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HEART Women & Receives \$30,000 in Funding from National Initiative Dedicated to Ending Sexual Violence
Grant from Raliance will fund victim-centric spaces for Muslim survivors of sexual assault on college campuses

Chicago, IL — [HEART Women & Girls](#) has been selected to receive a grant of \$30,000 from [Raliance](#), a collaborative initiative dedicated to ending sexual violence in one generation. The funding will support a series of trainings targeting Muslim students and student leaders on up to five college campuses to come together to understand sexual violence, learn how to support victims, and develop victim-centric approaches, policies, and best practices that address and prevent sexual violence in student organizations.

HEART Women & Girls was among 14 recipients that received a grant from Raliance. The grants are awarded to organizations implementing promising practices or policies that improve the response to victims of sexual violence, reduce the likelihood of perpetration of sexual violence, or strengthen communities' capacity to create safe environments.

"We are incredibly grateful for this funding," said Nadiah Mohajir, HEART's executive Director. "These trainings will build the foundation for our long-term vision for our sexual assault work and will bring intersectionality and nuance to the forefront when working to build victim-centric spaces on college campuses."

The project will begin in April, and campuses in Southern California, Chicago, and Washington, DC will be identified. The trainings will have three components: 1) training student leaders to be survivor advocates, 2) raising awareness on sexual assault, and 3) research and evaluation. HEART will also be working with a number of local and national

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partners, including HEART Women & Girls' long-term partner, the [Center for Urban Research & Learning \(CURL\)](#) at Loyola University. CURL will assist with the organization's research and evaluation component of the project.

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Composed of three top sexual violence prevention organizations, the National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC), the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CALCASA)-PreventConnect and the National Alliance to End Sexual Violence (NAESV), Raliance serves as the central hub for effective allocation and distribution of programmatic funding on sexual violence and as the go-to resource for policymakers, advocates, service providers, and the media. Raliance is made possible through a multiyear, \$10 million commitment from the National Football League (NFL). For a full list of organizations receiving grants, please see the [Raliance press release](#). For more information about Raliance visit www.raliance.org.

ABOUT HEART Women & Girls

HEART Women & Girls promotes sexual health and sexual violence awareness in Muslim communities through health education, advocacy, research, and training. For more information about HEART and its programs, please visit <http://www.heartwomenandgirls.org>.

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