



HAVEN
FOUNDATION

LIVE WITHOUT FEAR

April 5, 2016

Dear Friends,

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The reality of sexual assault in our communities is sobering. There are numbers that seem almost surreal, such as **1 in 6 women and 1 in 33 men in the U.S. have experienced an attempted or completed rape.** Others hit us personally because we can visualize them, **15% of sexual assault and rape victims are under age 12.**

HAVEN is dedicated to combating this horrible epidemic through our comprehensive programming, including the Safe Therapeutic Assault Response Team (START). START nurses conduct forensic medical exams designed to collect evidence and document injuries after a victim has been assaulted. Victims are also connected to a HAVEN advocate who explains the daunting legal process and available options. Last year, we provided 181 exams to women and men ages 14 and up.

Starting this spring, HAVEN **has expanded our programming to provide expert care for infants, toddlers and pre-teens** since we know 1 in 9 girls and 1 in 53 boys will experience a sexual assault.

Here are several ways you can join the movement to end sexual assault and help create a healthier community. Enclosed you'll find more information on each opportunity.

- **Host a casual day at your workplace to support Denim Day**
- **Conduct a Donation Drive**
- **Support HAVEN's Annual Gala**
- **Attend our screening of The Hunting Ground**

Please review the enclosed materials to learn more about how you can help survivors of sexual assault. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Stephanie Holland at 248.332.3705 or sholland@haven-oakland.org.

With Gratitude,

Rachel M. Decker
Executive Director, HAVEN Foundation



HOW YOU CAN HELP

HOST A CASUAL DAY AT YOUR WORKPLACE

April 27, 2016 is National Denim Day

Ask your employees to donate a dollar (or more) to wear jeans to work. Doing so will draw attention to this cause and provide valuable support for HAVEN. Review the enclosed flyer to learn more about this effort.

CONDUCT A DONATION DRIVE

The HAVEN Residential Program provides three meals and living supplies to our residents each day and the START Program provides supplies to victims of sexual assault after their exam. Donated supplies help ensure they get what they need, but remember, we can only accept NEW ITEMS FROM OUR NEEDS LIST. For a complete list of our monthly needs, visit www.haven-oakland.org/donate. You can also go to this web address to donate monetarily.

SUPPORT HAVEN'S ANNUAL GALA

The 2016 Hopes & Dreams Gala is on Friday, May 6 at the Detroit Marriott Troy. The event will be an elegant evening including dinner and cocktails, live entertainment and live and silent auctions. You can also dance the night away at the Afterglow Party. Many sponsorship opportunities and tickets are available. Visit www.haven-oakland.org/events/gala-event to learn more or contact Stephanie Holland at 248.322.3705 or sholland@haven-oakland.org.

ATTEND OUR SCREENING OF THE HUNTING GROUND

The Hunting Ground is a documentary film about the incidence of sexual assault on college campuses in the United States. The documentary focuses on Andrea Pino and Annie E. Clark, two former University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill students who were raped while enrolled in school and led a campaign to file a Title IX complaint against UNC. Lady Gaga recorded an original song, "Til It Happens to You," for the film. More details about the event can be found on the enclosed flyer.

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**DENIM
DAY
4.27.16**



ROME, ITALY, 1997

A 17-year-old girl was picked up by her 45-year-old instructor for her first driving lesson. An hour later he abandoned her in an alley after raping her, leaving her to find her own way home. She reported the incident and the case was prosecuted. The driving instructor was convicted of rape and sent to jail.

ROME, ITALY, 1998

The driving instructor appeals the sentence. The case makes it to the Italian Supreme Court where it is overturned and the perpetrator was released.

In a statement released by the head judge, he argued, “because the victim wore very, very tight jeans, she had to help him remove them....and by removing the jeans...it was no longer rape, but consensual sex.”

Enraged by the verdict, women in the Italian Parliament protested by wearing jeans on the steps of the Parliament building. Since then, Peace Over Violence in Los Angeles, CA has been organizing an annual Denim Day to protest sexual violence and to raise awareness throughout the United States.

OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, APRIL 2016

We are inviting area businesses and schools to raise awareness about sexual violence by allowing staff and students to participate in Denim Day on April 27, 2016. Wear denim to work or school to show your support. Make a social statement with your fashion statement.

Please join us in taking a stand against sexual violence!

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To participate, contact Stephanie Holland at 248.322.3705 or sholland@haven-oakland.org

HAVEN invites you to join us for a special viewing and panel discussion in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month



THE HUNTING GROUND

A Startling Exposé of Sexual Assault on US College Campuses

Sunday, April 17 • 6-9pm

HOSTED BY



COMCAST

At the Troy XFINITY Store • 1981 W. Maple, Troy
(located on the south side of Maple Rd in the Walmart shopping complex)

\$5 Suggested Donation

Food and beverages are being donated by Comcast

RSVP BY APRIL 13th at:

www.eventbrite.com/e/the-hunting-ground-tickets-22800837920



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