

## **V-Day 2017**

### **Homegrown Monologues: WORDS MATTER**

The Women Writing for (a) Change 5<sup>th</sup> annual V-Day event took place on Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday February 11<sup>th</sup>. With attendance of 184, over \$3800 was raised. Proceeds benefit the V-DAY organization as well as programs, including writing circles, to support victims of domestic abuse in the Greater Cincinnati area.

This was the second consecutive year in which local writers were invited to submit their work. Original monologues, essays, humorous pieces, and/or poetry on the topics of sexuality, gynecology, gender-based violence, rape culture, and LGBTQ issues were welcomed. Over forty pieces were submitted this year, which led to two unique evenings of readings.

Eve Ensler, author of the Vagina Monologues, founded V-Day in 1998 to increase awareness of gender-based violence and to raise money to educate and support efforts to end this type of violence around the globe. The V-Day movement has brought in well over \$100 million worldwide, most of which goes to community-based programs and safe houses.

Laurie Lambert, poet and WWf(a)C facilitator, initiated, organized and directed the annual V-Day event at Women Writing for (a) Change for the past five years. Gratitude to Laurie and to each of the writers and readers that made this event a huge success!