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STAR Advocate Honored in 2025 Victims for Justice Award Ceremony



VFJ Executive Director Suki Miller and STAR Advocate James Dimter.

Watch this inspiring impact video highlighting award recipients:



We are excited to announce that our very own James Dimter, STAR Direct Services Advocate, was honored with the Advocate Award at the VFJ Victim Service Awards, held on April 10, in association with National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

Victims for Justice annually recognizes individuals, teams, programs, and organizations that demonstrate outstanding service in supporting victims and victim services in Alaska. James's dedication and exceptional work have truly made a difference in the lives of many.

Way to go, James! Thank you for your excellent work and unwavering commitment to supporting survivors.

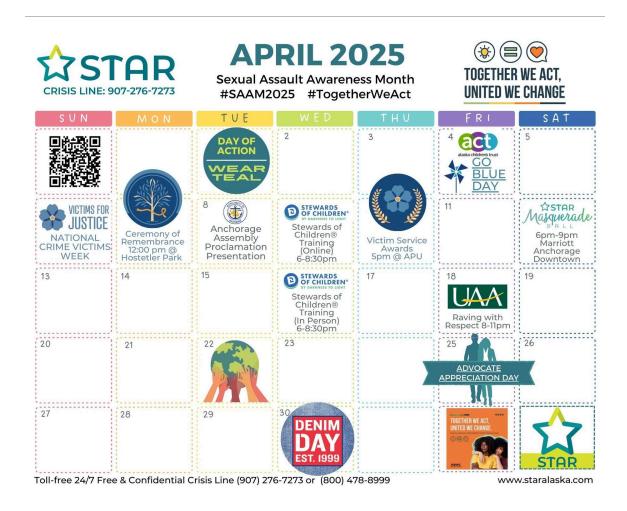


Thank you for joining us for Sexual Assault Awareness Month!

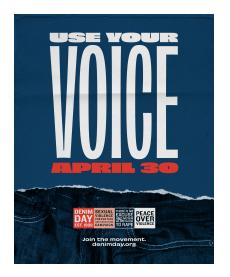
We want to thank each and every one of you for your support this month. Whether you wore teal, attended the Masquerade Ball, or supported a

survivor, your commitment has made a significant impact. Your participation has helped raise awareness and foster a community of compassion and resilience.

But our work doesn't stop here. We hope to continue the momentum all year long and beyond. Every action, big or small, contributes to creating a safer and more supportive environment for survivors. Let's keep the conversation going, advocate for change, and stand together against sexual violence every day.



Wednesday, April 30 is International Denim Day



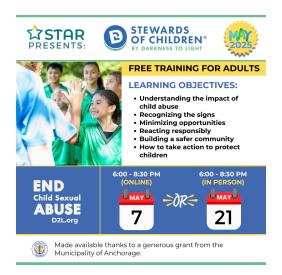
Denim Day began in 1999 after the Italian Supreme Court overturned a rape conviction, arguing that the survivor "must" have helped remove her tight jeans, implying consent. In protest, people across the world wear denim to stand with survivors and challenge victimblaming.

Take the DENIM DAY Pledge

How to Gear Up for Denim Day:

- Share your denim look on socials to stand in solidarity with survivors and encourage others to join the movement on 4.30.25.
- Use the #DenimDay and #StandWithSTAR hashtags in your posts.
- Tag your friends to use their voices by sharing #DenimDay posts and encouraging others to participate.
- Take the <u>Denim Day pledge</u> and share to your accounts.

Are You Ready for the Summer?



Summer is just around the corner, and soon our kids will be off to camps and various activities. As we gear up for this exciting season, it's crucial to ensure their safety and well-being.

REGISTER

If you or someone you know will be working with children this summer, make sure you're equipped with the knowledge to create safe environments where they can thrive. <u>Join us</u> for our upcoming Stewards of Children® sessions on May 7 or 21 to learn how to protect and support the kids in your care.

Thank You for Getting Cozy with Us!







We are thrilled to share that our most awaited event of the year, held on Saturday, April 12, was a resounding success! The theme "Together in Comfort" truly came to life as we gathered in our most comfy, cozy attire and enjoyed comfort food to celebrate and support STAR's critical programs and services.

The night was filled with inspiration, connection, empowerment, and heartfelt moments. Your presence and generosity made a significant impact, helping us raise over \$75,000 to continue our mission. Thank you - we are deeply grateful for your support and participation.

EXTRA SPECIAL THANKS TO:

- Sheron Patrick, Emcee
- Jen Motyka, Auctioneer
- Julie Pepe, Winterberry Charter School Principal, Keynote Speaker
- UAA Dance Team for their outstanding performances!
- All of our generous donors
- Every volunteer who helped make it all happen!

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS TO:

 Lyuda Ellenberg, STAR Advocate and 2025 Soliday Award Honoree (who received a well-deserved standing ovation at the event!)

MANY THANKS ONCE AGAIN TO OUR 2025 'TOGETHER IN COMFORT' SPONSORS!























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