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*For over 100 years, the mission of the YWCA of Silicon Valley has been to empower women, children, and families, and to eliminate racism, hatred, and prejudice.*

## "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes", our thanks

Our heartfelt thanks to the over 450 supporters, advocates, and volunteers who joined us on the evening of April 4th, at our fifth annual walk to bring awareness supporting April's Sexual Assault Awareness Month benefiting the YWCA's Rape Crisis Center. Male community leaders, students, businessmen, police officers, firefighters, paramedics, EMT's, and residents walked (in women's shoes) from Plaza de Cesar Chavez through the streets of downtown San Jose to light-heartedly call attention to the serious problem of sexual assault in our community. Walkers and advocates raised over \$23,000 in support of the services and programs of the cause.

A special thank you to our co-chairs of the event, San Jose Police Chief Rob Davis, AMR Director Wayne Davis, San Jose City Fire Chief Darryl VonRaesfeld, and San Jose Hilton and Towers GM John Southwell. We would especially like to call attention to a few groups in particular who supported the event in a big way: employees from Lockheed Martin, the "Cool Cats" of the Los Gatos Morning Rotary Club, students from San Jose State University and Santa Clara University, Niner Noise drum corps, [Centerplate](#) catering and the staff of Team San Jose, Sam Van Zant from KBAY radio, the staff of NBC-11, and Chris Johnson from the SJ/SV Business Journal who raised over \$3,500 single-handedly to support sexual assault awareness!

For more information, [click here](#).

## Denim Day 2007

Wednesday, April 25th

"Wear Denim to Work Day Silicon Valley"

Wearing jeans on this particular day, "[Denim Day](#)", during April's National Sexual Assault Awareness Month has become an international symbol of protest against erroneous and destructive attitudes about sexual assault. Community members throughout Santa Clara County showed their support this year by wearing jeans to work and while out in the community.

## Break the Dress Code, Break the Silence

We will let you know key dates during April 2008's Sexual Assault Awareness Month, including our 6th annual "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" and "Denim Day" as soon as we become aware.

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