




April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2009			1 Community Awareness Flyering 12pm—1pm	2	3	4
	5	6	7 Screening & Discussion: V-Day, Until the Violence Stops RVA Central Office 6pm-8pm	8 SAAM DAY OF ACTION Tabling: The School of the Art Institute 112 S. Michigan, 12-1pm Community Awareness Flyering 12-1pm “We are Many, We are One” Presentation at National Museum of Mexican Art 12-1pm	9 Screening & Discussion of The Oprah Winfrey Show on Teen Dating Violence District 15 Police Station 1-3pm	10 Good Friday
12 Easter	13	14 Standing Silent Witness T-Shirt Making RVA Central Office 5pm – 8pm	15 Tabling: Columbia College 10am-2pm	16 <i>Breaking the Silence:</i> Poetry Night Café Mestizo 7pm—10pm	17	18 Creative Arts & Healing Rise Children’s Center 10am—1pm
19 Sunday of Sermons in Chicago’s Austin Community All Day	20	21 Roundtable Discussion: Parents and Significant Others of Sexual Assault Survivors RVA Central Office 6pm—8pm	22 CAN TV Call-In Segment Channel 21 8:00pm—8:25pm	23 Take Back the Night Speech & Rally DePaul Campus 5pm—10pm	24 RVA’s Standing Silent Witness Demonstration Daley Center 12pm—1pm Screening & Discussion: Hip-Hop Beyond Beats & Rhythms UIC at 7pm	25 Male Ally Conference- Engaging Men to End Sexual Violence Against Women** UIC- Student Center East **Free and open to all male identified persons**
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Rape Victim Advocates SAAM Calendar of Activities 2009

- April 1st and 8th 8-10am, 12-2pm, 4-6pm** *Community Awareness FLYING* **Various Locations**
RVA will distribute flyers to raise awareness about sexual assault in various locations throughout the city. We plan to appear at the Thompson Center, Daley and Federal Plazas, and in various neighborhoods ranging from Rogers Park to Andersonville to Washington Park to Pilsen to and more. If you would like to help, contact Carrie at prevention@rapevictimadvocates.org or call (312)443-9603.
- April 7th 6 pm – 8 pm** *Screening of V-Day: Until the Violence Stops* **RVA: 180 N. Michigan**
Emmy Award Winner and an official selection of the Sundance and Amnesty International Film Festivals, *V-Day: Until the Violence Stops* is a groundbreaking documentary that explores the horrific international reality of rape and other forms of violence against women through first person testimonies. If you have any questions, contact Anika at educator@rapevictimadvocates.org or call (312)443-9603.
- April 14th 5 pm – 8 pm** *Standing Silent Witness—T-Shirt Making* **RVA: 180 N. Michigan**
Join us as we make and create t-shirts with anti-rape and anti-violence stories and slogans for Standing Silent Witness. All t-shirts and art supplies will be provided. Please contact Carrie with any questions at prevention@rapevictimadvocates.org or call (312)443-9603.
- April 16th 7pm – 10pm** *Breaking the Silence—Poetry Night* **Mestizo Café in Pilsen**
Join us for a night of poetry! Special guest speakers will be featured followed by an open-mic session. All are welcome to share their own pieces! Contact: Nakida at (312)864-6112 or at cchmedical@rapevictimadvocates.org.
- April 18th 10pm – 1pm** *Creative Arts & Healing Workshop* **RISE Children's Center**
Join us for this family-friendly event. You can participate in the drawing corner, mask making, collage poetry, mural painting or make a t-shirt for Standing Silent Witness. Contact: Molly at children@rapevictimadvocates.org or (312)733-2102 ext 417.
- April 19th All Day** *Sunday of Sermons* **Chicago's Austin Community**
Pastors of several churches in Chicago's Austin Community are conducting sermons on sexual assault, their faith's response to sexual assault and ways to provide spiritual support for victims. For more information, contact Anika at educator@rapevictimadvocates.org or call (312)443-9603.
- April 21st 6pm – 8pm** *Parents & Significant Others of Sexual Assault Survivors* **RVA: 180 N. Michigan**
Join us for a roundtable discussion about the various issues concerning significant others of sexual assault survivors. Contact Lashanda at dircounseling@rapevictimadvocates.org or 312-443-9603.
- April 17th 4:00pm** *Take Back The Night* **DePaul University**
RVA will participate in DePaul's Take Back the Night Speech and Rally. 'TBTN is a march and rally intended as a protest against rape and other forms of violence against women. It will be held at DePaul's Main Campus. Please contact Carrie with any questions at (312)443-9603.
- April 22nd 8:00pm – 8:30pm** *CAN TV Show Hotline 21* **Channel 21**
Please tune in to watch RVA's staff discuss issues related to sexual assault. Viewers are invited to call in with any questions or comments at 312-738-1060. Please contact Cheryl with any questions development@rapevictimadvocates.org or call (312)443-9603.
- April 24th 12 pm – 1 pm** *Standing Silent Witness Demonstration* **Daley Plaza**
Standing Silent Witness is RVA's signature event for SAAM. Standing silently for one hour, volunteers wear teal t-shirts bearing the stories of sexual assault survivors in order to "break the silence" about sexual violence. Join us at RVA's Central Office at 11 AM to prepare for the event and/or after the event for a lunch. For more information, contact Carrie at prevention@rapevictimadvocates.org or call (312)443-9603.
- April 24th 7pm** *Screening of Hip-Hop: Beyond Beats & Rhymes* **UIC- James Stukel Towers Event Center**
Byron Hurt, one of the nation's most widely-known male anti-sexism activists will be screening his award winning documentary "*Hip-Hop: Beyond Beats and Rhymes*". Join Hurt as he shows his film and leads a discussion about masculinity, violence, and homophobia in hip-hop. A panel discussion featuring members of the artistic team AquaMoon will follow. If you have any questions, contact Anika at educator@rapevictimadvocates.org or call (312)443-9603.
- April 27th 6 pm – 8 pm** *Engaging Bystanders Workshop* **RVA: 180 N. Michigan**
Join us for an interactive workshop that discusses the bystander effect and how to build a community without sexual assault. Learn how you can make a difference in your daily life by challenging language, discouraging victim blaming and becoming an "active" bystander. Please contact Carrie at prevention@rapevictimadvocates.org or call (312)443-9603 for details.
- April 30th 7:30 pm – 9:00pm** *When a Friend Discloses* **Women & Children First Bookstore**
RVA will present "When a Friend Discloses" at Women & Children First. This workshop will address ways to support a loved one who has survived a sexual assault. We will focus on identifying and avoiding victim-blaming responses as well as supporting the survivor, helping her/him to reclaim power, and recognize options. The workshop will close with a panel discussion. Please contact Carrie at prevention@rapevictimadvocates.org or call (312)443-9603 for details.