



VOICES

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A monthly e-newsletter to inform you of JDI's efforts to end sexual assault and domestic violence through policy advocacy, public awareness and public/private collaborations on the statewide and national levels.



Jane Doe Inc. is the statewide coalition of over 60 community based rape crisis centers, sexual assault and domestic violence programs and organizations.



Our work is guided by the voices of survivors – and made possible by the generosity of friends. Financial support from individuals, corporation, and private foundations allow us to fulfill our mission and work diligently to end domestic violence and sexual assault.



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Stalking Awareness Month

Before the month is over, take a few minutes and find out how much you really know about the prevalence and impact of stalking. We've heard from many people who surprised themselves by only answering 6 out of 10 correctly on the quiz designed by the Stalking Resource Center. Help spread the knowledge by forwarding the quiz to friends and colleagues. To get started visit: <http://stalkingawarenessmonth.org/>

On a related note, cyber-stalking, cyber-bullying and sexual predators pursuing children through the internet is a real problem. It's a myth, however, that the internet is where kids are most at risk. Studies continue to confirm what we witness as advocates: children are mostly at risk by known perpetrators (family, caregivers, etc.).

A new report by The Internet Safety Technical Task Force released today focuses on creating a safe environment for children on the internet. In addition to its recommendations for what the industry can do to create online safety and protective measures, parents and other adult supervisors are encouraged to talk to kids about making their online experiences safe. For a link to the full report, [click here](#).

Domestic violence homicide prevention

For the past six months, JDI and the MA Department of Public Health have been working together on the Public Health Advisory on Domestic Violence. The next step is our co-sponsorship of three regional forums: **"Responding to the Public Health Advisory on Domestic Violence: The Role of Massachusetts Health Care Providers."** The audience for these forums are health care providers including physicians, nurses, social workers, physician assistants, nurse practitioners and others working within medical settings. In addition to the substantive component, these forums will be an opportunity for health care providers to make real connections with local domestic violence programs – so they can make informed and supportive referrals and develop collaborative relationships in their communities.

2nd Annual White Ribbon Day

On February 14, 2009, men and boys throughout Massachusetts will once again put on a white ribbon in solidarity with each other to proclaim their commitment to finding solutions to end violence against women. Last year's White Ribbon Day campaign helped shift the public dialogue about these issues and resulted in significant changes

Meet our local JDI member organizations!

This column highlights two of JDI's sixty-plus member organizations and their programs and services that empower survivors everyday.



**JEANNE GEIGER
CRISIS CENTER, Inc.**

saving lives • creating safer communities • ending domestic violence

From its main offices in Newburyport and Amesbury, Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center reaches nine communities in northeastern Massachusetts with its cutting edge programming to form a safe haven in which local adults and children can overcome fear and endangerment as they move toward safety and wellness. At the heart of all their services is a belief that we can only end domestic violence by strengthening the entire community's response.

[Link to Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center's profile to read more >>](#)



DOVE has grown from a small group of committed volunteers answering a single hotline to a comprehensive multi-service agency providing an array of

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Jane Doe Inc. is a proud member of Community Works – portfolio of 30-plus social justice organizations.



in policy and budget priorities in Massachusetts, The official website will be live in a few hours...so watch for another announcement with more details about how you too can get involved.

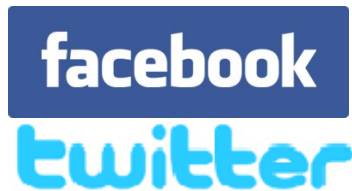
In memoriam

As it has every year since 1992, the Boston Globe dedicated its December 31st [editorial](#) to a memorial for domestic violence homicide victims during the year. By sharing their stories, the Globe joins us making clear the cost of domestic violence and identifying the changes in practice and orientation that can help us all prevent domestic violence homicides in the future.

Beacon Hill Spotlight

JDI is gearing up for the 2009-2010 Legislative Session and budget process for Fiscal Year 2010. In this time of increasing economic crises, victims of domestic and sexual violence are additionally vulnerable to unemployment, homelessness and further victimization. We are recommitting to three priority legislative initiatives have been part of our platform in the past but are needed more urgently than ever. They are the creation of a Sexual Assault and Stalking Restraining Order and protection against housing and employment discrimination for victims of stalking, sexual assault and domestic violence. JDI will also weigh in on dozens of other issues being debated that also impact on the lives of victims – from CORI reform to the victim's bill of rights. Mark your calendars for our annual Legislative and Budget Advocacy Day on April 13th.

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crisis intervention and stabilization services plus education and outreach. Through its community partnerships, DOVE also provides victims access to sexual assault services, legal advocacy and temporary housing for companion pets. It recently helped create the Norfolk County High Risk Team to complement its other work in collaboration with law enforcement.

[Link to DOVE's profile to read more >>](#)



If you have questions about our programs, conferences, public policy initiatives, educational opportunities, membership activities, upcoming events or more, or if you would like to speak to someone about making a donation, please contact Toni Troop, Director of Development and Public Relations at 617-557-1807 or ttroop@janedoe.org.

Please bookmark the JDI website (www.janedoe.org) to learn about other Coalition updates and events sponsored by JDI member organizations in local communities throughout Massachusetts. If you would like to be removed from this list, please email us at website@janedoe.org. Thank you.

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