

# april is sexual assault awareness month



Join the YWCA of Kalamazoo by raising awareness and honoring those affected by sexual assault by participating in the following community events throughout April.

## teal ribbon campaign

**date:** April 1 – 31, 2011

Across the country, the teal ribbon has come to represent awareness about sexual assault. In addition to the demonstration of support for victims and advocates, the display of teal ribbons throughout a community conveys a powerful message that there's no place for assault in the homes, neighborhoods, workplaces or schools of its citizens. Throughout the month, teal ribbons are available free at the YWCA of Kalamazoo.

## public screening and discussion of the documentary *Very Young Girls*

**date:** Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**time:** 11:00 am – 1:00pm

**location:** KVCC Texas Township Campus

This event, held in collaboration with Voices Against Sexual Assault, the YWCA of Kalamazoo and KVCC, will allow participants to take an in-depth look at the reality of childhood sexual exploitation in this country. Following the film, which looks into the causes and methods of the sexual exploitation of children, will be a discussion session led by YWCA sexual assault counselors. This event is free of charge.

## sexual assault awareness community fair

**date:** Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**time:** 11:00am – 1:00pm

**location:** KVCC Texas Township Campus

Sponsored by Voices Against Sexual Assault, this community event will allow bring together local service providers in order to allow KVCC students and community members the opportunity to gather information and resources about sexual assault. For more information visit: <http://www.voicesasa.org>.

## supportive volunteer training

**date:** Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**time:** 8:30am – 3:30pm

**location:** YWCA of Kalamazoo

Supportive training is a 7-hour event geared towards individuals who are interested in serving as supportive volunteers within the YWCA's Nurse Examiner Program. The training will be a comprehensive introduction to sexual assault response, and participants will be screened before joining YWCA's team of volunteers. For more information, please contact the YWCA Sexual Assault Program at 385-2869.

## take back the night

**date:** Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**time:** 4:00pm – 7:00pm

**location:** Western Michigan University

Take Back the Night is an internationally held event designed to raise awareness about sexual assault. This event, sponsored by WMU, Voices Against Sexual Assault and the YWCA will allow participants to learn about local sexual assault resources, hear survivors' stories, march through the WMU campus to raise awareness and speak out against sexual violence. Community members are both welcome and encouraged at this annual event.

## public screening and discussion of the documentary *Very Young Girls*

**date:** Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>

**time:** 6:00pm – 8:00 pm

**location:** Kalamazoo College

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## denim day

**date:** Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Denim Day has been internationally celebrated since 1999 in protest of an Italian High Court ruling that overturned a rape conviction because the victim was wearing jeans. Enraged by the verdict, women of the Italian Legislature protested the decision by wearing jeans to work. As news of the decision spread, so did the protest. Wear your jeans to show support!! For more info visit: <http://supportdenimday.com/>

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