

MEN'S RESOURCES INTERNATIONAL

Educating, Consulting & Organizing for Positive Masculinity

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SPRINGFIELD MEN'S ORGANIZATION TO HOST NIGERIAN CHIEF & WOMEN'S ACTIVIST

(Springfield, MA) Men's Resources International (MRI), a Springfield non-profit organization that promotes positive masculinity and violence prevention, will host Chief Ugo Nnachi from Ebonyi State in Nigeria from March 10 – 14, 2007.

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Please join us for a reception to welcome
Chief Ugo Nnachi from Ebonyi State, Nigeria

Monday, March 12, 4:00 - 6:00 PM
at the offices of Men's Resources International
1695 Main Street, Springfield, MA
<http://mensresourcesinternational.org>

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Mrs. Ugo Nnachi is the founder and director of DOVENET, a women's safety and empowerment organization in Abakaliki, Nigeria. Her visit marks two years of collaboration between DOVENET and Men's Resources International (MRI) to support Nigerian men who want to partner with women to end gender-based violence and promote positive masculinity. MRI Directors, Dr. Steven Botkin and James Arana, traveled to Ebonyi last fall to conduct training and consultations with DOVENET to help launch the Ebonyi Men's Resource Centre. Over 35 men and women attended the training, including doctors, lawyers, nurses, social workers, police, a traditional ruler, military, clergy, and other members of the community.

In addition to her work with DOVENET, Ugo Nnachi served as Nigerian Commissioner for Women Affairs and Social Development from 2002-2005; has twice attended the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women conference; and has received numerous honors, awards and accolades for her continuing political and humanitarian service.

During her visit, Chief Nnachi will speak at Springfield College, Smith College and UMass Amherst; visit a number of local organizations and businesses; and meet with educators, social services professionals, and other interested community members. MRI will host a public reception to welcome Chief Nnachi at their offices at 1695 Main Street in Springfield on Monday, March 12, from 4:00 – 6:00 PM. All are welcome and more information is available at <http://mensresourcesinternational.org>.

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