



## THE JULIAN CENTER, DR. GEORGE E. KIRTLEY GIVE BACK A SMILE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS

Indianapolis, IN—October 22, 2001—The Julian Center and Dr. George E. Kirtley have teamed up to restore visible dental damage to the teeth of domestic violence victims through the Give Back A Smile Program.

The program, developed by the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentists and the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, provides free cosmetic and restorative dental treatment to men and women whose smiles were compromised due to domestic assault.

“Although I have volunteered my services since Give Back A Smile’s beginning in 1999, I have never received a local case,” Dr. Kirtley said. “Partnering with the Julian Center will help spread information about the program to those who need its services.”

Seventy-five percent of women who are in an abusive relationship receive battering to their face and head area, according to statistics provided by the Give Back A Smile Program.

“Quote from Julian Center representative describing how physical scars from abuse affect survivors and how removing those scars affects survivors,” Marilyn Bedford, community relations directory for the Julian Center, said.

Most damaged smiles can be restored painlessly to their natural beauty within two dental visits, according to Dr. Kirtley, Indiana’s only accredited cosmetic dentist.

“Quote from a Julian Center representative describing how it will incorporate this program into its current assistance to domestic violence survivors,” Bedford said.

All domestic violence advocates, including counselors and medical professionals, are encouraged to refer victims to the program. Local advocates may call the Dr. Kirtley’s office at 317-841-1111 or log on to the program’s website at [www.givebackasmile.org](http://www.givebackasmile.org).

Dr. Kirtley is a leading cosmetic and complex restorative dentist. In 2001, nationally syndicated *More Magazine* recognized Dr. Kirtley as one of America’s top ten cosmetic dentists. GenR8Tnext, a dental professional group, inducted Dr. Kirtley into the Dental Hall of Fame in 1999 for his work in smile dentistry. He is Indiana’s first and only accredited member of the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry.

Dr. Kirtley maintains his private practice in Indianapolis as well as the Midwest Center for Advanced Dental Education, his privately owned, state-of-the-art cosmetic dentistry training facility for dentists worldwide. He also teaches at New York University and various schools nationwide. Dr. Kirtley has authored numerous articles published in dental journals including *Dentistry Today* and *Contemporary Esthetics and Restorative Practice*.