



EDUCATION *about* and PREVENTION *against*  
gender and relationship violence

## Jana's Campaign Updates

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### JANA'S LEGACY – TEN YEARS OF MAKING A DIFFERENCE

2018 marks the ten-year anniversary of losing Jana to an act of relationship violence. While nothing we do will ever replace the loss of Jana, we are proud of the work that we have accomplished in her honor over the past decade. Our prevention work started in 2008, however the organization has actively tracked data since 2013. Take a look at some of our accomplishments:



Our impact is massive and would not be possible without each of you. The support you provide to *Jana's Campaign* enables us to make a difference and prevent our teens from being in violent relationships. **THANK YOU!**

### Secondary Education

#### JANA'S CAMPAIGN RECEIVES COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AWARD FROM NEBRASKA TEACHERS



The scope of *Jana's Campaign* work continues to expand across the state of Nebraska. Mainly partnering with Family and Consumer Science (FCS) Teachers and Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) advisors, *Jana's Campaign* has worked with nearly 4,500 students in Nebraska within the past year. *Jana's Campaign* was awarded the 2018 Community Partnership Award at the Family and Consumer Science Teachers of Nebraska Recognition Banquet in Kearney, NE. This award recognizes individuals or groups who support FCS education in Nebraska schools. *Jana's Campaign* is honored to be chosen as the recipient of this award!

#### HAYS ARTS COUNCIL WINTER ART WALK

*Jana's Campaign* is excited to announce that our Youth Advisory Council has spent this fall preparing for an exhibit at the 2018 Hays Arts Council Winter Art Walk. Styles Dance Centre will once again host the display of art creations from Hays High, Thomas More Prep-Marian, Ellis High, Fort Hays State University and students from other surrounding schools. The art represents the creators' expressions of gender and relationship violence. The 2017 spring exhibit drew incredible success and we look forward to another outstanding event.



#### HEALTHY YOUTH NEBRASKA CONFERENCE

On September 18, Christie Brungardt, Ph.D., presented information regarding *Jana's Campaign* at the Healthy Youth Nebraska Conference in Kearney, NE. In her session, Christie provided background information on teen dating violence, discussed the obligations K-12 schools have to address these issues, and described how schools and communities can better help teens recognize unhealthy relationship behaviors and promote healthy relationship behaviors. The goal was to leave attendees with innovative ideas on preventing teen dating violence in their schools and communities.

## Higher Education

### 2018 CAMPUS SAFETY SUMMIT SUCCESS



This year, *Jana's Campaign* hosted four successful campus safety summits. The goal of these summits is to provide higher education institutions with training opportunities and resources to improve prevention and response efforts around sexual assault, partner violence and stalking on campus. In 2018, *Jana's Campaign* added the Campus Safety Summit in conjunction with the Conference on Crimes Against Women in Dallas, Texas. The Midwest Campus Safety Summit was hosted in April at Ball

State University in Muncie, IN, followed by the Rocky Mountain Campus Safety Summit in June located in Colorado Springs, CO. Lastly, our longest running Summit in Overland Park, KS, the Heartland Campus Safety Summit took place in November. This year, we hosted 1,125 attendees at the Summits, representing hundreds of organizations from eighteen different states.



### 2019 Campus Safety Summits

Campus Safety Summit – April 8-9, 2019 – Dallas, TX – Sheraton Hotel

Rocky Mountain Campus Safety Summit – June 19-20, 2019 – Denver, CO – University of Denver

Midwest Campus Safety Summit – September 18-19, 2019 – Muncie, IN – Ball State University

Heartland Campus Safety Summit – November 13-14, 2019 – Overland Park, KS – Johnson County Community College

### HUSCH BLACKWELL CONTINUES PARTNERSHIP FOR CAMPUS SAFETY SUMMITS



HUSCH BLACKWELL

For the fourth year, Husch Blackwell continues to partner with *Jana's Campaign* to sponsor all four Campus Safety Summits. Husch Blackwell is a national law firm with a dedicated Higher Education team handling compliance, operations and litigation legal services for more than 200 higher education clients. They have one of the largest practices dedicated to this work in the country. Their support allows our Campus Safety Summits to remain extremely affordable, enabling campuses to send multi-disciplinary teams to attend, increasing the impact on every campus represented. Additionally, they bring a wealth of knowledge to attendees throughout several key presentations provided by their attorneys.

### STUDENTS WORK TO RAISE AWARENESS OF DATING VIOLENCE ON THEIR CAMPUS

Members of Alpha Theta Chi sorority at Bethany College in Lindsborg, KS organized several events this fall to raise awareness of gender and relationship violence on their campus. Working with *Jana's Campaign*, these young women hosted an awareness walk in which hundreds of students and community members participated to bring light to the fact that dating/domestic violence is prevalent - but preventable! The sorority invited Dr. Christie Brungardt, *Jana's* mom, to speak to members of the campus and community. *Jana's Campaign* is so pleased with many students recognizing the need for this work and taking action!



## Community Education

### PIKES PEAK DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUMMIT



On October 10, Curt and Christie Brungardt opened as the keynote speakers at the Pikes Peak Domestic Violence Summit in Colorado Springs, CO. This Summit was established by a network of criminal justice agencies, community members, and domestic violence treatment providers who share the vision and need for specialized training relating to violence in intimate partner relationships. They work to provide education and training to people who work with domestic violence offenders and their families.

## DRS. CURT & CHRISTIE BRUNGARDT ADDRESS 2018 LEADERSHIP KANSAS CLASS

During the Hays session of Leadership Kansas, Curt and Christie Brungardt shared their leadership journey of starting *Jana's Campaign* as a sustainable real-world lesson in leadership. Leadership Kansas is a statewide program designed to enhance and motivate future leaders from various Kansas communities. A diverse group of forty individuals from across Kansas are selected to participate in the class each year. They attend six different training sessions held in



communities all across the state. The sessions emphasize leadership skills, professional and personal development and an understanding of the business and industry trends across the state. Many class members reached out following the session to share their admiration for the work and dedication Curt and Christie demonstrate. One class member shared, "I am so impressed by the courage you showed in moving forward through your grief. The strength it took to turn your darkest hour into such a positive program is truly inspirational." Another shared how close to home the subject hit for her as the mother of twin daughters who are seniors in high school.

## Internal News

### NEW STAFF MEMBER

*Jana's Campaign* is excited to announce the hiring of a new Education and Prevention Specialist! Julie Werkowitch interned with *Jana's Campaign* during the final semester of her senior year at Fort Hays State University. During this time, she realized her passion for spreading education and awareness regarding gender and relationship violence. Julie graduated in May 2017 with a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Business and started at a position with the management company of Lewis Automotive Group. She worked in accounting from graduation until September when a position at *Jana's Campaign* became available. Julie will bring a wide variety of skills to the *Jana's Campaign* team. Julie stated, "I am excited about educating our communities and bettering them for generations to come."



## EMPTY PLACE AT THE TABLE GALA SHATTERS FUNDRAISING GOAL



Over 200 people attended the seventh annual Empty Place at the Table Gala in Hays, KS this year. Together, guests raised more than \$70,000, making this year's event the most successful gala in the history of the organization. "The



Empty Place at the Table Gala raises awareness and needed funds for the prevention education we provide," said Kim Cebula, executive director of *Jana's Campaign*. "It is a special year and the support we received is phenomenal." The evening featured a festive cocktail hour, dinner and live entertainment, along with both a silent and live auction. Businesses throughout the community and across the country donated unique items and experiences to support the event. A special performance by the Hays High Chamber Singers, featuring a video appearance of a young Jana singing the Lord's Prayer, brought many family and friends to tears, while providing others a glimpse of the young woman who was taken from us too soon. "To honor Jana with a room full of people who understand why prevention of gender-based violence is so important and who are fully committed to making a difference is unbelievably inspiring," shared Christie Brungardt, Jana's mom and organization co-founder. "We will be able to accomplish great things with the funds raised at the gala this year."



## STAFF RECEIVES PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING



As an education organization, *Jana's Campaign* firmly believes in providing opportunities for staff members to continue their professional and personal development. This fall, the staff received training on inclusion and advocacy. Working with thousands of students, we believe in the importance of using inclusive language during all of our presentations. James Moran from the Kansas City Anti-Violence Project provided a full day training on utilizing

inclusive language. After presenting on the subjects of gender and relationship violence, many times, students will disclose various experiences they have faced in relation to gender-based violence. *Jana's Campaign* board member, Michelle McCormick, Program Director at the YWCA Center for Safety and Empowerment, Topeka, KS, provided a two-day advocacy training for staff to best serve those students who share their stories. We are grateful for these educational opportunities!

## THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO HOST SECOND ANNUAL FUNDRAISING GALA

Over the past year, the Thomas County Attorney's Office has continually supported *Jana's Campaign* and our education and prevention work. Rachel Lamm, J.D., and her team are dedicated to raising awareness of gender and relationship violence as well as raising funds for *Jana's Campaign's* prevention efforts across Kansas. Join us at the second annual Defining a Difference Gala event on Saturday, March 23 at 6:00 PM at the City Limits Convention Center in Colby, KS. You won't want to miss out on this great time for a great cause! Visit [www.janascampaign.org](http://www.janascampaign.org) to learn more about the upcoming event.

## #PowerOfPrevention - STOPPING GENDER AND RELATIONSHIP VIOLENCE TAKES ALL OF US

Thanks to you and your support, over 20,000 people will hear our message about preventing gender and relationship violence in the upcoming year alone, most of whom are teens and young adults. They will have a chance to end the violence before it starts. During the academic school year, one or more of our team members is in a school or classroom working with students every week. After many presentations, we receive feedback from students thanking us for visiting their schools and often share how they benefit from our programs; although, the most critical information we receive comes in the form of questions and comments on pre/post surveys.

- How do I help my friend who is in an unhealthy relationship?
- How do I leave a controlling relationship?
- What can you do when the abuser doesn't stop despite all you try?
- Will you come back in two years to make sure my siblings hear this too?

Based on our data, 90% of teens feel dating violence is a problem for their age group. In order to lower this percentage, we need your help to reach more students and provide prevention education in more schools. We set a goal to raise \$20,000 before the end of the year. Your donation will help us share Jana's story and reduce gender violence by promoting healthy relationship behaviors to ultimately create a culture of strong respect among adolescents.

**Are you willing to make a special year-end donation of \$25, \$50, \$100, or whatever fits your budget to help us meet our fundraising goal and prevent more teens from being in abusive relationships?**

We simply cannot do it without you. Your support contributes to the #PowerOfPrevention and will make a lasting impact in the lives of those who need to hear our message. You will help us stop the violence before it starts. Please use the enclosed envelope to send your gift today or go online to [www.janascampaign.org](http://www.janascampaign.org) to donate now.

**Stay connected with *Jana's Campaign* online or call our National Headquarters at 785-656-0324.**



*Jana's Campaign staff and board members are available to provide gender and relationship violence prevention education in your school, organization or community. Our team provides engaging and impactful presentations appropriate for all age groups. To inquire about scheduling a Jana's Campaign speaker, please call (785) 656-0324.*