## **Stalking Victims News**

Feel Safe Again, Inc...'Be Strong, Be Safe and Be Heard!'...Vol.2, Issue 4 - July 2005

Dear Friend,

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.

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) is currently before Congress. As you know this funding is critical to the survival of thousands of organizations that provide critical services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. Let your voice be heard and support this fund...by calling, writing or visiting your members of Congress today! <a href="www.congressmerge.com">www.congressmerge.com</a>

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### FREEDOM AND PEACE

Feel Safe Again, Inc. was officially established and publicly announced January 2004. We are a non-profit organization for Victims of Stalking.

Our goal is to provide 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@yahoogroups.com.

Copy and paste link below to our website... www.feelsafeagain.org

# A Girl's Gotta Do What A Girl's Gotta Do by Kathleen Baty

An author, journalist, and motivational speaker, Kathleen Baty was the victim of a kidnap attempt at knifepoint by an obsessive stalker. "After fifteen years of living like a hunted animal, I came to the realization that living weak and in fear was going to destroy me if I didn't turn the negative into a positive. That meant becoming proactive." Baty decided to use her hard-won knowledge and trial-by- fire skills as a lesson for women everywhere. "If I could prevent one woman from becoming a crime victim, it would all be worth it."

Teaming with US Congressman Ed Royce, Baty set out to change the system. Within a few months, the two had played a key role in the passage of the first national anti-stalking law. "For the first time ever, we actually have a law that prevents a crime from happening. I think it's wonderful that law enforcement now has the tools to prevent a rape, a murder, a violent crime."

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http://www.safetychick.com/index.htm

### **Working to Halt Online Abuse**

WHOA is a volunteer organization founded in 1997 to fight online harassment through education of the general public, education of law enforcement personnel, and empowerment of victims. We've also formulated voluntary policies which we encourage online communities to adopt in order to create safe and welcoming environments for all internet users.

Jayne Hitchcock, the founder of WHOA, is also the author of "Net Crimes and Misdemeanors". This amazing book details how readers can protect themselves from becoming the victim of online frauds, scams, identity theft, e-mailbombers, spoofers, spammers, trolls, cyberstalkers, and more. They'll also read how real-life victims from around the world handled their situations and what to do if a reader becomes a victim.

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http://www.haltabuse.org

## **Inspirational Thoughts**

"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

### **Note From The Founder...**

We have recently added a "Victim Resources" page to our website. Our goal is to provide easy access to the information and services victims need.

Please feel free to pass this link on to a friend! Thank you.

Copy and paste link below to our website...

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