

## Denim Day in Silicon Valley

Wednesday, April 23, 2008



Wearing jeans during April, Sexual Assault Awareness Month, became an international symbol of protest against harmful attitudes about rape in 1999 after an Italian Supreme Court decision overturned a rape conviction because the victim wore jeans. The justice's reasoned that the victim must have helped her attacker remove her

jeans, implying her consent. The YWCA of Silicon Valley invites public discourse during Sexual Assault Awareness Month so as to eventually eliminate attitudes that blame the victim and prevent them from seeking assistance and support. Why? Because we know the same attitudes held by the Italian Supreme Court exist here in our community. Join us in support of eliminating these attitudes by wearing jeans to work on **Denim Day, this Wednesday, April 23rd, 2008.**

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### - Five Reasons to Wear Denim -

**Because survivors deserve support and assistance, not shame and blame.**

**Because every two-and-a-half minutes, somewhere in America, someone is sexually assaulted.**

**Because 2 million children around the world are forced into prostitution every year.**

**Because law enforcement arrests for internet sex crimes against minors are on the rise.**

**Because 61% of rapes are not reported, and only 1-in-16 rapists are prosecuted.**

**There is No Excuse and Never an Invitation to Rape.**

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