

V-DAY

V-DAY IS A GLOBAL ACTIVIST MOVEMENT TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

V-Day's 15th anniversary year was unprecedented in every respect. One Billion women, men, and youth in 207 countries were inspired to STRIKE, RISE, and DANCE to end violence against women and girls. Record numbers of V-Day events were produced. The fourth class of women graduated from the City of Joy and returned to their communities with confidence, skills and knowledge to lead. Safe houses, rape crises centers and sexual assault campus programs kept their doors open despite government shut downs and long odds, laws in many countries were changed, and the Violence Against Women Act was reauthorized in the US.



“I refuse to stand by as more than one billion women experience violence on the planet. I am one of one billion, I am rising for justice.”

ONE Billion Rising

One Billion Rising succeeded in creating visibility and understanding of the interconnection between issues such as poverty, corruption, greed, environmental plunder, imperialism, religious marginalization, immigration, labor, and political repression, and violence against women.



ONE IN THREE WOMEN ON THE PLANET WILL BE RAPED OR BEATEN IN HER LIFETIME. ONE BILLION WOMEN VIOLATED IS AN ATROCITY ONE BILLION WOMEN DANCING IS A REVOLUTION.

Why V-Day?

Violence against women and girls must end.

V-Day's mission is simple.

In 1994, Eve Ensler wrote *The Vagina Monologues*.

Based on dozens of interviews, the play addressed women's sexuality and the social stigma surrounding rape and abuse, creating a new conversation about and with women.

On Valentines Day, 1998, Eve, with a group of women in New York City, established **V-Day**.



Who: broader attention and funds to stop violence against women and girls
V-Day is a global movement dedicated to generating



Local women become unstoppable leaders



What: to create a world where women and girls are nurtured and protected
Inspire and support activists who are working

Know the condition of women in the world

How: Partner with artists, activists, and other social movements ; Identify grassroots leaders in the movement to end violence against women;
Encourage V-Day performances around the world to Spotlight and raise awareness for especially egregious situations of abuse against women;

