



## February 2017 Newsletter

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*"From this day forward, I promise to be part of the solution in ending violence against women and all gender-based violence."*

## Massachusetts White Ribbon Day Campaign

### Governor's Proclamation Ceremony on March 1, 2017: 10th Annual White Ribbon Day

Don't miss this fantastic event packed with inspiring speakers and the debut of our new Public Service Announcement featuring 4 of Massachusetts' top sportscasters and our very own White Ribbon Day Pledge Rap. After the program at Faneuil Hall from 1-2:30pm, we will march up to Boston City Hall to raise a White Ribbon Day Flag!

Don't forget, this year's event is on Wednesday!  
Register today: <http://wr2017.splashthat.com>.

We also want to thank the first 34 municipalities and schools who have already signed on to our new "Raise a Flag to Raise Awareness Initiative." [See if your school, city or town is participating.](#) If you'd like to learn more, contact Kari Johnston at [kjohnston@therendongroup.com](mailto:kjohnston@therendongroup.com).

## March, Organize, Advocate, Repeat



Before heading to the Boston Women's March on January 21, over 100 people stopped by the JDI office to meet and support one another and make beautiful signs articulating the kind of world we want to create and live in. Check out the photos [here](#).

We are inspired by the engagement and call to action represented by these events in Boston and around the globe. At the same time, we are aware that the experience was not a universally positive one for all people. JDI will continue to address white privilege and work to ensure that every person -regardless of gender identity, race and other identities - feels included, listened to, heard and respected.

## Millennials for the movement: Young Philanthropists & JDI

On February 1st, young millennial supporters of Jane Doe gathered at WeWorks South Station for our first ever [Young Philanthropist Event](#). JDI Board Member Nicole Castillo organized a fascinating panel featuring: Kendra Hicks, Director of Radical Philanthropy at [Resist Inc.](#), Meg Stone, Executive Director of [IMPACT Boston](#) a self-defense training program (and JDI member program!), Rani Neutil, Community Manager of the rideshare company, [Safr](#), and Mariya Taher author and cofounder of [Sahiyo](#), an



FGC advocacy and education organization. JDI was thrilled to introduce people to the innovative work of these organizations to address gender-based violence and to explore ways that millennials are using their wallets to have an impact on the world.

We also introduced the [\\$100 club](#) which invites people to contribute just \$8.33 a month and be part of the philanthropic community that is funding and fueling the work of JDI.

[Read more](#) and hear what these young activists and philanthropists are up to.

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## Federal Policy Watch

With our national partners, we have weighed in on many of the proposals coming out of Washington, D.C. and supported our peers facing similarly hateful and regressive policy changes in states across the country. You may have heard reports that the Trump Administration is considering cuts to Violence Against Women grants and a host of other programs including legal services. It's important to know that there's nothing concrete yet as the President's budget has not been released and whatever is proposed will need to go through the U.S. House and U.S. Senate. That said, these rumors need to be taken seriously and JDI is actively engaged with our national partners to determine an advocacy strategy. So stay tuned!

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## State Advocacy News

While the budget process for state funding happens annually, the state legislative session starts anew every two years to mirror the election cycle of state Representatives and Senators. Our [2017-2018 Legislative Agenda](#) describes how JDI's current policy efforts will be prioritized into three broad areas for advocacy and change: Education/Prevention; Economic Justice; and Immigrant Rights.

You'll find more details on our [Policy Action Page](#).



### GOING ORANGE FOR TEEN DATING & SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Nationwide February is recognized as Teen Dating & Sexual Violence Awareness Month to help bring attention to an issue that affects 1 in

10 teens. Teens are organizing across Massachusetts to educate themselves and foster safer relationships. Through the WRD Campaign, we are training youth at places like [UTEC in Lowell](#) and engaging students in over 20 middle and high schools.

To learn more about these issues, how to talk to teens in your life, and what you can do to help prevent abuse, check out these great resources:

- Love is respect: <http://www.loveisrespect.org/resources/teendvmonth/>
- National Resource Center on Domestic Violence: <http://www.nrcdv.org/dvam/tdvam>

Your partnership ensures that Jane Doe Inc. can provide effective, strategic and valuable leadership statewide. You're invited to: [JOIN US](#) at upcoming events. [ADD YOUR VOICE](#) to our advocacy efforts. [MAKE A GIFT](#) to support these initiatives and make a difference.

We send out periodic emails with updates and action alerts from Jane Doe Inc.

You can get more immediate news on social media:

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