

OPEN INVITATION TO JOIN THE NATIONAL MOVEMENT



The time is **NOW** to join together and unite the national movement
to **SHATTER THE SILENCE OF VIOLENCE!**

A NOTE FROM ANGELA ROSE....

15 years ago, I was catapulted into activism. At the age of 17, I was kidnapped and sexually abused by a repeat sex offender who was on parole for murder. When I went to report the crime, the responding detective did not believe me. I refused to be silent, went public and fought for legislative reform. After an extraordinary number of men and women confided in me that they too had been sexually abused, I founded PAVE: Promoting Awareness, Victim Empowerment. Their stories that drove me to create PAVE involved cases akin to mine but overwhelmingly the perpetrator involved was someone they knew and trusted. This week, November 17, CNN will be featuring our work on Morning Express with Robin Meade.

For all of us who do this work, we know how vastly widespread sexual abuse, rape and trauma are in our society. We also know that the pervasive shame, silence and victim blaming can all too often hinder the healing process.

I look at the breast cancer movement, a topic that was once very taboo, has now flooded the national arena and it has transformed into a cause that everyone wants to be involved in! This is social change...and the time for the sexual abuse movement is NOW!

We must unite and all work together to create positive change! I also serve on the Executive Committee for the National Partnership to End Interpersonal Violence (NPEIV). NPEIV works to break through the silos of practice, policy, research and grassroots to work towards a unified approach at all types of violence across the lifespan. The recent travesty of justice at PSU presents a unique window of opportunity to fuse our energy and passion to create a unified voice of awareness and prevention. We want to include you in the National Day of Action through the Safe Campus, Strong Voices initiative.

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A NATIONWIDE CONFERENCE CALL WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 16 at Noon EST/11am CST/10am MST/9am PST.
Dial 218.862.1300 #423026**

There is room for all of us in this movement. The time is NOW and we need YOU! I look forward to working with all of you!

Warmly, Angela Rose

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NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION – Step In, Speak Out! Wednesday, Nov 30, 2011 Colleges Nationwide

“Step In, Speak Out” is a National Day of Action from the Safe Campus, Strong Voices Campaign. The recent tragedy at Penn State University has demonstrated the critical need for education and awareness of sexual violence. “Step In, Speak Out” features a step-by-step action guide to complete this event on your campus. This includes a free, web-based instructional curriculum, how-to guide for the facilitator, media training guide, and healing circle vigil. We will also provide other tangible tools to use throughout the year.

Get involved and make a difference on your campus!

Please continue to wear **BLUE SHIRTS to campus sporting events to show support for victims of sexual abuse.**

**GET INVOLVED - Email: Campus@ShatteringTheSilence.org
www.ShatteringTheSilence.org**

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/SCSVCampaign/>

This groundbreaking campaign focuses on victim empowerment, prevention, bystander intervention, and provide tangible tools for both men and women to work together to create safer campuses. “Safe Campus, Strong Voices” raises awareness and engages students to shatter the silence of campus sexual violence.  

