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**CELEBRITY MUSICIAN AND AUTHOR RUSSEL BLAKE PARTNERS WITH  
“THE NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REGISTRY”**

**Gary, IN (August 3, 2011)** – The National Domestic Violence Registry (NDVR) announced today its partnership with celebrity musician and author Russel Blake.

“I can think of no entity of whom I am both humbled and most proud to vigorously assert my name in endorsement than the National Domestic Violence Registry. NDVR is a preventive cure to the pervasive cancer of domestic violence in our society,” said Russel Blake in his official endorsement statement.

"Mr. Blake is an excellent example of a man who has embraced the value of and understands the worth of women," said Myra Spearman, Founder and Executive Director of NDVR. "This is extremely important for this issue of domestic violence where mostly victims are women who are abused by men, and we are thankful for his support."

Besides accompanying and recording with several music giants, such as Chaka Kahn, Wynton Marsalis, Sonny Rollins, Harry Belafonte, Pharoah Sanders, Hugh Masakela, Cybil Shepherd, El Gran Combo, and Dee Dee Bridgewater, Russel has also been featured as the exclusive bassist for The Lion King, Dreamgirls, Angie Stone, Brenda Russell, and Mary Mary, to name a few.

Among his highest achievements, Blake was appointed by the U.S. State Department to perform as an Ambassador of Goodwill to Eight West African Nations. He was also contracted by the U.S. Department of Defense to lecture on the symbiotic nature of Science and Music for DARPA's (Defense Advanced Research Agency) International Conference.

In addition to his music, Russel authored Proverbs 31: The Virtuous Black Woman Volume 1. Written in psalm format, his literary work elevates the image of Black Women and counters the negative perception created by media and society. It also expresses the right for all women to be treated with unwavering respect and dignity.

NDVR Deputy Director Lyn Twyman said, "I am grateful for Russel's music, which will be a key part of NDVR's programs that will help teach the world about the critical role men have in ending domestic violence."

You can learn more about Russel Blake by visiting his site at [www.russelblake.net](http://www.russelblake.net).

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