



VOICES

January 2012

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.

DONATE NOW

Read about our recent accomplishments in our 2011 annual report:

[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 over 50 colleges, health

LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHT:

EMPLOYMENT BILL GAINS TRACTION, CALL NOW

One of JDI's top priority bills for many years is coming up for a vote in the Massachusetts Senate this Thursday, January 12! The bill would protect employees who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking from being penalized in the workplace for taking time off to address issues related to being a victim of such crimes. Help us make sure that victims do not have to choose between their safety and their economic stability.

Call your [Massachusetts Senator](#) today.

JDI has prepared [talking points](#) and posted a copy of JDI's testimony in support of this bill.

JDI was also featured in today's State House News Service [article](#).

IN OTHER NEWS AT JDI...

GET THE FACTS: STALKING IS A CRIME

January marks the ninth observance of National Stalking Awareness Month (NSAM). Visit www.StalkingAwarenessMonth.org for resources to learn more about how you can help bring an end to stalking. Take the interactive quiz on stalking and share with friends. You'll also find material to put up in your workplace, school and other settings.

On a related note the United States Attorney General announced revisions to the Uniform Crime Report's (UCR) definition of rape, which will lead to a more comprehensive statistical reporting of rape nationwide. The new definition is more inclusive, better reflects state criminal codes and focuses on the various forms of sexual penetration understood to be rape. [CLICK HERE](#) to read the full press release from the U.S. Department of Justice.

JDI POLICY REVIEW

Budget increases and new protections for victims of human trafficking were among the successes of our 2011 advocacy efforts. Take a look at [JDI's Policy Year in Review](#) of our legislative and budget efforts as well as systems advocacy.

SAVE THE DATE:
Jane Doe Inc. Annual
LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY DAY
April 10, 2012

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

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.

State House, Boston

WHITE RIBBON DAY 2012 OFF TO A GREAT START

Support is coming from all quarters, starting with Lucky Quarter Productions who has offered pro-bono video services for this year's campaign. Co-Chair Angelo McClain is working with Secretary Judy Ann Bigby, M.D. and his colleagues at EOHHS (the state's Executive Office of Health and Human Services) to bring WRD into every department. Co-Chair Paulo Pinto and his team at MAPS (Massachusetts Alliance for Portuguese Speakers) are crafting a mobilization plan to reach Portuguese speaking men to join the campaign. JDI has worked with students at Lasell College to create new materials for this year's campaign.

We're also taking to the airwaves: Craig Norberg-Bohm, JDI's Men's Initiative Coordinator, joined Malcolm Astley, whose daughter Lauren (age 18) was murdered by her boyfriend this past summer, to talk about prevention on the Mount Wachusett Community College radio series called "Freedom Means." Tune into to WPKZ 105.3 FM (Fitchburg) on both Sunday February 5th and 12th at 8:30 AM!

In the coming weeks we'll be announcing several more exciting new partnerships for the Massachusetts White Ribbon Day Campaign.

Keep up to date by following us on Facebook!

MEN: [Sign up](#) as a White Ribbon Day Ambassador today!

**Mark your calendars now:
Massachusetts White Ribbon Day
March 1, 2012
1 PM
State House, Boston**

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.

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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