



## Spring 2017

### April Events

Join us for Sexual Assault Awareness Month. In April, we strive to bring about more awareness and prevention regarding sexual violence and abuse. We are honoring Sexual Assault Awareness Month with the following events:

#### 8th Annual Cup of Prevention

Please consider supporting this campaign by making a purchase at the following businesses during the month of April. A percentage of the proceeds goes directly towards assisting victims of crime.

- A.T. Black and White
- Jordie's Trail Side Café
- The Royal Cafe
- Zoomski's
- Randall Cafe
- Donna's Big Johns
- Uncle B's



#### FREE Common Sense Self Defense Class

For Women Ages 15 and Up  
Date: THIS Thursday, April 20, 2017  
Time: 7:30-8:30 pm  
Location: Little Falls Tae Kwon Do

**\*Pre-Registration is required!** There is a limit of 20 participants. To register for this free class call Hands of Hope Resource Center in Little Falls at 320-632-1657

#### 11th Annual Denim Day

Wednesday, April 26th, 2017

To help us recognize the National Day to End Sexual Violence, we are asking all employers to allow their employees to break the dress code and the silence by wearing denim to work on Wednesday, April 26th, 2017. The story behind Denim Day:



#### *Italy, 1992*

*An 18-year old girl is picked up by her married 45-year old driving instructor for her very first lesson. He takes her to an isolated road, pulls her out of the car, wrestles her out of one leg of her jeans and forcefully rapes her. Threatened with death if she tells anyone, he makes her drive the car home. Later that night she tells her parents, and they support her to press charges. The perpetrator gets arrested and is prosecuted. He is convicted of rape and sentenced to jail. He appeals the sentence. The case makes it's all the way to the Italian Supreme Court. Within a matter of days the case against the driving instructor is overturned, dismissed, and the perpetrator released. In a statement by the Chief 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, within a matter of hours the women in the Italian Parliament launched into immediate action and protested by wearing jeans to work.*

# Volunteer Appreciation Week is April 23-29th



We would like to take a moment to thank our many volunteers for generously sharing their time, treasures, and talents! Whether you volunteer at fundraisers, as a board member, or as a volunteer advocate, we appreciate YOU!

If you are interested in volunteering at our agency in Todd County or Morrison County, please call Amanda at 320-632-1657 for more information.

## New way to donate!

If you are interested in buying items rather than donating dollars, we now have a new way for you to shop online for items on our wish list. Just go to [domesticshelters.org](http://domesticshelters.org) and search for us by zip code. (56345 for Little Falls or 56347 for Long Prairie) You will be able to click on our wish list, add items to your cart, and make a purchase all on one site. The items will be delivered directly to us!



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