

*This Month at*

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# PROJECT SAGE

*January 2023*

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## **Jane Doe Society**

### **LEAVE A LEGACY OF HOPE**

Approximately one in four women experience sexual and physical violence, including stalking, by an intimate partner in their lifetime. However, only half of these crimes are reported to law enforcement. Many victims remain anonymous. The **Jane Doe Society** commemorates countless unidentified victims of intimate partner violence, honoring them and their untold stories.

Your contribution in the form of a planned gift to the **Jane Doe Society** strengthens the work of Project SAGE while acknowledging the lived experiences of all those impacted by domestic violence. Speak with your family and financial advisor about the Society's planned giving options to leave your legacy in honor of those known and unknown. Please contact Kaitlyn Robitaille, *Director of Special Gifts and Events*, at 860-364-1080 or [kaitlynr@project-sage.org](mailto:kaitlynr@project-sage.org) to make an impact.

**Jane Doe Society**

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## **February Is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month**

According to the [Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence](#), relationships exist on a spectrum, from healthy to unhealthy to abusive. The most important thing to remember is that love should never hurt, either physically or emotionally, and that you have the right to feel safe and good about yourself. Unhealthy relationships can start early and last a lifetime. Teen dating violence can start with teasing and name calling,

and while these behaviors are often thought to be a "normal" part of a relationship, they aren't. They can lead to serious violence like physical and sexual assault. Check out the links below for information and resources on teen dating violence.

- [CCADV Workshop: Teen Dating Violence](#)
- [Love Is Respect-TDVAM 2023 Event Calendar](#)
- [Love Is Respect-TDVAM 2023 Action Guide](#)
- [Youth in the Lead Outreach Toolkit](#)
- [That's Not Cool: Teen Dating Violence and Healthy Relationships in the Digital Age](#)

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## Project SAGE Newsletter

Check out our latest newsletter!



### *Spotlight on Project SAGE*

## Human Trafficking Prevention Month

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January is Human Trafficking\* Prevention Month. In recognition, Project SAGE staff participated in [Blue Campaign's](#) annual #WearBlueDay initiative on January 11. According to Human Trafficking Officer Malik B., "Programs like Wear Blue Day raise public awareness. This could lead to more eyes and ears on the street in areas law enforcement wouldn't normally have immediate access to." If you or someone you know is a victim of human trafficking, get help from the National

Human Trafficking Hotline by calling 1-888-373-7888 or by texting HELP or INFO to BeFree (233733).

\*Human trafficking occurs when a trafficker uses force, fraud, or coercion to control another person for the purpose of engaging in commercial sex acts or soliciting labor or services against his/her will. Force, fraud, or coercion need not be present if the individual engaging in commercial sex is under 18 years of age.

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## Become a Trade Secrets Underwriter!

The Annual **Trade Secrets Rare Plant and Garden Antiques Sale** is the major fundraising event for Project SAGE. Please join us for garden tours on Saturday, May 20th and the Rare Plant and Garden Antiques Sale on Sunday, May 21st.

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## Resource Roundup

### ARTICLE

Without saying a word, an abuser can threaten, control, and coerce a victim. Learn to spot these insidious tactics here: [The Silent Ways Abusers Control](#)

### DOCUMENTARY

More than one in three women in Turkey experiences domestic violence. This award-winning 2021 short film, [available to rent on Amazon](#), documents how lawyer Ipek Bozkurt's clients risk their lives while fighting the culture of violence in court. Watch the trailer here: [Dying to Divorce](#)

### ARTICLE

Scientists say the evidence linking climate change and violence against women is now overwhelming. Although extreme weather events do not cause domestic or gender-based violence, they exacerbate

### SHORT VIDEO

Watch as a team of child trafficking prevention experts takes three minutes to answer five commonly-asked questions about youth trafficking, including providing important advice for parents and caregivers: [Five Questions](#)

### ONLINE TOOL

If you are a survivor of domestic violence, you may be entitled to compensation for some of the harm you experienced. This free online tool is designed to help you understand your options and how to pursue them: [Compensation Compass](#)

### FREE WEBINAR: 2/28, 2pm-3pm

The illicit markets of prostitution and sex trafficking are, like any other markets, driven by demand. Putting the focus on the buyers of sex can reduce the demand for commercial sex and potentially reduce

existing pressures and / or make it easier for perpetrators to carry out such violence. Read about it here: [Climate Change Puts More Women at Risk for Domestic Violence](#)

the supply. This webinar will provide an overview of the history of demand reduction and tactics used to reach this goal. Register here: [Targeting Sex Buyers](#)

## VOLUNTEER



**ARE YOU A CURRENT PROJECT SAGE VOLUNTEER?** Remember to record your volunteer hours [here](#).

**NOT A VOLUNTEER BUT INTERESTED IN BECOMING ONE?** Email Linda at [linda@project-sage.org](mailto:linda@project-sage.org) for more information.

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