DENIM DAY IN THE USA is a campaign that raises community awareness about the devastating impacts of sexual violence and how to prevent it.

THE HISTORY: In 1992 an 18-year-old in Italy was raped by her driving instructor. She pressed charges and won her case, but the instructor appealed and the case went to the Italian High Court. In 1999 the court overturned the conviction with a member of the High Court declaring that since the victim wore very tight jeans, the instructor could not have removed them himself; therefore, the victim must have willingly participated. Women of the Italian legislature protested the decision by wearing jeans. As news of the decision spread, so did the protest.

Today, all around the world, organizations coordinate community-wide Denim Days to show support of survivors and raise awareness about the crimes of sexual assault.

Wear denim on April 27 and join the movement!

ELF ON A SHELF
Many thanks to Jana and East Louisville Pediatrics for their generous gifts. A big thank you to everyone who made donations during the holidays. Through your generosity we raised $26,250 in gift cards for clients so they could shop for presents for the family.

BUILDING COMMUNITY’S CAPACITY TO INTERVENE
CWF trainer Dustin Pickett trains employees of the Jefferson County Office of the Circuit Court Clerk on skills for responding in the workplace to co-workers and employees who are survivors of intimate partner violence. Photo courtesy of the Jefferson County Office of the Circuit Court Clerk
PARTNERS FOR GOOD

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