

Stalking Victims News

Feel Safe Again, Inc... "Be Strong, Be Safe and Be Heard!"... Vol. 6, Issue 1 - Jan. 2009

Dear Friend,

Happy New Year! Welcome to your next issue of "Stalking Victims News!" As always, I hope this newsletter finds you all well.

This is a bi-monthly newsletter, with the most current and up-to-date information about stalking and the effects it has on victims.

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*Remember...January is National Stalking Awareness Month!!! Please show your support to victims of stalking by wearing a silver awareness ribbon and/or making a tax-deductible donation so we may continue to help victims in need! Click on the link below...to go to our "How You Can Help" page.*  
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***"REFLECTIONS OF A LIFE WITH FREEDOM AND PEACE"***  
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Feel Safe Again, Inc. was officially established September 2003, incorporated in December, and publicly announced January 2004 during a press conference at the Statehouse in Boston. We are a statewide grassroots 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit organization for Victims of Stalking.

Our goal is to provide potentially life-saving information and support group services to victims and survivors of stalking. Our hope is that no other victim has to live their life in fear. We want to help you "Feel Safe Again" by teaching you how to be safe again. Together we CAN make a difference!

If you are interested in online support, click on the link below to our website. You can join our support group at VictimsofStalking@yahoo.com.

Copy and paste link below to our Web site...

www.feelsafeagain.org

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***National Stalking Awareness Month Press Release - January 20, 2009***  
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Everett, MA - Feel Safe Again, Inc., a statewide non-profit organization for victims of stalking would like to use this month as an opportunity to educate the public about the pervasive crime which, a recent study finds, now affects nearly 3.4 million Americans a year.

"Once again, we would like to ask the community to join us in recognizing National Stalking Awareness Month," said Cheryl Darisse, founder and president. The organization was established in memory of Darisse's sister, Sandra Berfield, who was stalked for over two years, before being killed on January 20, 2000, by a package-bomb her stalker hand-delivered to her Everett, Massachusetts home.

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<http://feelsafeagain.org/FSASTalkingAwarenessPressReleaseMA2009.doc>

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***Stalking: Know It. Name It. Stop It.***  
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Dear Friend:

January is National Stalking Awareness Month, a time to focus on a dangerous crime and seek ways to protect its victims. The Stalking Resource Center of the National Center for Victims of Crime is pleased to join our partner, the Office on Violence Against Women of the U.S. Department of Justice, in presenting a versatile set of resources to help you plan your 2009 National Stalking Awareness Month and your outreach throughout the year. We hope these tools will inspire your efforts to know, name, and stop stalking in your community.

Mary Lou Leary, Executive Director
National Center for Victims of Crime

Michelle Garcia, Director
Stalking Resource Center

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<http://stalkingawarenessmonth.org/>

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***Stalkers and their Victims by P. Mullen, M. Pathé and R. Purcell (2nd Edition)***  
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Stalking has emerged as a significant social problem which not only commands considerable public attention but is now, in many jurisdictions, a specific form of criminal offense.

This new edition brings the reader completely up-to-date with the explosion in published research and clinical studies in the field, and covers new issues such as cyberstalking, stalking health professionals, stalking in the workplace, female stalkers, juvenile stalkers, stalking celebrities, evaluating risk in the stalking situation, as well as exploring changes to the legal status of the behavior. Illustrated with case studies throughout, this is the definitive guide and reference for anyone with professional, academic or other interests in this complex behavior.

Copy and paste link below...

http://www.amazon.com/Stalkers-their-Victims-Cambridge-Medicine/dp/0521732417/ref=sr_1_11?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1233433210&sr=1-11

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***2009 Community Assessment/Stalking Surveys***  
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Please take a moment to complete one of our surveys for Criminal Justice, Law Enforcement, Human Services or Victims and Survivors.

The statistics will be shared with the National Center for Victims of Crime and the Stalking Resource Center. Thank you!

Copy and paste link below...

<http://www.feelsafeagain.org/victimresources.html>

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***Inspirational Thoughts***

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"If you become a victim...don't allow the traumatic experience to further victimize you; you can shape your attitude to give you the courage to get back up again." ~*Author Unknown*

"We truly believe knowledge is power...therefore, prevention is our ultimate goal." Remember...YOU'RE NOT ALONE! ~*Cheryl*

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***Note From The Founder...Save The Date!!!***

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We have tentatively scheduled our "5th Annual Benefit Dinner" for Saturday, March 14, 2009 in Hudson, New Hampshire. A confirmation and additional information will be posted on our News and Events page. Please be sure to check back soon!

In-kind donations for our silent auction and raffle are needed to help us raise additional funds. Any individual or business interested in making a tax- deductible donation can mail it to: P.O. Box 490188, Everett, MA 02149 or to make arraignments to pick up in-kind donations, please contact us at (888) 99B- SAFE or fundraiser@feelsafeagain.org.

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