

Safe Passage Inc.

Serving victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse

March 2017

Volunteer Spotlight

This month we would like to recognize a volunteer who just recently started volunteering with us. Martie Jackson started volunteering in January and has since been a great contribution to us here at Safe Passage. Ms. Martie is always ready to help with whatever she can and she goes above and beyond in what she does. She is always full of energy and has more ideas for our volunteer program we could ever dream of. Thank you for being awesome Ms. Martie. We are honored to have you on our team!



WHAT HAPPENED IN FEBURARY?

Thanks to everyone's support during our Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month! Our spirit night and sundae social were a huge hit thanks to you! If you didn't get a chance to make it out, check out the pictures below.



April, Sexual Assault Awareness Month Events

- **Tuesday April 4th: It's on Us** – 11:00 am – 1:00 pm – Winthrop University
- **Thursday April 6th: It's on Us** – 11:00 am – 1:00 pm – Winthrop University
- **Thursday April 6th: Movie Screening** – 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm Transformation Center on Saluda
- **Tuesday April 11th: Take Back the Night** – 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm – WU Amphitheater
 - An international march and rally/vigil intended as a protest and direct action against rape and other forms of sexualized violence and sexualized subordination of women
- **Wednesday April 19th: Moe's Spirit Night** – 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
- **Wednesday April 26th: Denim Day** – Please see Hannah for any questions

In Italy in the 1990s, an 18-year-old was raped by her 45-year old driving instructor. The assailant was arrested, convicted, and sentenced to jail. He appealed the sentence, and the case made its way to the Italian Supreme Court. The Supreme Court released the perpetrator and dismiss all charges, on the grounds that “because the victims 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”. Women in the Italian Parliament wore jeans in protest, and the California State and Assembly did the same. Denim Day was born. Wearing jeans on Denim Day has become a symbol of protest against erroneous and destructive attitudes regarding sexual assault. We are asking that community members make a statement with their fashion by wearing jeans on this day as a visible means of protest against the misconceptions that surround sexual assault.
- **Friday April 28th: Comprehensive Overview of Adult Sexual Assault** – WU Richardson Ballroom

If you are interested in volunteering at any of these events please check your email for our SignUpGenius page for these events

Dates to Remember

- ❖ March 13th-16th Volunteer Training
- ❖ April 6th- Movie Night
- ❖ April 19th- Moe's Spirit Night
- ❖ April 26th – Denim Day
- ❖ April 28th- Adult Comprehensive Overview of Adult Sexual Assault Training



25th Anniversary Celebration!

This year we are celebrating our 25th anniversary! On August 3rd, 2017 will be having a Black and Blue Ball to celebrate. Please mark you calendars and be on the lookout for more information