



SPEAKOUT

Sexual Assault Awareness Month & Crime Victims Rights Week

In April we recognize Sexual Assault Awareness Month in addition to National Crime Victims’ Rights Week, and there are many activities planned throughout the community to raise awareness and support survivors.

Crime does not discriminate. It can and does touch anyone. No one plans to become a victim of crime, and if you ask those who are, they never thought it would happen to them.

Survivors deserve support, not judgement. Don't worry that you won't say the right words. What a survivor will remember is that you were there and that you listened and believed them. “I believe you” can be the most important words for a victim to hear. Don’t assume they already know this. Many victims don’t come forward because they fear no one will believe them. Many victims also blame themselves and the words “It wasn’t your fault” are also very powerful.

Remember to be supportive and listen. Healing from trauma doesn’t follow a timeline. VRC’s 24-hour hotline is always available, always confidential, and always no cost.



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NEPA Gives

THANK YOU!

DONATE



Victims Resource Center holds its 40th Annual Geranium Sale!

Spring is finally here and it is time to think about planting those spring flowers. Victims Resource Center is pleased to announce that the 40th Annual Geranium Sale is now underway!



Geraniums can be ordered on-line at vrcnepa.org or an order form can be printed. Red and pink geraniums are available and orders of 25 or more plants to one location can be delivered for free. Pick-up and/or delivery is on:

Tuesday, May 6th in Tunkhannock

Wednesday, May 7th in Wilkes-Barre

Thursday, May 8th in Lehighton

Proceeds from this sale ensure that victims have critical programs and services. We hope you join us by purchasing flowers for Mother's Day or your own garden!

Order your
Geraniums
today!
vrcnepa.org

Last day to
order
4.25.25



TEAL TUESDAY 4.1.2025



On Tuesday, **April 1st** join the national movement!

WEAR TEAL!



A simple, yet meaningful way to raise awareness about **SEXUAL VIOLENCE**



SNAP A SELFIE! Or take a group shot of you & your friends/family/coworkers all wearing teal!



Post it with **#TealTuesday** and tag **VRC!**

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month!

APRIL is Sexual Assault Awareness Month!

NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK
AND
SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

START BY BELIEVING RALLY

THIS YEAR'S THEME
TOGETHER WE ACT, UNITED WE CHANGE

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025
5:00 PM

MISERICORDIA UNIVERSITY AMPHITHEATER

JOIN US AS WE GATHER TO HONOR LOCAL VICTIMS OF
CRIME & THEIR FAMILIES & TO REMEMBER LOVED ONES
WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN LOST DUE TO CRIME

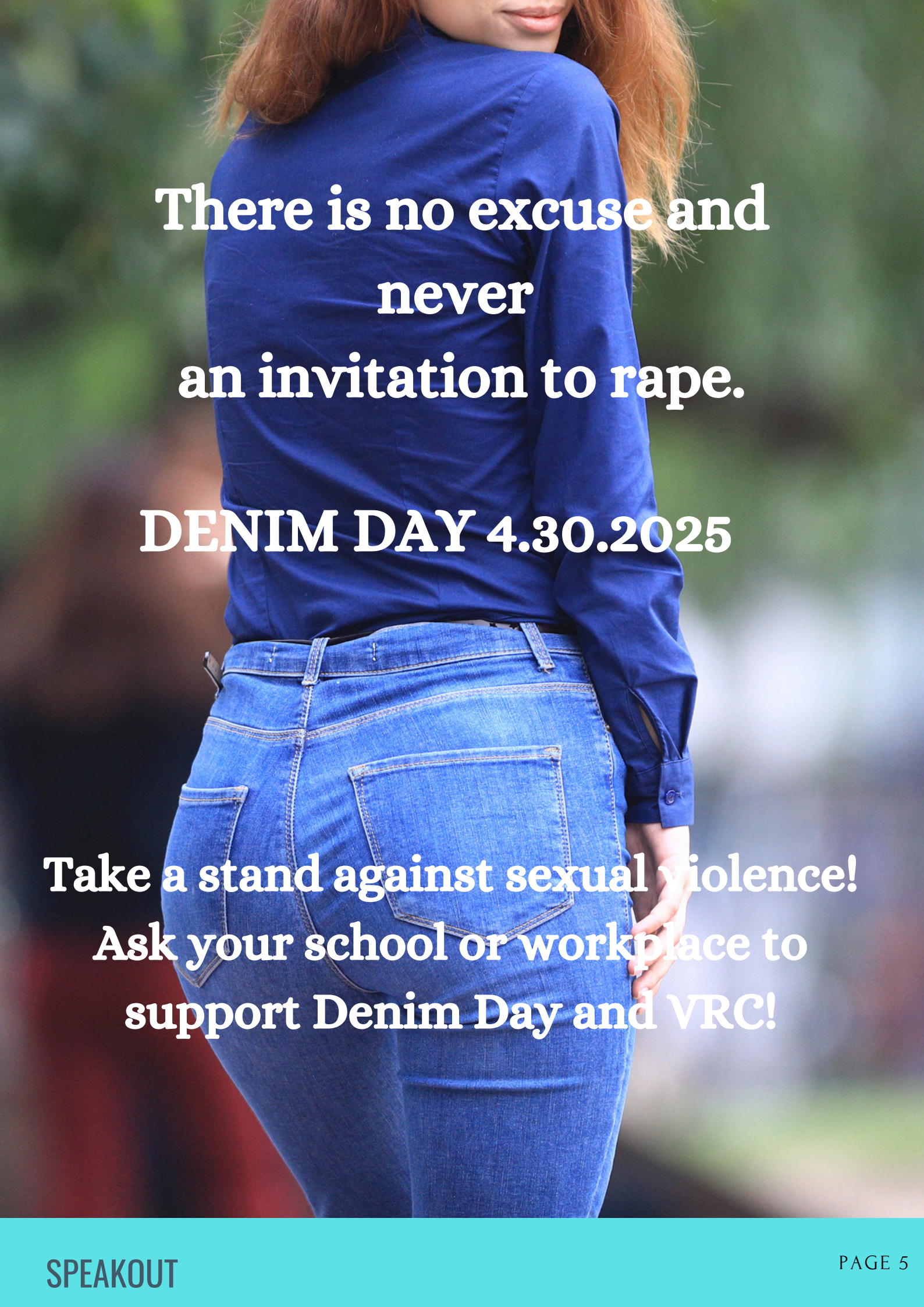
Speakers include:

Sexual Assault and Homicide Survivors
AND
Community Leaders

VICTIM ROLL CALL & BAGPIPES



For more information please
call Victims Resource Center
at 570-823-0766 or go to
vrcnepa.org



**There is no excuse and
never
an invitation to rape.**

DENIM DAY 4.30.2025

**Take a stand against sexual violence!
Ask your school or workplace to
support Denim Day and VRC!**



VRC Board Chair Tom Mosca receives a check from proceeds of the GFWC Grotto Pizza Parade of Trees

Community Partner Spotlight ~ General Federation of Women's Clubs - West Side, Kingston

The General Federation of Women's Clubs is an international organization based in Washington, D.C. It is one of the largest and oldest women's volunteer service organization. The General Federation of Women's Clubs - West Side, Kingston is part of it. Members of this club come from all walks of life and with considerable diversity in ages, interests and experience, but they are united in their dedication to community improvement through volunteer service. Throughout the year, club members participate in fundraising and volunteer projects.

Over the years, Victims Resource Center has been the recipient of many of the very generous volunteer projects of the GFWC - West Side, Kingston. The tireless women of this club have sponsored a tree at the Harvey's Lake Grotto Pizza Parade of Trees for many years, raising thousands of dollars for VRC. They have also sought matching funds on our behalf and have generously participated in our events and fundraisers including the Annual Geranium Sale.

We couldn't achieve all that we do without the support of such a compassionate and caring community partner like The General Federation of Women's Clubs - West Side, Kingston. Thank you to all the hardworking women of the club!



The General
Federation of
Women's Clubs is one
of the world's largest
& oldest women's
volunteer service
organizations



NEPA GIVES

NEPA Gives
Support Survivors. Create Change
Donate June 5-6, 2025

NEPA Gives is an on-line giving extravaganza that's all about giving back to the community. It has become the single largest day of philanthropy in NEPA and Victims Resource Center is so proud to be involved again this year!

Donations to non-profits, like VRC, will be enhanced with bonus funds provided by NEPA Gives sponsors - making donor dollars go even further!

We hope you will join in and support VRC in this historical day of giving. Follow us on Facebook for updates as the day gets closer.

**Giving is not
just about
making a
donation, it's
about making
a difference.**



Thank you!

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- White Haven Marine Corps League #1039 White Haven Detachment
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YES! I/We want to help support client services & education programs at
Victims Resource Center

Mail to: **Victims Resource Center**
360 East End Centre
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

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Amount of my gift:

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