

Our House, Inc.

A Ministry of Help

TEEN DATING VIOLENCE

FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF YOUNG AFRICAN AMERICAN MALES

Our House, Inc. is a minority-based domestic violence and sexual assault agency serving nine rural counties in the Mississippi Delta. We are proud members of the African American Domestic Peace Project, under the partnership of the Institute on Domestic Violence in the African Community (IDVAAC). For additional details, please call 1-888-884-LOVE (5683).

PRESENTERS:



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Executive Director



Ozell Pace, Jr.
Culturally Specific Healthy
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Sexual Assault
Prevention Advocate



Felecia Thomas
Healthy Relationship Director

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**Why it's important to
engage young men
in the efforts to end
dating violence?**



because it's a men's issue... it will not end until men become a part of the solution

STUDIES HAVE SHOWN A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF **MEN AND BOYS** ARE VIOLENT. BY CONNECTING WITH OTHER **MEN AND BOYS** ABOUT OUR OWN EXPERIENCES WITH VIOLENCE AND WITH PRIVILEGE, **MEN AND BOYS BECOME EMPOWERED** TO JOIN WITH **WOMEN AND GIRLS** TO CHALLENGE **VIOLENCE AND OPPRESSION**.

Men & Boys



**Women &
Girls**



**Empowered
to END
Interperson
al Violence**



WHAT MALES CAN DO ?



**Avoid the personal
use of violence
against women, or to
put this more
positively, practice
non-violence;**





**Intervene in the
dating violence
of other males**

Address the social and cultural causes of violence



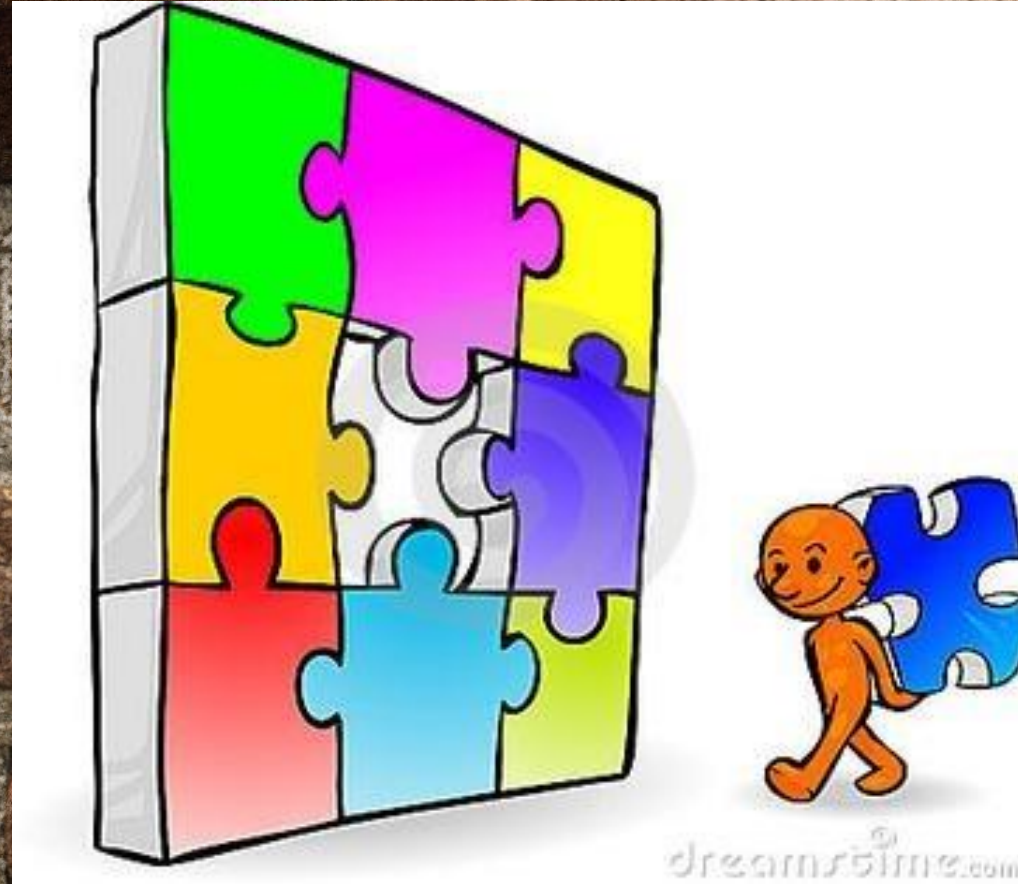


Men can **STEP out of their comfort Zone
and speak out about violence against women!**

WHAT YOU CAN DO!



Recognize there is a PROBLEM...



Find and BE the solution...



November 2007

Latasha Norman, 20
Greenville, MS

Murdered by her ex-boyfriend. After killing LaTasha, Stanley Cole who is now serving 40 years in prison, picked up his girlfriend and went on a date with her while Latasha's dead body lie in the trunk of the car.

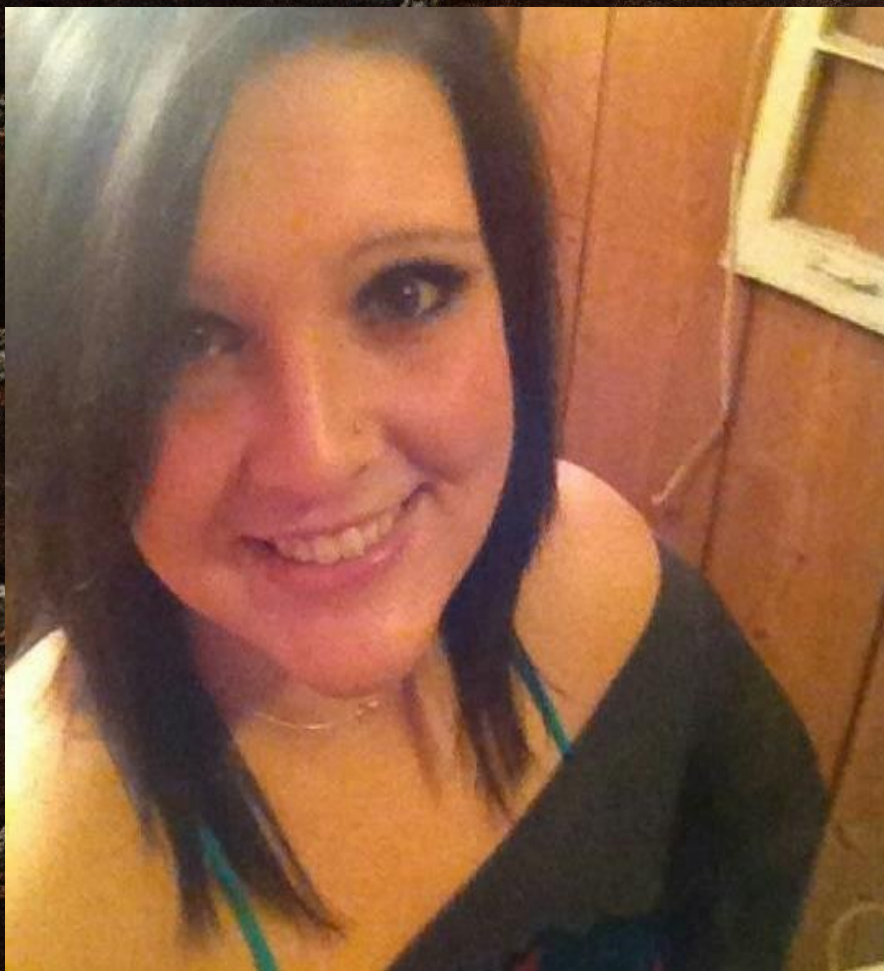
This case received national attention and is now a (CNN Special) -Too Young to Die for Love



Bianca Keys, 17
Ruleville, MS

She died in 2011

Murdered in front of her grandmother and cousin by boyfriend after receiving death threat text messages. Bianca shared the text messages with the school counselor and security guard - no one believed that he would kill her. She was killed on the day of her homecoming parade where she was the homecoming queen.



October 2012

Shelby Harmon,
Cleveland, MS

**Run over by a truck
driven by her boyfriend**

“HOW SAFE IS YOUR SCHOOL?” SURVEY

School:	
Are you a student?	
Are you a teacher/school official?	
Grade Level:	
City/County:	
DEMOGRAPHICS	
Age	
Race	
Gender	



HOW SAFE IS YOUR SCHOOL?

SAFETY AT SCHOOL		Yes	No	Don't know
1	Do you believe that a dating violence policy is needed in your school?			
2	Have you or someone you know been a victim of dating violence?			
3	Have you or someone you know been threatened or actually physically, sexually, verbal, or emotionally, abused by a boyfriend or girlfriend?			
4	Are there agencies providing services to students who are victims of dating violence?			
5	Do you have adults at your school that you feel comfortable talking to about dating violence?			
6	Do teens experiencing dating violence have trouble being academically successful in school?			
7	Do you think additional teen dating violence prevention education is needed?			
8	Do you think that dating violence among teens is a problem in your community?			
9	Have you ever felt unsafe at school because of a dating violence happening?			
10	What reasons do you think why a victim does not seek help or services <i>from friends?</i> (Answer below)			
11	What reasons do you think why a victim does not seek help or services from <i>school personnel?</i> (Answer below)			
12	What reasons do you think why a victim does not seek help or services from <i>community agencies?</i> (Answer below)			

Additional Comments:

WHAT WE'VE DONE

AND WHAT YOU CAN DO TOO!





W.A.V.E YOUTH COUNCIL

PRIMARY PURPOSES...

TO DEVELOP A **PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN** TO PROVIDE **ACCURATE AND USEFUL** INFORMATION ABOUT RESOURCES FOR **AFRICAN AMERICAN YOUTH... TO PREVENT INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE... TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS** OF AFRICAN AMERICAN YOUTH **AFFECTED BY OR ARE VICTIMS OF INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE.**

The journey begins

Enlist Community Support

- Schools
- Churches

1. Make Recommendations

2. Provide space for

- **Monthly meetings**
- **Trainings**
- **Workshops and/or**
- **Support groups**

Design A Packet

*introductory letter, goals,
application, consent forms*

*2 to 5 packets are given to
school principals and faith based
leaders each year*

*Each recommended student
must also submit two letters of
recommendations from non-
family members*

Strategize

- Determine Target Age
- How will the youth help
 - Intervention Services ?
 - Prevention Services?
 - Both Intervention and Prevention

ORIENTATION

YEARLY CALENDAR

TRAINING

TRAINING

1. Confidentiality
2. What is Dating/Domestic Violence
3. What is Sexual Assault
4. What is Statutory Rape
5. Warning Signs
6. Power and Control
7. Safety Planning
8. Characteristics of victims
9. Characteristics of abusers
10. Reasons People Stay in Abusive Relationships
11. How Can I Help A Victim
12. Available Resources



TEACH skills for becoming a leader in
their community and school to create
programs and policies that can
CHANGE behaviors and attitudes.

Started an effective campaign strategies and messages that create lasting change in a community – *by changing the norms that allow domestic violence to happen.*

DATING VIOLENCE CAMPAIGN: BILLBOARDS



Beyond Measure...IS NOT VIOLENT!
Teens Speaking Out Against Dating Violence



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"LOVE" Beyond Measure...IS NOT VIOLENT!

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"LOVE"

FREE and OPEN
to the PUBLIC

BEYOND MEASURE ...IS NOT VIOLENT!

TEENS SPEAKING OUT!

SONG
POEMS
MINUTES
SKITS
SONGS
CHEERS

Door Prizes
will be
given away!

Saturday,
February 25, 2012
at 2:00 p.m.
at Our House, Inc.
1213 VFW Rd
Greenville MS



For More Information
Call Felecia Thomas at
(662)334-6873

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IMPLEMENT skills
and **INSTILL** knowledge
for modeling respectful behavior
with other men and boys.

TEACH RESPONSIBLE
BYSTANDER SKILLS AND
BEHAVIOR.

ADDRESS the
stereotypical
traits that men
have been
taught...


“Be a man,”

“suck it up,”

“don’t cry”

**HOW WE GOT THEM
INVOLVED!!!**



- 
- ◆ Monthly Meetings
 - ◆ Training
 - ◆ Opportunities for members to share life happenings
 - ◆ Involve their own communities in events
 - ◆ Establish relationships

Things to Keep in Mind

- ☐ **Training is crucial**
- ☐ **Meeting Time – Non traditional hours**
- ☐ **Engage the parents – orientation**
- ☐ **Expect to receive disclosures**
- ☐ **Keep high expectations**
- ☐ **Allow them to establish guidelines**
- ☐ **Must engage them REGULARLY**
- ☐ **Expect to get increase in the number of requested services**

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Our House Dating Violence 1

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Dating Violence Campaign: Public Service Announcements



Does your partner pressure you to have sex, by saying,
"If you loved me you would."



Does your partner make you feel afraid to express your own thoughts or feelings?
What to wear? Where to go? Or who to hang out with?



Does your partner have a history of violence and fighting?

Do you worry how they'll react to what you say or do?



Teen Speaking Out Against Dating Violence



Call Us Today!
We're here to help!



Know the signs.

Don't be a victim of dating violence.



Teen dating violence and abuse is a pattern of destructive behaviors used to exert power and control over a dating partner. While we define dating violence as a pattern, that doesn't mean the first instance of abuse is not dating violence. It just recognizes that dating violence usually involves a series of abusive behaviors over a course of time.



While there are many warning signs of abuse, here are ten of the most common abusive behaviors:



- Checking your cell phone or email without permission
- Constantly putting you down
- Extreme jealousy or insecurity
- Explosive temper
- Isolating you from family or friends
- Making false accusations
- Mood swings
- Physically hurting you in any way
- Possessiveness
- Telling you what to do



If you or a loved one is in a violent relationship, call

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Dating Violence Post Card & Flyer

W.A.V.E. Challenges and Solutions

Barrier: Lack of transportation for W.A.V.E. members.

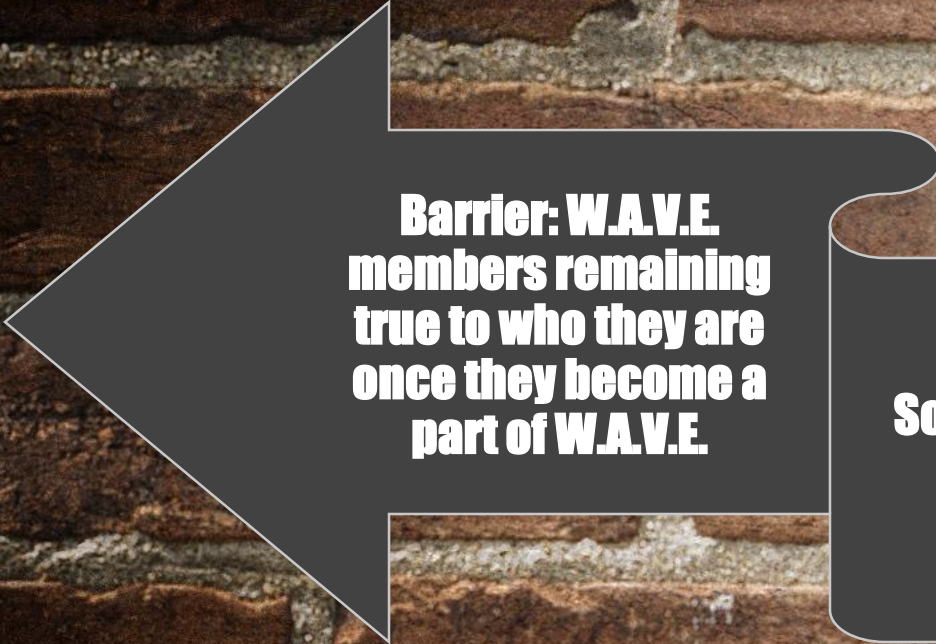
SOLUTIONS

W.A.V.E. members partner up and travel together.

W.A.V.E. advisors pick up those needing a ride.

Provide travel reimbursement.

W.A.V.E. Challenges and Solutions cont



**Barrier: W.A.V.E.
members remaining
true to who they are
once they become a
part of W.A.V.E.**



**Solution: Always encourage
individuality.**

PARTNERS MAKE IT POSSIBLE

WE CAN NOT DO IT BY OURSELVES!!!



Middle Schools & High Schools

Simmons Jr. & Sr. High School

O'Bannon High School

Broad St. High School

Coleman Middle School

West Bolivar High School

South Delta High School

Ruleville Central High School

Greenville High School

RALLY AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE





W.A.V.E. hosted a Sexual Assault Parade in Hollandale, MS. The theme was: ***Marching to the Beat of a Different Drum: Taking Steps Towards Ending Sexual Abuse.*** The entries included: Grand Marshall Alderwoman Janice Ford (Hollandale, MS); Ruff House Gym (Greenville, MS); The Hollandale Fire and Police Departments; Delta Dance Academy, Greenville-Weston High School Drum Line; The Washington County Department of Human Services; Baptist Grove Church (Sunflower Cty); Hollandale Police Department; Full of Love Day Care Center; Optimum Care Day Center; Lifelong Learning; Center; Lealnd School Park Cheerleaders, Indianola Police Department, Newness of Life Outreach, Mt. Horeb Church, Mt. Ollie Church, Boy Scout Troop (Hollandale, MS); M.O.M. (Maidservants Outreach Manor); The parents of WAVE members and more...

**WAVE Youth Council at the Washington County 21st Century
Community Learning Center's Conference**



LaMorris and Brandon were “pumping the youth up” with a chant

Simmons High School participated in the National **#Orange4Love** Day.



Mr. Johnson & Mr. Pace with Teens at Simmons High School

Faith Based Communities

- Agape Storge Christian Center
- Core Church
- New Jerusalem MB Church
- Word of Faith Fellowship
- Family Worship Center
- New Life Church
- Shiloh SDA Church
- Vessels of Mercy Ministries
- United Methodist Church



**New Jerusalem MB Church
Youth Department recognize
National Teen Dating Violence
Month. Mr. Pace and Mr.
Richardson spoke to the teens
about importance of Healthy
relationships and shared
personal candid stories on their
experiences with unhealthy
relationships.**

Above Picture (Mr. Richardson & Mr. Pace speaking to New Jerusalem MB Church Teens)



Jacai Walker, poses with tshirt

**On Feb 14th, the Core Church
celebrated its Love Day
by focusing on Dating Violence and
understanding what LOVE
looks like in a healthy relationship.
Core Church is the church that boast
members all under the age of 30.**



Pastor Pace speaks on Dating violence

Love Day at the Core Church



**WAVE Youth Council
Providing a Dating Violence workshop at Shiloh Seven Day Adventist Church**

Colleges & Universities

**Mississippi Valley State University
Delta State University**



Miss Delta State University Gillian Oakley



Miss Delta State University
Gillian Oakley &
Mr. Steve McClellan

#Orange4Love Day at Delta State University

Community Members

**Authors, Educators, Photographers,
Parents, Coaches, Govt. Employees, Custodians,
Cooks, Judges, Artist, Pastors, and much more**



**Juanita Britton, Author &
Domestic Violence Advocate**

On Feb 8, 2016 the community was encouraged to wear orange on the national #Orange4Love Day as part of National Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. Dozens of community members wore orange and post it on social media using the hashtags #OurHouseVoices and #Orange4LoveMS

#Orange4LoveMS



Donna Bettis, Author & Educator

Our House, Inc. & Ruff House Gym

Presents an

EPIC SHOWDOWN

"Knock Out"

**THE
VIOLENCE**

IN RECOGNITION OF
TEEN DATING VIOLENCE
AWARENESS MONTH

Saturday, February 21, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. at Ruff House Gym
1327 Railroad Avenue, Greenville, MS 38701

JOIN US to find out who will win the
HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE BELT!

There will be:

MONOLOGUES * DRAMATIZATIONS * SPOKEN WORDS * SELF-DEFENSE DEMONSTRATIONS

For more information, please contact Felecia Thomas, at 662-334-6873 for more details.

Another W.A.V.E.: Working Against Violence Everywhere Youth Council Production

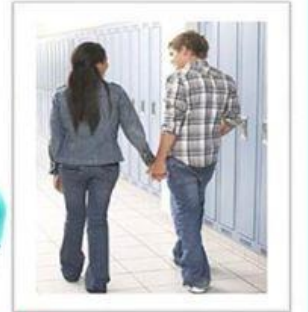
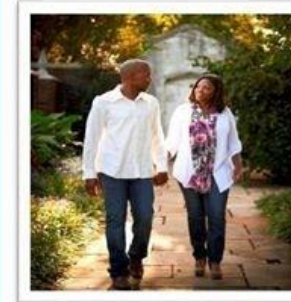
OUR HOUSE, INC.

presents

WALK A MILE

BESIDE

HER



A Special Event Encouraging the Public to

**JOIN US IN CONQUERING
SEXUAL ASSAULT TOGETHER**



Saturday, April 25, 2015
12:00 p.m. at

OUR HOUSE, INC.

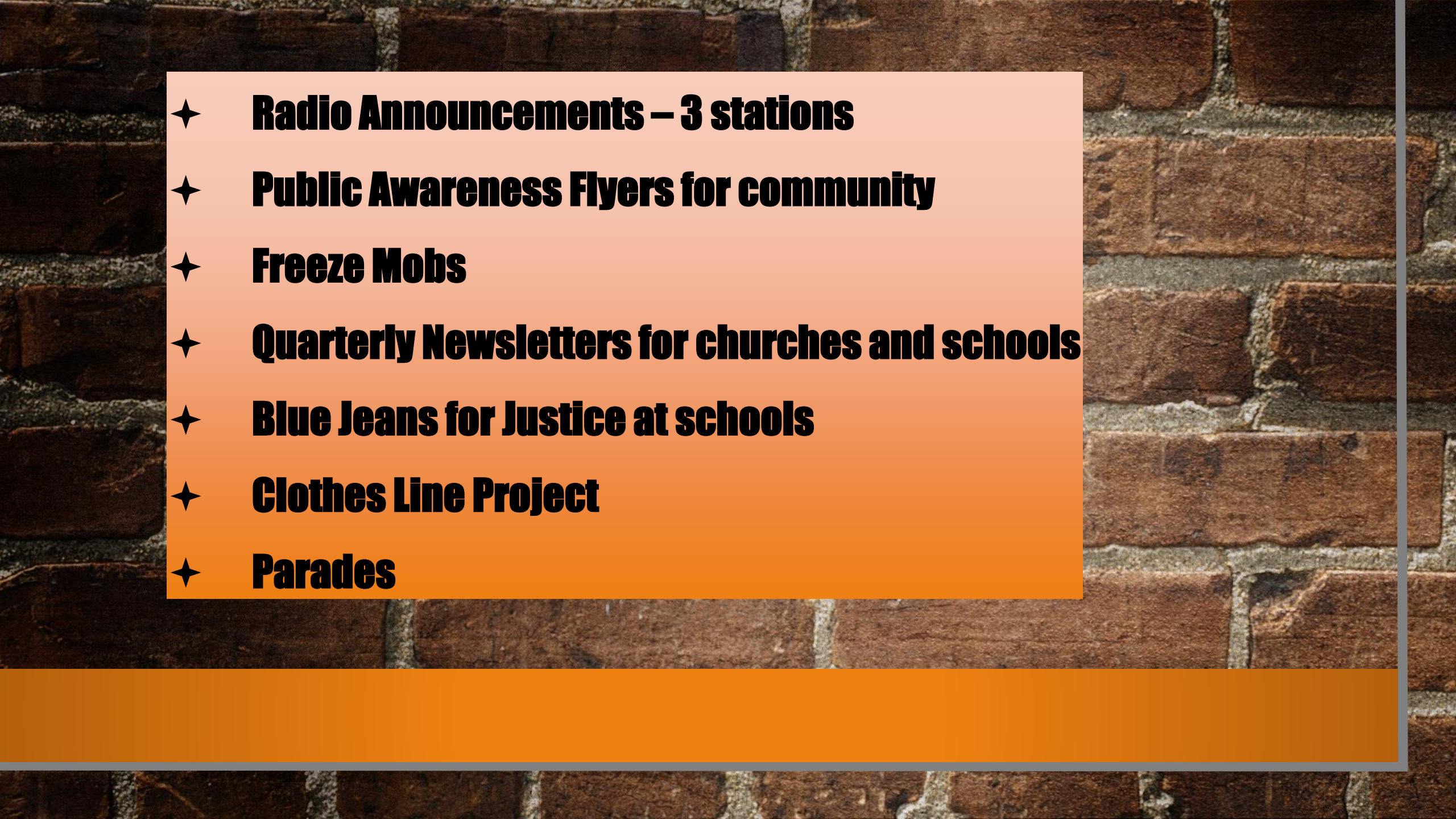
1213 VFW Road, Greenville, MS 38704

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**IT'S NOT EASY,
BUT ITS WORTH IT**

Young People Must STAY Active!

- 
- ✦ **Radio Announcements – 3 stations**
 - ✦ **Public Awareness Flyers for community**
 - ✦ **Freeze Mobs**
 - ✦ **Quarterly Newsletters for churches and schools**
 - ✦ **Blue Jeans for Justice at schools**
 - ✦ **Clothes Line Project**
 - ✦ **Parades**



How safe is your school survey



Safety plans for youth at school or churches



14 week Healthy Relationship Curriculum for schools



Flyers for Malls and Health Fairs



Billboards – 5 counties



Commercials – ABC, NBC, CBS, & FOX

- ✦ **Appearance on local news stations**
- ✦ **Orange 4 Love Day**
- ✦ **Proclamations from local governments**
- ✦ **Walk a Mile in Her Shoes**
- ✦ **Candlelight Vigil**
- ✦ **Knockout the Violence**
- ✦ **Created Hashtags**

RESOURCES

- WWW.OURHOUSENB.COM
- WWW.VETOVIOLENCE.CDC.GOV
- WWW.WAVETODAY.US
- WWW.LOVEISRESPECT.ORG
- WWW.BREAKTHECYCLE.ORG
- WWW.THATSNOTCOOL.COM
- WWW.MENCANSTOPRAPE.ORG

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