. Project- \(Keeping All Survivors Safe Informed & Emancipated\)](#) - is a non-traditional healing initiative for survivors of sexual & domestic abuse and has been facilitating **TRAPPED** for 5 years in prisons, colleges, churches, and via other outlets as a part of their mission to encourage and support survivors in the pursuit of healing and moving into a healthy life after abuse in a non-clinical environment.

**TRAPPED** was written by a nationally recognized local playwright [Greg Stallworth](#), for the *We Must Stop Now Theatrical Tour Against Domestic Violence* and features Khrys Styles, local television personality; award winning stage, commercial & film actress; survivor and founder of [The K.A.S.S.I.E. Project](#) in partnership with Curtis D. Shepard, acclaimed Spoken Word Artist, Actor & founder of D.A.A.M. (Dads Against Angry Moms). Several community partners concentrated on trauma, healing and resilience will be on hand to provide resources to those who may need further support.

[The K.A.S.S.I.E Project](#) was voted the *2017 Organization of the Year* by the [Faith Community Alliance of Greater Cincinnati](#), and recipient of the “*Teal Ribbon Award*”- from NKU for continuous dedicated efforts to end sexual violence. This non-traditional initiative was developed and launched 5 years ago by its founder [Khrys Styles](#) named the project in honor of her close friend [Cassandra ‘Cassie’ Betts](#), a pregnant mother murdered in her car by her boyfriend, then celebrity Barber, [Tony Ringer](#), while her 7yr old daughter slept in the back seat in December of 2000 in Woodlawn, Ohio, just days before Christmas.

**TRAPPED- Invoking Conversation Around Domestic Abuse-** will take place on Sunday, June 24, 2018 at [The Heritage Center, Zion Global Ministries](#), 9180 Cincinnati-Columbus Rd, West Chester Township, Oh 45069 at 3:30p - 5:30p doors open @ 3pm. This FREE event is open to the public, ages 16 + due to sensitive subject matter.

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