



**PLEASE DONATE YOUR USED DENIM JEANS.
ANY SIZE, SHAPE, COLOR, OR CONDITION
WILL BE GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED.**



WHY DENIM?

In the late 1990s, an Italian judge overturned a jury's conviction of a rapist based on the sole fact that the rape victim, an 18-year-old young woman who had pressed charges against her 45-year-old driving instructor in spite of his threats to kill her if she told anyone about the rape, had worn tight jeans at the time of the incident. The judge said the reason for the ruling was that victim must have helped remove the jeans, thus agreeing to consensual sex with the man.

Women in the Italian parliament were the first to speak out against this injustice by wearing jeans to work. By raising awareness through the use of DENIM we hope to urge people to recognize that, "There is no excuse and never an invitation for rape."

**Donate your DENIM and help break the silence.
Through our 24-hour line, Rape Response Services is available to listen
and provide support to anyone who has been affected by sexual violence.**



Local quilters will turn the used denim jeans into beautiful quilts. The completed quilts will be donated to the residents of the Penquis Journey House in Dexter.

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