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April 2011

Upcoming Events



Language Matters

We've all heard the news about violent language contributing to a culture of violence. But what about the flip side of that-can positive and respectful words build stronger, healthier communities? At HAVEN, we think so.

Join us for a workshop on how positive language can build stronger communities on April 14. \$10 per person.

[Click here to register.](#)

Abuse is No Joking Matter

I recently had shoulder surgery and have had to wear a sling. Over the weekend, I attended a social function and three different times during this event I was greeted with "jokes" about my injury. These "jokes" all had the basic theme that my husband must have beaten me. How is this even remotely funny?

If I had been beaten, this approach, to joke and laugh about it certainly wouldn't have made me feel at all welcome or comfortable in seeking support. If I had been beaten, what message would my abusive partner have received, that abuse is laughable? ([Read more](#))



Beth Morrison
HAVEN CEO

Let's Have a Conversation About What is NOT Rape

As many of you may know, April is [National Sexual Assault Awareness Month](#). Maybe you have seen an inordinate amount of teal ribbons lately or posters tacked up all around town for local [Take Back the Night](#) rallies. Maybe more than one person has approached you with frightening yet true statistics that say **1 in 6 women and 1 in 33 men in the United States have experienced an attempted or completed rape and nearly two-thirds of rapists know their victims** (unless the victim is a minor, in which case that number jumps up to 93%). ([Read more](#)).



Shop to Support HAVEN!

If you have been helping HAVEN when you shop at Kroger's, you will want to re-enroll after April 1 to continue giving through your Kroger Plus card. You can go to [Kroger Community Rewards](#), fill out the information, including HAVEN's NPO



Painting with a Purpose

Join us on April 30 at Painting with a Twist to learn how to paint a featured painting with up to 60% of the proceeds coming back to HAVEN. It's \$45 for a three hour class, all materials provided. [Click here to register.](#)



Step Out in Style

Are you looking to update your image or try out new trends? Join us on May 2 for an evening with Jill Jordan, Personal Branding Coach and Bellocchio Upscale Resale Co-owners, Carolyn Joseph and Carol Dowling. We'll share how you can polish your personal brand and get some fashion tips regarding your personal style. Tickets are \$20, and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to

#83215 to re-enroll. Such a simple and easy way to give back- and we are very grateful to all of those who participate!

Help HAVEN Win a Telly Award

HAVEN's Prevention Education video, "Daisy Tells a Secret," is up for a Telly Award. [Please go here](#) and give our video a "thumbs up" by April 22nd.



Denim Day

In Rome, Italy in 1997, a 45-year-old driving instructor raped his 17-year-old student. A year later, the case was overturned and the instructor was released, because the judge argued that "the victim wore very, very tight jeans." Enraged by the verdict, women in the Italian Parliament protested by wearing jeans on the steps of the parliament building. Since then, there has been an annual [Denim Day](#) to protest sexual violence and raise awareness throughout the United States. [Denim Day is April 27](#), and we invite all of you to join us. To host a Denim Day at your school or workplace, please contact Jennifer Hogan at (248) 334-1284 or jparker@haven-oakland.org.

Home is Where the Heart Is

HAVEN's premier fundraiser, Promenade of Hope, will be hosted at Art Van Furniture in Royal Oak on Thursday, May 12, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Join Honorary Chairs Henry Baskin and Art Van Eslander by supporting Oakland County's only center for the treatment and prevention of domestic and sexual violence by joining over 400 community leaders for an entertaining evening of cocktails, strolling dinner and silent and live auctions.

Sponsors include: Henry Baskin Family Foundation, Art Van Furniture, Huntington National Bank, Charter One, Ford Motor Company, Towers Watson and Verizon Wireless.

Co-Chairs are Meg Gordy, Lori Mazurek, Deborah Roelofs and Dave Sokol.

Check out a preview of our amazing auction items at



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May 2, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
at Bellacchio Upscale
Resale.

Call (248) 408-2432 or
email Jill at
jill@jillannejordan.com
to reserve your spot.

www.promenadeofhope.org.

Tickets are \$150. Sponsorships available. For more
information contact Duc Abrahamson at (248) 334-
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