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## QHS Women's Athletic HOF Induction Sept. 25

The Quincy High School Women's Athletic Hall of Fame Committee announces 18 new inductees to the Quincy High School Women's Athletic Hall of Fame.

Class of 2020 inductees are:

1920 Mildred Wiley, 1974 Joanne Kussman, 1976 Terry Greenleaf, 1976 Patricia Kussman, 1977 Carole Lynch, 1977 Maryann McCarthy, 1977 Peggy Thorley, 1981 Linda Brennan, 1981 Donna Marcin, 1981 Ann McCarron, 1981 Maureen

Walsh, 1982 Mary Kamb, 1983 Theresa Munroe, 1984 Susan Beven, 1984 Kristine Picarski, 1985 Beth Veneto and coaches Mary Pratt and Peter Swanson.

An induction ceremony will be held Friday, Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. at the Neighborhood Club of Quincy. Those interested in purchasing a ticket or looking for more information should email Christine Barrett at christinebarrett@quincypublicschools.com.

The cost is \$60 per person.

## Union Congregational Church Worship Service Via Zoom

Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs!

Join us, Union Congregational Church, (via ZOOM - see next paragraph) every Sunday at 10 a.m. to worship the Lord with gladness and hear the Word presented by Reverend Joy Eng Matos as she shares God's plan for our lives.

Union Congregational Church is a place where Christ is taught, proclaimed, and lived in loving fellowship with others. Because of the recent concerns with the COVID-19 virus, we are worshipping and having our Bible Studies and church

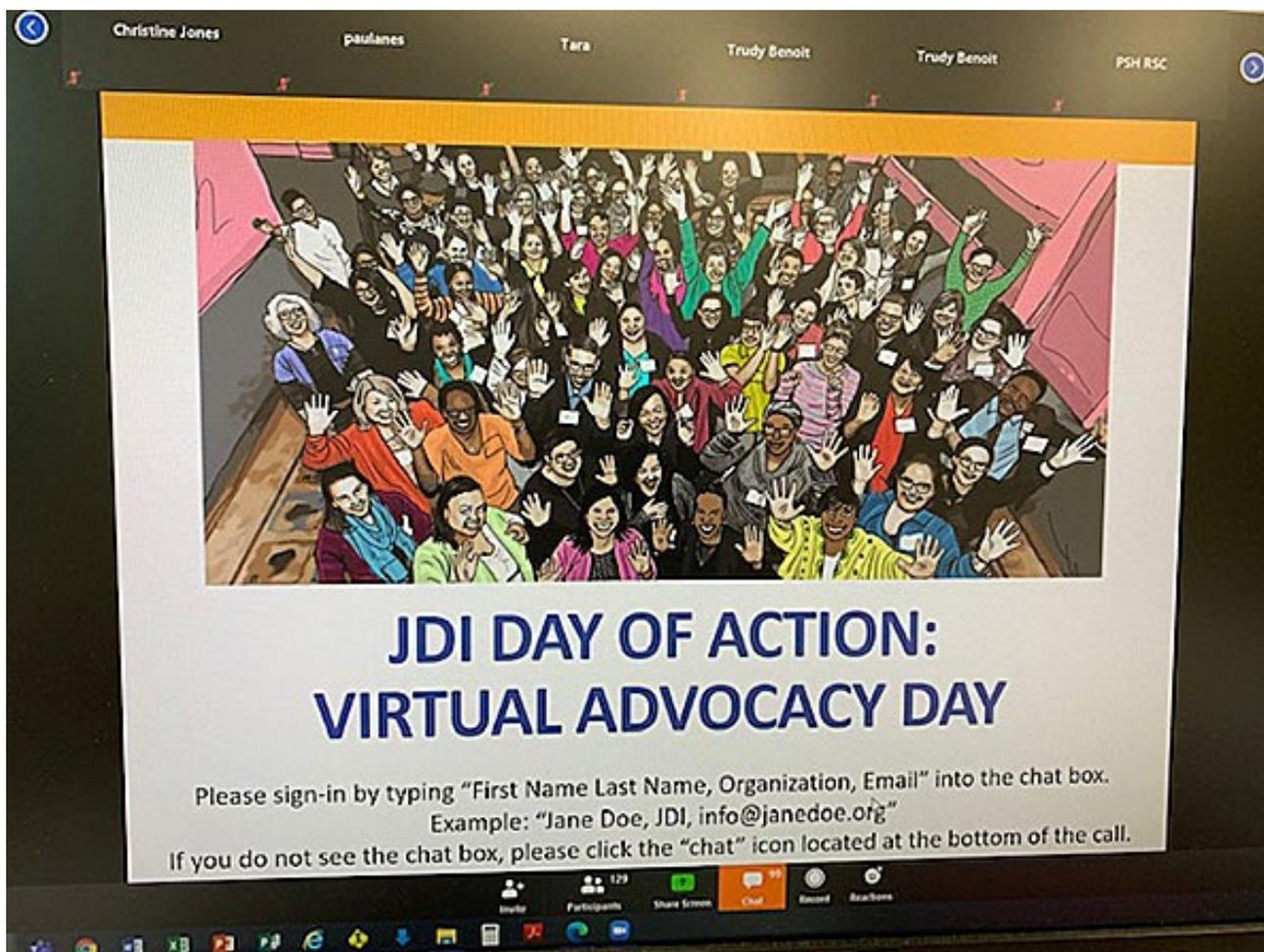
meetings via an online app called ZOOM. If you would like to participate, please call the church or send an email to the number and email address below.

With the recent election and dedication of new officers and formation of new Spiritual Team leaders we are getting ready for the 125th year of our church's ministry in Quincy. Our members believe God is leading us, His church in Quincy, and we are excited to see His plan for our future.

Want to learn more from the Word? Join us Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. (via ZOOM) as Pastor Joy leads "Victory Over the Darkness" This Bible study shares how to (1) Realize the power of your identity in Christ; (2) Free yourself from the burdens of your past; (3) Stand against the spiritual forces of this world; (4) Win the battle for your mind; and (5) Become the spiritual person you want to be. Anyone interested is welcome to join.

Union Congregational Church is located on the corner of Beach St. & Rawson Rd. in Wollaston. All are welcome.

For more information, call the church at 617-479-6661, send an email to UccWoll@gmail.com or visit our website at www.Union-CongWoll.org.



DOVE AND OTHER Massachusetts' based advocacy groups recently joined together (virtually) to urge legislators to pass critical legislation to support people impacted by sexual and domestic violence and their families.

## DOVE Participates in Jane Doe Inc. Advocacy Day To Call For More Funding For Critical Services

DOVE (Domestic Violence Ended) recently participated in Jane Doe Inc.'s Advocacy Day to urge the Massachusetts State Legislature to allocate critical resources and to pass essential legislation to support people impacted by sexual and domestic violence and their families.

Initial plans to gather at the State House were replaced with remote meetings with elected officials where advocates, community members, volunteers and survivors made the case for increased state investment in services and prevention and measures to advance safety across the Commonwealth.

As a member program of the state coalition, DOVE joined JDI and organizations from across Massachusetts to educate our state representatives and senators on how the following items will help meet the needs of their district:

- More than \$5 million

additional funding for the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Prevention and Treatment Services line item in the state budget, which would enable community-based service organizations to expand survivor advocacy and outreach services;

- Level funding for the Healthy Relationships Grant Program and the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) and Pediatric SANE program;
- The Safe Communities Act to protect due process and rebuild trust between immigrant communities and law enforcement, and help support survivors in immigrant communities;
- The Healthy Youth Act to ensure that sexual health education includes medically accurate, age-appropriate, comprehensive sexual health information, including information on the development of healthy relationships;
- An Act to Lift Kids Out of Deep Poverty to support families and help alleviate

cycles of poverty;

"In the past year, the vast majority of JDI's member organizations have seen an increase not only in the number of requests for services, but in the breadth and complexity of those requests. Increased state investment and policy support is essential to ensuring that every survivor in the Commonwealth has access to confidential, survivor-centered, trauma-informed resources for safety and justice, as well as ongoing efforts to prevent future instances of gender-based violence," said Debra J. Robbin, Executive Director of JDI.

"DOVE's ability to respond to the needs of victims and survivors in our communities is steadily at full capacity. Our Community Advocacy Program and our Children's Specialist periodically have wait lists and have to assess for those at highest risk for immediate services," stated Sue Chandler, executive director of DOVE, "All victims are at

risk; there is no 'low risk.' We know that connection to a domestic violence program is the most 'protective' action a survivor can take in their effort to seek help and escape the abuser. Increased funding would enable us to add another Advocate/Counselor and be more responsive to those in need."

In the coming months, DOVE, JDI, and other advocates will continue to organize and mobilize to secure essential funding and policy action to ensure that survivors have the support they need. The current coronavirus pandemic has only deepened the Coalition's resolve to shore up resources and support for survivors whose safety and well-being can depend on access to community based sexual and domestic violence programs.

Detailed information on JDI's Budget and Legislative Priorities can be found here: <https://janedoe.org/policy-action/>

## South Shore Stars Reschedules Gala To Oct. 14

South Shore Stars (www.southshorestars.org), a non-profit organization that provides comprehensive early education and youth development programs through a family-support approach, announced today the postponement of their Five Decades of Impact Gala, due to the current coronavirus pandemic.

The new date for the event is Wednesday, Oct. 14, beginning at 6 p.m. at Lombardo's in Randolph.

For 50 years, South Shore Stars has provided

comprehensive early education and youth development programs that enhance the optimal growth of children from economically and culturally diverse families, using a family-support approach in collaboration with schools and other service providers. Four core goals form the foundation of their work: enable parents to work; help each child reach their full developmental potential; facilitate positive youth development; and improve academic achievement for students at-risk of

academic failure.

At the Five Decades of Impact Gala, South Shore Stars will be celebrating a half-century of providing the highest quality programs to thousands of families and the South Shore's most vulnerable children. The 50th Anniversary Celebration will feature a signature cocktail reception, a full dinner, and a program that honors the five facets of Stars: the visionary founders, government leaders, corporate supporters, community partners, and phe-

nomenal staff.

Sheri Adlin, executive director of South Shore Stars, said, "Although we are disappointed to delay the gala, we know it's the right thing to do, and we wish all of our families, supporters, and employees stay safe and healthy during this time."

For more information about the gala, including sponsorship information, contact Kristen White at [kwhite@southshorestars.org](mailto:kwhite@southshorestars.org) or text STARS50TICKETS to 41444 for a mobile link.

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