





A Timeline of Sexual

Assault Activism &

Survivor Support

Services in

Tompkins County

1973-2022



UNFOLDING

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WELCOME! **Unfolding** features Clothesline Project artwork by local survivors of sexual and relationship abuse displayed alongside a a local timeline featuring highlights of victim/survivor support and prevention efforts in Tompkins County from the 1970's to the present day.

Tompkins County has been on the forefront of providing support services to survivors of sexual abuse for decades.

Unfolding is an opportunity to remember the many institutions, organizations, and community efforts that have risen to combat sexual violence locally and nationally, and to recognize the powerful voices of survivors.

Information on related events at www.thehistorycenter.net/Unfolding

Local support services available at 607-277-5000



Ithaca Rape Crisis
is founded by a group
of Cornell women to
support adult victims
of sexual assault
and rape.



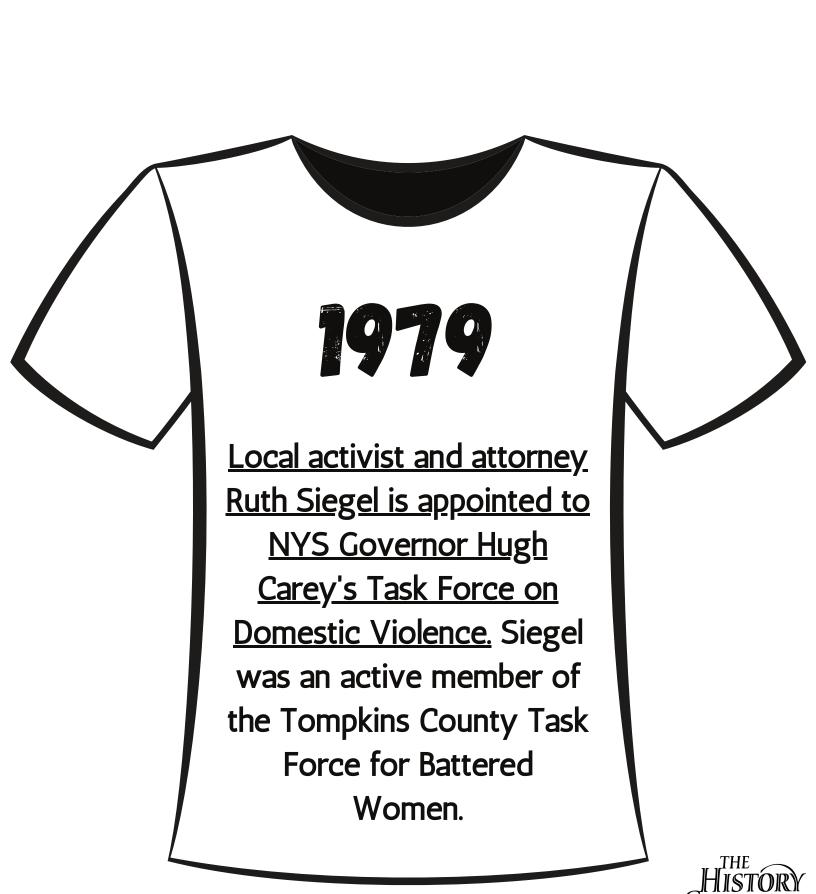


The <u>Task Force for</u>

<u>Battered Women</u> is formed by group of Tompkins

County women in living rooms. Originally run by volunteers, some of whom offered their homes as safe houses. TFBW began as a service for women fleeing domestic violence.







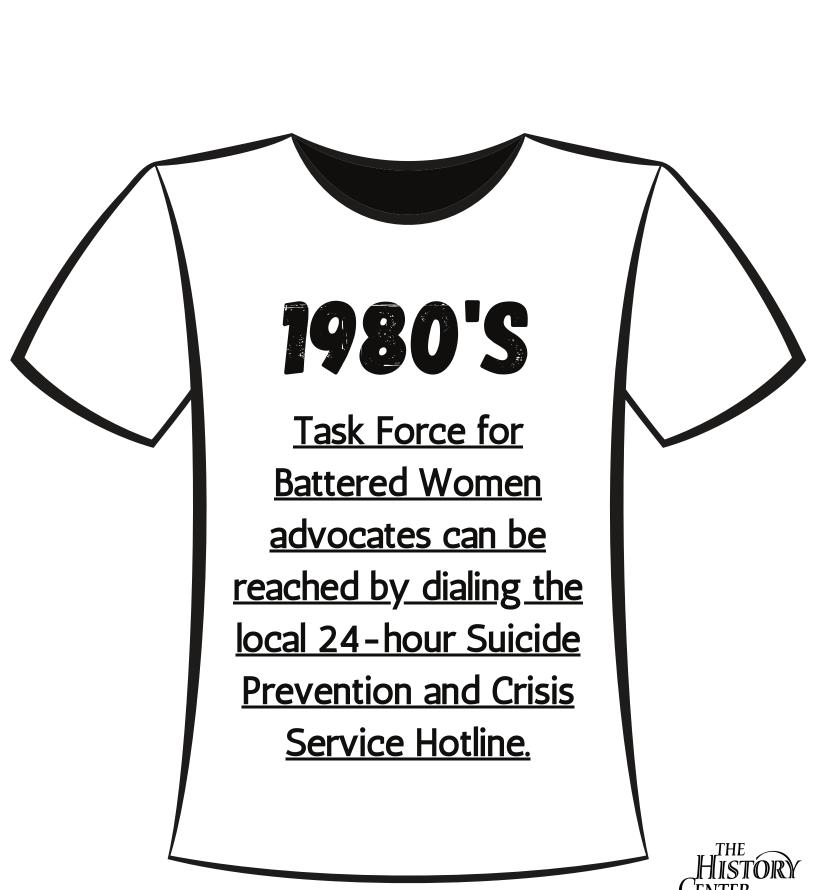
The first <u>Take Back the Night</u>

<u>protest marches</u> are

organized in Ithaca. One
march begins on Cornell's
campus, and the other in
downtown Ithaca. They
converge on the Ithaca
Commons, 300 attend.

The event is sponsored by Ithaca Women's Resource Center, local organizations, and community groups modeled on similar protests which emerged in Europe a few years earlier.







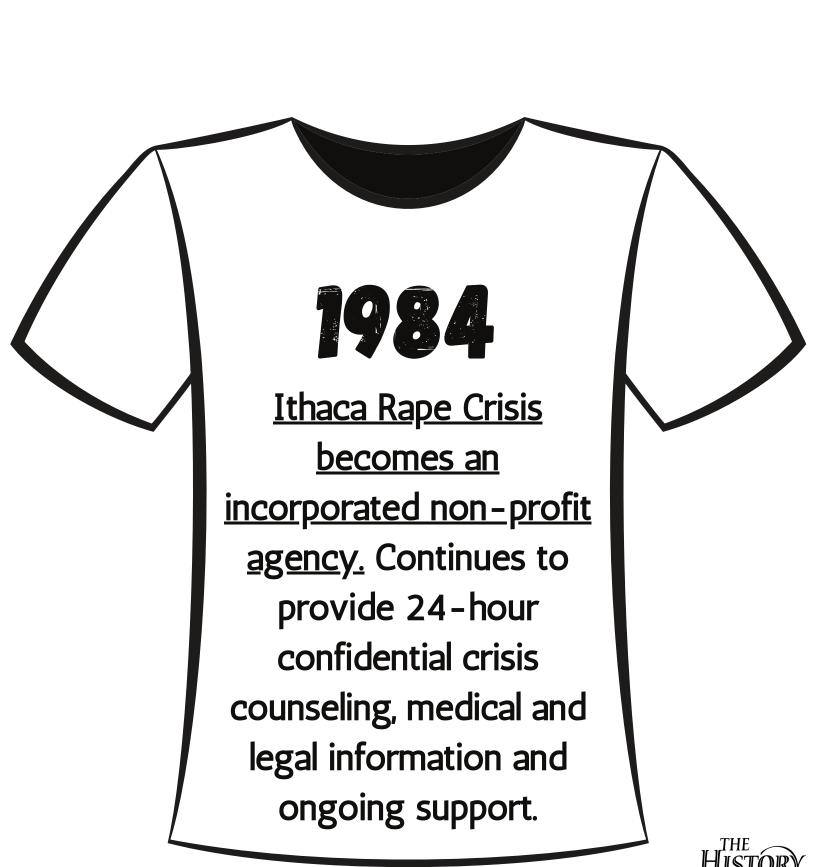


The City of Ithaca grants funds to the Task Force for Battered Women to purchase and transition a house into a shelter for individuals leaving abusive households.

This shelter is still in operation 40-years later and houses up to nine people at a time in Ithaca.







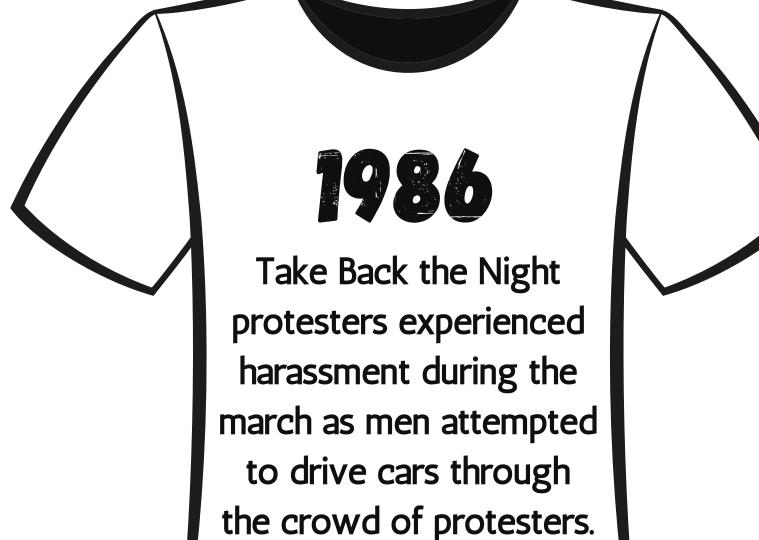


The City of Ithaca passes

Local Law C. Making
Ithaca one of the first
U.S. municipalities to ban
discrimination on the
basis of sexual
orientation.

Under a contentious vote the measure passed county-wide in 1991.





This marked the ninth

year of local Take Back

the Night marches.

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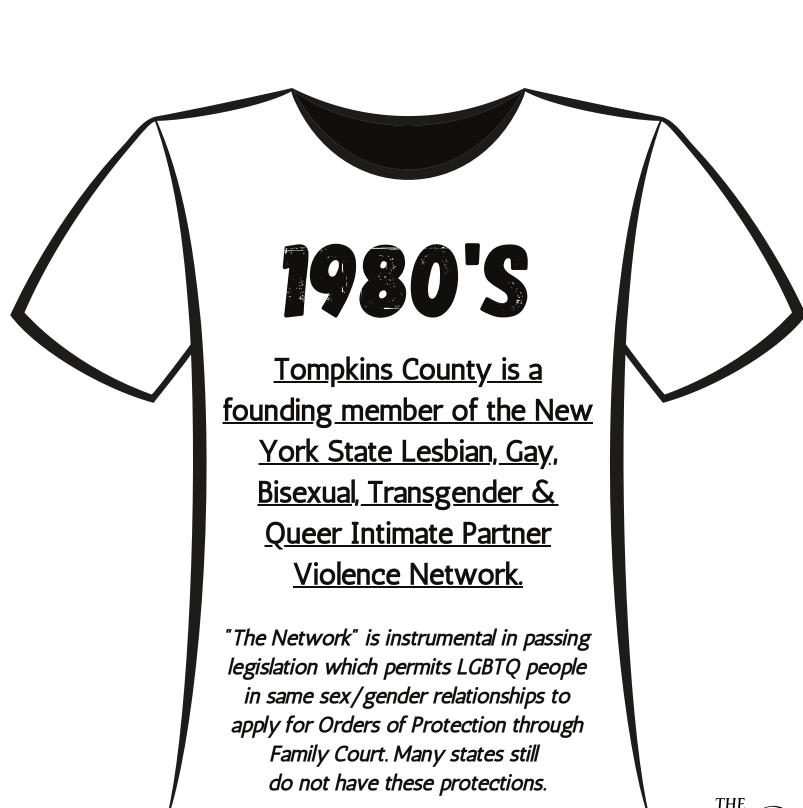


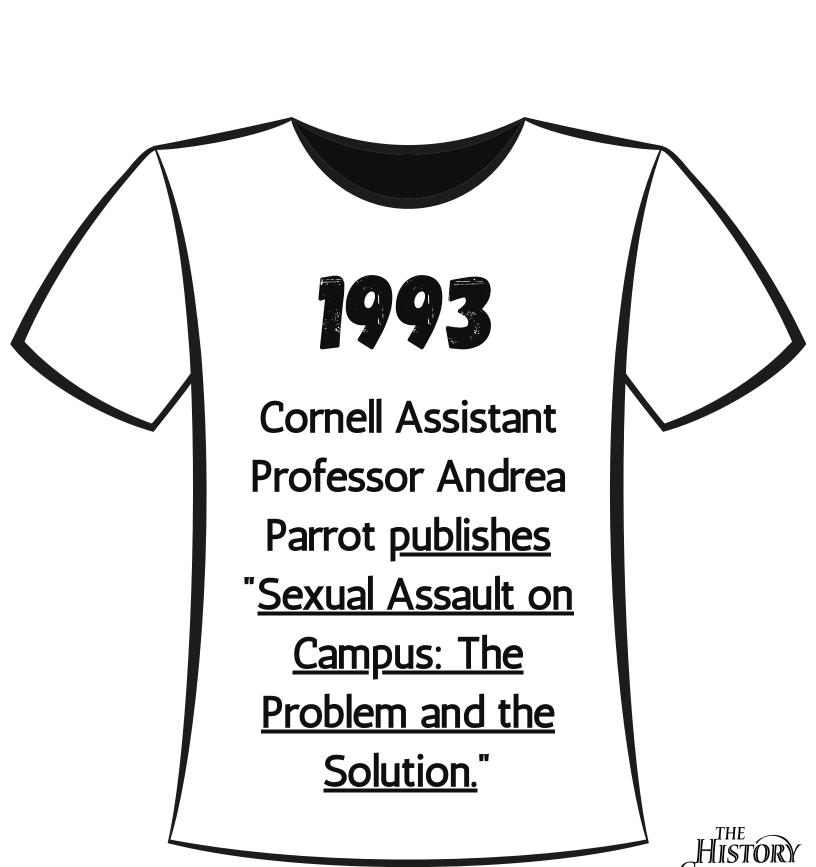
1988

The Rape and Abuse Crisis
Line is collaboratively
established by Ithaca Rape
Crisis, Task Force for
Battered Women/Child
Sexual Abuse Project, and
Suicide Prevention
and Crisis Services.

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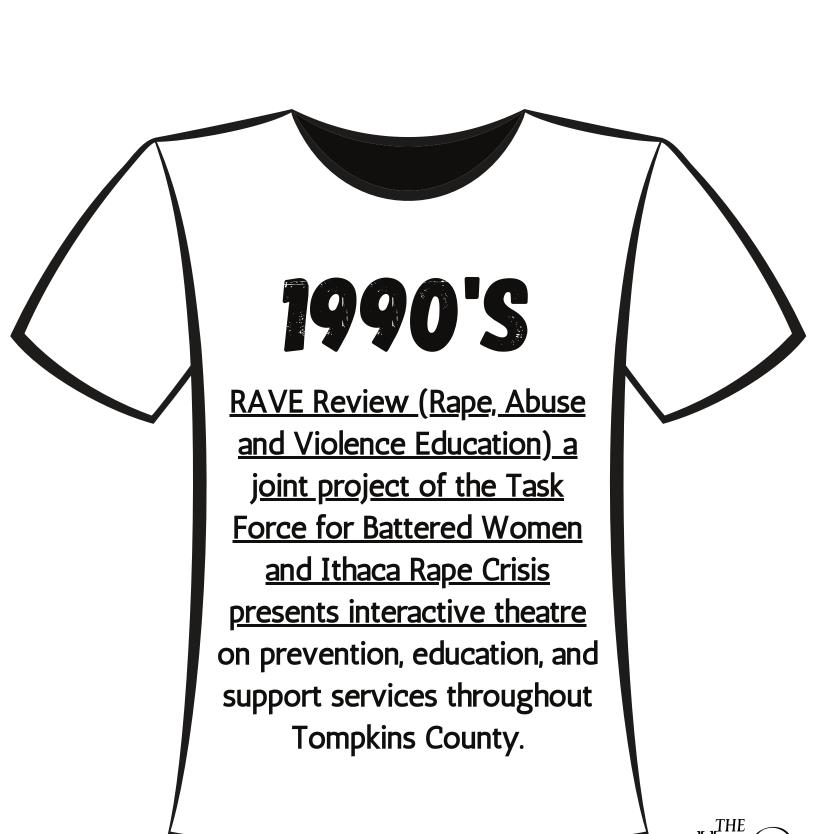


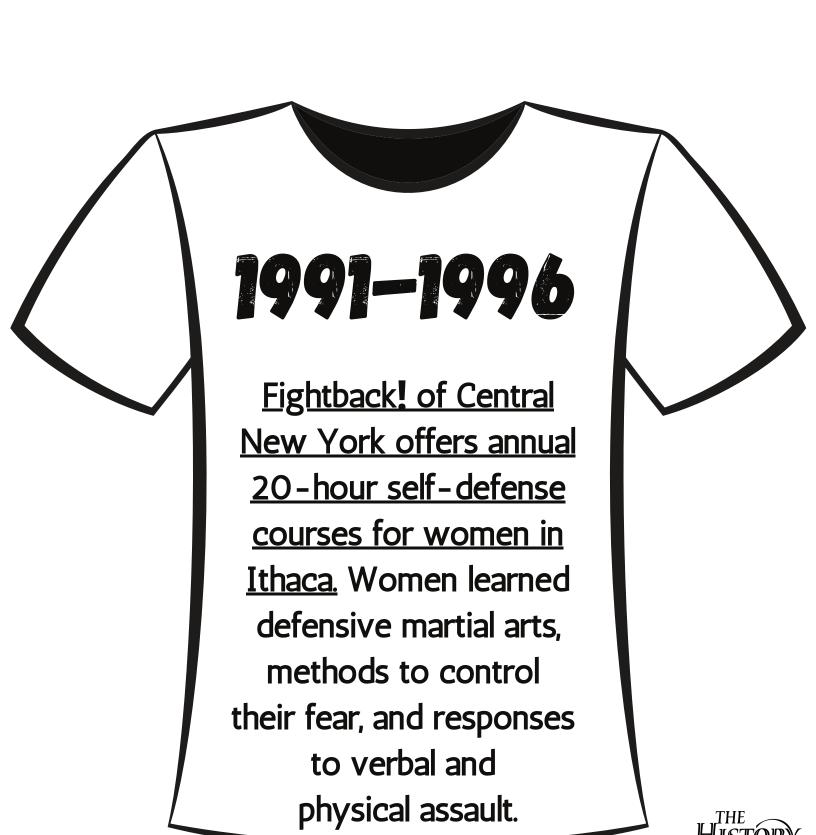
The Task Force for Battered

Women starts a support

group for lesbian and
bisexual women in abusive
relationships. TFBW has been
running support groups for
individuals experiencing and
recovering from intimate
partner violence for more
than 10 years.





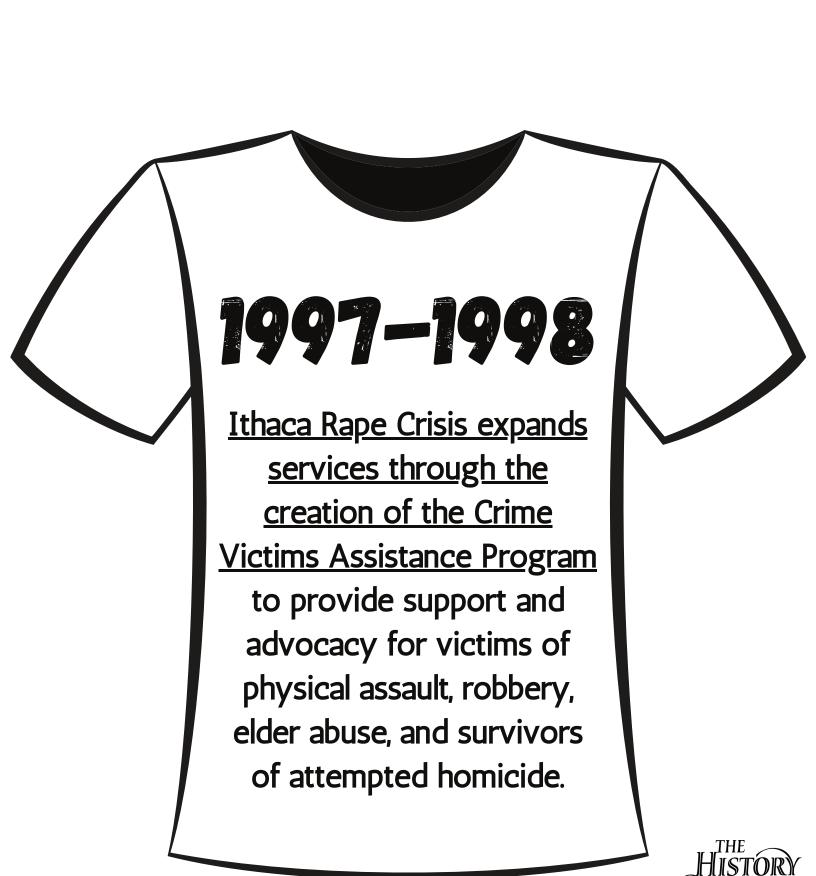




Teen RAVE - an allteen interactive theatre
troupe co-creates and
acts out skits. Teens
educate each other
about different forms
of violence that affect
their lives.









1998

Cayuga Medical Center
creates new program to
support victims of assault.
Three specially trained
'Sexual Assault Nurse
Examiners' (SANE) are on
call 24-hours a day to
provide emergency support.

Modeled after the SANE program in Tulsa OK, and established in partnership with Ithaca Rape Crisis.



