



# 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.

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[Hope is the currency we work with.](#)



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



JDI is a proud member of Community Works – a portfolio of social justice organizations.



**Pledge for Hope! in the 2012 Combined Federal Campaign, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Employee Charitable Campaign, City of Boston Employee Charitable Campaign and other Workplace Giving Programs.**

JDI and our allies in Community Works (CW) meet strict standards to be included in these government employee workplace giving programs (includes all city, state and federal employees, military personnel, and postal service employees). CW is also an option in



## National Study Confirms Magnitude, Cost of Sexual Violence, Stalking and Intimate Partner Violence

Each statistic in the new National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS) released in December is more staggering than the next. The release of initial findings from NISVS (a study conducted by the Division for Violence Prevention at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)) provides more evidence of how widespread sexual violence, stalking and intimate partner violence is among children, youth and adults. According to the survey of more than 16,500 adults, on average, 24 people per minute are victims of physical violence, rape or stalking by an intimate partner in the United States. The report emphasizes the importance of prevention and early intervention efforts along with funding and services for victims of violence against women. Visit [NISVS](#) to see the full report, including the executive summary and study details.

## IN OTHER NEWS AT JDI...

### Introducing JDI's new board members and officers

The 2012 Board of Directors was announced at JDI's Annual Meeting on December 16, 2011. Kourou Pich, Co-Executive Director of HarborCOV in Chelsea, will serve as Board President along with Suzanne Dubus, Chief Executive Officer of Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center, President-Elect; Monica Cowart, Treasurer; and Stephanie Lee, Clerk.

Mary Gianakis, Director of Voices Against Violence in Framingham, completed her term as Board Chair, and Lysetta Hurge-Putnam, Executive Director of Independence House, completed her term as clerk and nine years of Board service.

Gianakis noted, "Thank you for believing in Jane Doe Inc. and for sharing our hope for a future without violence. Time and again the Coalition has demonstrated its leadership role at the state and national stages. Jane Doe Inc. is a diverse collective statewide voice of programs and survivors. I have been proud to serve on the JDI Board and be part of the myriad ways that JDI and our members inform – and transform – practice, policy, and social norms to ensure the safety, liberty and dignity of all victims and survivors of sexual and domestic violence."



### McClain and Pinto to lead Massachusetts White Ribbon Day 2012

On Tuesday, December 6, 2011, JDI [launched](#) the 5th Annual Massachusetts White Ribbon Day Campaign, calling on men to step up and be part of the solution in ending men's violence against women. Co-Chairs for the 2012 Massachusetts White Ribbon Day Campaign are Angelo McClain, Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families (DCF), and Paulo Pinto, MPA, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers. The launch marked the 22nd anniversary of the massacre of 14 women in Montreal and the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the international White Ribbon Campaign. Over the next few months McClain and Pinto will work with JDI to recruit men and boys across the Commonwealth to join them in taking this pledge. Spread the word! Sign up today as a [White Ribbon Day Ambassador](#).

over 50 colleges, health care organizations, technology companies, and other private businesses.

Help fund our work to create a world free of sexual and domestic violence by pledging your support. You can find the charity codes for JDI and CW listed on the [CFC](#), [COMECC](#) and [COBECC](#) websites. Ask your human resources office if they offer employee giving. You can learn more about Community Works at: [www.communityworks.com](http://www.communityworks.com)

Whether you donate \$1, \$5, \$10 or \$100 from each paycheck, your generosity will add up and make a difference in a sustainable way. Thanks for your support.

### **Office of the Vice President Highlights Men's Role in Ending Violence**

On October 25th, JDI participated on a panel of anti-sexual and domestic violence experts from our region to discuss Engaging Men and Boys to End Violence Against Women. The panel was organized by the Office of the Vice President with the goal of providing a forum to discuss work that is being done and resources needed. The input provided on successes, challenges, needs, and considerations of comprehensively addressing sexual violence, and engaging men and boys in the movement, will be shared directly with the office of the Vice President.

JDI's Men's Initiative Coordinator, Craig Norberg-Bohm presented and took part in the dialog on prevention strategies, effective levels of engagement, creating sustainable programs, evidence based approaches, and funding needs. Numerous JDI member programs were in attendance, further adding to the great voices from our region.

### **JDI receives Economic Empowerment Grant from Allstate**

The grant award from Allstate will support JDI's continued efforts for economic justice for victims and survivors of sexual and domestic violence. The Coalition will focus on building the capacity, knowledge and skills of JDI and our members to support survivors in addressing the impact that economic abuse has had on their liberty and autonomy and developing strategies to improve their potential to achieve economic stability. We will offer our member programs mini-grants to support individual survivors' financial goals in the areas of entrepreneurship, matched savings, job training, and education.

*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 Communications at 617-557-1807 or [ttroop@janedoe.org](mailto:ttroop@janedoe.org).*

*Please bookmark the JDI website ([www.janedoe.org](http://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](mailto:website@janedoe.org). Thank you.*

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