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**Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence Receives \$39,658  
Funding for Sexual Violence Prevention Project**

*Grant from Raliance, New Collaborative Initiative to End Sexual Violence in One Generation*

Hagatna, Guam – **Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence (GCASAFV)** has been selected to receive grant funds of \$39,658 from Raliance, a newly-launched collaborative initiative dedicated to ending sexual violence in one generation. The grant will go toward implementing GCASAFV’s Sexual Assault Violence Prevention Project. The Guam Coalition was chosen to receive this funding among a competitive pool of over 250 applications.

“The Guam Coalition is pleased to be a recipient of this, and to join the Raliance collaborative in its work to end sexual violence,” said Cynthia Cabot, Executive Director. “This funding will allow us to continue our important work of raising awareness and addressing prevention of sexual assault and family violence on Guam, which is critical to strengthening our community’s ability to create a safe environment for our children, youth and families.”

Guam’s public schools teachers were recently trained to implement the sexual assault (SA) prevention curricula in the public school system in conjunction with the LaniKate Task Force, which was established by legislative mandate, Public Law 31-97 in 2011. GCASAFV, a member of the LaniKate Task Force, proposes to implement its Sexual Violence Prevention Project and expand training and implementation of the prevention curricula initially in private schools from K to 5 grades.

The SA prevention curricula, developed by Hawaii’s Sex Abuse Treatment Center (SATC) with the Kapiolani Medical Center for Women & Children, will be implemented with GCASAFV’s Project STAR (Strengthening Teen Awareness and Resources) that integrates the Safe Dates curriculum and its Community Advocate Training to engage middle/high school students as peer advocates. Coupled with training school personnel on the SATC curricula for K-5 grades in private schools and GCASAFV’s Project STAR, the GCASAFV Sexual Violence Prevention Project aims to improve response to victims of sexual abuse, prevent sexual violence, and support a system-wide prevention effort that ensures consistency with the delivery of messages to children and youth in Guam’s schools.

Raliance was recently founded by three leading sexual violence prevention organizations – the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault – PreventConnect, and the National Alliance to End Sexual Violence. Raliance will serve as the central hub for effective

allocation and distribution of programmatic funding for sexual violence response and prevention efforts and as the go-to resource on sexual violence for policymakers, advocates, service providers and the media.

As its first initiative, Raliance has funded 27 projects – including the **Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence** – totaling nearly \$1.2 million in the first round of an ongoing grant program seeking to advance promising, replicable practices or policies that 1) improve the response to victims of sexual violence; 2) reduce the likelihood of perpetration of sexual violence; or 3) strengthen communities’ and organizations’ capacity to create safe environments. This initiative is made possible through a multiyear, \$10 million commitment from the National Football League (NFL).

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#### **ABOUT GCASAFV:**

Established in 2006, the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence (GCASAFV) is a tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that aims to address sexual assault and family violence on Guam with one united voice.

GCASAFV’s mission is to identify and address the community needs and access to services for victims and survivors of sexual assault and family violence by raising community awareness and building the island’s capacity through education, outreach, and training. Membership is comprised of service providers, government allies, and community partners.

To learn more about GCASAFV, visit [www.GuamCoalition.org](http://www.GuamCoalition.org); or, for a listing of island resources visit [www.GuamServices.org](http://www.GuamServices.org).