We’re already half-way through SAAM! It’s hard to believe; but the second half is going to be even better! It’s the downhill run, and at WCASA we’re most excited about four special events coming up:

Wednesday, April 24th is the annual observance of Denim Day; if you’re in the Milwaukee area, check out Denim Day Milwaukee on Facebook; if you’re in the Madison area, join WCASA for a small ceremony in the Capitol Rotunda at noon. Download resources and see events (please, send us your event info!) on our Denim Day page!

Saturday, April 27th:

The first Survivors and Allies Task Force meeting of 2013! SATF meetings are held to bring Wisconsin survivors and their allies together so they may network and discuss new developments in the sexual assault movement.

At: Madison Masonic Center, 301 Wisconsin Ave, Madison
Time: 8:30 – 11:45 a.m.
Cost: None. Register Here

Annual Voices of Courage Awards Ceremony – join us in honoring the outstanding work of Wisconsin individuals and organizations that have exceeded the highest standards in their efforts to end sexual violence.

At: Madison Masonic Center, 301 Wisconsin Ave, Madison
Time: 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Cost: $10 Register Here (see a complete list of this year’s winners on the next page)

Join us for the 2nd Annual Wrap Around the Capitol as we join hands and encircle the capitol to show our support for survivors of sexual violence!

Meet at: the North Hamilton St. entrance of the Capitol
Time: 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Cost: None.
For more information, visit our Wrap page…
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Joshua Grube, Deputy District Attorney of Walworth County in the Criminal Justice Category

Cherri Stillwell, Advocate at Abuse Education in the Classroom, and Jamie Stephany, Information Coordinator at L.I.N.K.E.D. of Brown County, co-nominated in the Courage category

Sarah Cleveland, Teacher at Neenah High School in the Prevention Education category

Molly Herrmann, Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program in the Wisconsin Department of Health Services in the Health & Human Services category

Mary Beth Grice, Volunteer Advocate at Sexual Assault Recover Program, and Shelby Mitchell, Sexual Assault Victim Advocate, Safe Haven in the Victim/Survivor Advocacy category

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REGIONAL WCASA MEETINGS AND TRAININGS

Northeast Regional Training: May 8, 2013 Providing Inclusive Services: Working with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender & Queer (LGBTQ) Survivors of Sexual, Domestic & Intimate Partner Violence Goodwill Industries, NCW 1800 Appleton Road, Menasha (behind store) 8:30 - 4:30 *Space is limited. Register early to reserve your space. See poster…