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EDITORIAL

Help stop domestic violence

Dads can do just about anything; just ask their children. Stop leaks. Play ball. Repair bikes. Cut hair. Bait a hook. Even make breakfast sometimes.

But one thing that only a dad can do is be an example to his son of what it is to be a good man.

In fact, that's one thing that any man can do. Be an example. Do the right thing. Boys and other men are watching.

That's the message behind the Father's Day White Ribbon Campaign, an effort by Longmont Ending Violence Initiative to fight the problem of domestic violence in Longmont.

The campaign kicks off today. Its organizers ask that men in our community

reach out to boys, teens and men to raise awareness about domestic violence, which leaves more Longmont residents injured each year than any other crime.

Organizers ask that as a sign of their support for this effort, men and boys in our community wear white ribbons.

Domestic violence is a crime committed disproportionately by men. It is men who must stand up to stop it.

So for the next two weeks, we ask that the men of this community take a stand. Speak to those who respect you. Encourage them to treat women with respect, to avoid violence, and to seek avenues of bonding that lead them to becoming positive role models.

And wear your white ribbons. Make the whole community aware where you stand on this issue.

You can help

Visit www.longmontdomesticviolence.org or call 303-774-4534 to learn more about the campaign.

White ribbons can be picked up at the Daily Times-Call or at the Longmont Police Department. If you don't have time to pick up a campaign ribbon, create your own.