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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.

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

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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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Federal and State Proposals include victim service funding

> Federal: Calls needed TODAY on stimulus plan

After years of inadequate funding, the new Administration has already demonstrated its support for victim services for sexual assault, stalking and domestic violence. Not only is this a wise investment in prevention of injury and violence but also recognizes the increased vulnerability of victims during economically stressed times. JDI has been organizing support for these provisions in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan (S.336).

We just learned that the Senate is debating and voting on these provisions today (Tuesday February 3, 2009) so please take a minute to call both Senator Kennedy and Senator Kerry now to ensure that key VAWA and VOCA provisions are maintained in the final Senate bill.

We'll send out an update with information about next steps as the package makes it way to President Obama's desk.

> Massachusetts: Governor Patrick holds steady

We're very fortunate to have a Governor, Lt. Governor and Administration in Massachusetts that understands the implications of the current economic environment on victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. The Governor's budget proposal for FY2010 and the most recent 9-C amendments to this year's budget both kept services intact.

Please take a minute to contact the Governor and say THANK YOU. The number is 617-725-4005 or 888.870.7770 (in state). Or you can send an email by [clicking here](#).

Now our attention goes to the state Legislature to make sure that this funding is secure. Please call both your state Senator and state Representative. The number State House switchboard number is: 617-722-2000.



Men For Change Join White Ribbon Day Campaign

It's time for the 2nd Annual White Ribbon Day Campaign. Jane Doe Inc. is seeking Ambassadors to recruit their male friends, colleagues and family members to join them in taking this year's pledge: **I promise to be part of the solution in ending**

HOW TO REACH YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Click on [Where Do I Vote MA](#) to find out who are your state and federal elected officials.

You'll also find their phone number, email addresses and mailing addresses.

Call 1.866.305.9428 (toll free) for the Capitol Switchboard to be connected to Senator Kennedy and Senator Kerry.

Call 888.870.7770 (toll free in state) to be connected with Governor Patrick's office.



Here's a sampling of how this year's White Ribbon Day Affiliates are organizing men and boys throughout Massachusetts to celebrate a new definition of manhood this Valentine's Day!

Plymouth County: all police cruisers will sport a white ribbon on Feb 14

MGH Men Against Abuse & HAVEN: host a talk for employees with Peter Roby, Northeastern's Director of Athletics & Recreation.

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violence against women.

JDI decided to promote local events rather than one statewide event this year. Dozens of activities sponsored by WRD Affiliates will be held throughout Massachusetts during February and beyond. (See the right column for more details.)

We're also thrilled to offer a one of a kind White Ribbon Day Valentine's Day e-card with a message that's about love as well as respect and safety. Sign on now to download the card or send it electronically. And tell your friends!

A special shout out to 451 Marketing for designing an incredible website, ads and Valentine's Card for this year's campaign!

To sign the pledge, become an Ambassador, organize a local White Ribbon Day event, send a Valentine's Day Card or to learn more about this campaign, visit: www.janedoe.org/whiteribbonday.

JDI Member Program focus of Journal Article

The HAVEN program at Massachusetts General Hospital, a JDI member organization, was the subject of a research study conducted by researchers from the Harvard School of Public Health and published in the November/December 2008 Journal of Midwifery & Women's Health (www.jmwh.org). The study revealed positive perceived changes in health and safety for participants in the HAVEN health care-based domestic violence advocacy program. Elizabeth Speakman, Interim Co-Director of HAVEN, said. "This article gives voice to our clients' experience of domestic violence advocacy in a health care institution. As advocates, we know the importance of listening to survivors and this article offers an opportunity to provide a survivor centered approach to domestic violence in a health care setting."

Northwestern District Attorney's Office & local programs: 8 high school assembly presentations

Males Advocating Change: presentation at Clark University, Worcester

First Parish in Milton: coffee house with WRD theme will benefit Elizabeth Stone House.

For a full listing of community events, [click here](#).



Mary Lauby, JDI's Executive Director, will be a presenter in a webinar on February 9th about the impact of the economic downturn on survivors. Get details [here](#) and register today.



Check us out on-line & stay connected!



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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