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NOVA Honors Victims and Survivors of Crime this April

An opportunity to educate the community & honor victims

(BUCKS COUNTY, Pa.) NOVA, the leading non-profit organization in Bucks County supporting victims of crime, will honor and recognize the following awareness dates throughout the month of April: Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Child Abuse Prevention Month and National Crime Victims' Rights Week from April 6-12. These dates provide the organization with an opportunity to raise awareness of these issues and educate the community about the resources NOVA provides to victims and survivors.

NOVA will offer a variety of programs and events throughout the month of April to commemorate these awareness dates and all are invited to take part, either in-person or online. Events include:

- April 7, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.: **Book Club discussion of *Somebody's Daughter: A Memoir* by Ashley C. Ford**, in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, to be held at NOVA's headquarters, located at 2370 York Road, Suite B1, Jamison, PA. Light refreshments will be provided.

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- April 9 at 6:00 p.m.: **Sexting & Sextortion: Talking with Your Teens About the Dangers of Online Exploitation.** This online program will discuss some of the dangers teens and tweens are facing with the increased use of technology. The goal of the program is to provide a better understanding of the serious and emergent concerns regarding online exploitation. Parents, caregivers and community members will leave feeling more confident in their ability to initiate conversations about online exploitation, while supporting young people who may be at risk.
- April 22 at 6:00 p.m.: **Candlelight Tribute Honoring Victims of Crime** at Core Creek Park, Pavilion #11, 901 Bridgetown Pike, Langhorne, PA. NOVA invites the community to join in honoring victims of crime, their families, friends, and those who serve them, at a candlelight tribute. The Gathering and Reception starts at 6:00 p.m. and the Tribute event starts at 6:30 p.m.
- April 30 - Denim Day: **Denim Day** is an annual campaign to raise awareness about sexual violence and show support for victims and survivors. This day encourages businesses, schools, and communities to wear denim as a statement against harmful behaviors and attitudes surrounding sexual violence. Participants are invited to tag NOVA in social media photos while wearing denim or they can hold a fundraiser at their workplace. For more information, contact Sara Lipski, Marketing & Community Engagement Coordinator at sara.lipski@novabucks.org.
- **Spring Cleaning:** Clean out your closets during the month of April and make a donation to the NOVA Thrift Shop. The thrift shop is one of the largest revenue sources for NOVA, surpassed only by the federal and state government. Donations allow NOVA to provide vital programs and services for victims and survivors in the Bucks County community. To learn more about donation guidelines, visit: <https://novabucks.org/thriftshop/>.

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- **Flip Dog Pilates** - The studio will be donating half of the proceeds from four classes during the month of April to NOVA. They will also collect donations and hold raffles benefiting NOVA. These special classes will take place on:
 - Tuesday April 1, at 7:15 a.m.
 - Saturday April 12, at 9:00 a.m.
 - Thursday April 17 at 5:15 p.m.
 - Wednesday April 30 at 10:00 a.m.To register for one of the classes, visit: <https://flipdogpilates.com/schedule>.
- **Clothesline Project** - Throughout the month of April, NOVA will be participating in the Clothesline Project. The purpose of this initiative is to raise awareness of the impact of violence and abuse, to honor a survivor's strength to continue, and to provide another avenue for survivors to break the silence that often surrounds their experiences. If you would like to write a message or decorate a paper shirt for NOVA's Clothesline, they will be available at any of NOVA's April events, and in the lobby of NOVA's offices throughout the month of April. People can also leave a comment or send NOVA a private message through NOVA's Facebook page and a Clothesline shirt will be filled out by a NOVA staff member on the person's behalf. Survivors are also invited to share their stories or an inspiration in their healing journey.

For more information or to register for any of NOVA's events, visit novabucks.org/events.

"At NOVA, our mission is to support victims and educate the community about ways to prevent violence from happening," said Jamie Pfister, Training Coordinator, NOVA. "Our goal is to create a world free of violence and it is the reason why we do what we do."

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NOVA's April awareness dates may be difficult and trigger painful memories for those who have experienced sexual assault or another victimization. NOVA's Helpline is always open and available to offer assistance at 1-800-675-6900. Chat and text lines are also available at www.novabucks.org.

About NOVA

NOVA supports and empowers victims of crime in Bucks County and works to prevent violence through training, advocacy, and prevention education. Founded in 1974, NOVA is a non-profit 501(c)(3), community-based organization operating out of three offices in Fairless Hills, Jamison and Perkasie. Services are made possible through the financial support of federal, state and local government grants and contracts, corporations, foundations and private donations. All contributions are tax deductible to the extent provided by law. For more information, visit www.NOVABucks.org.

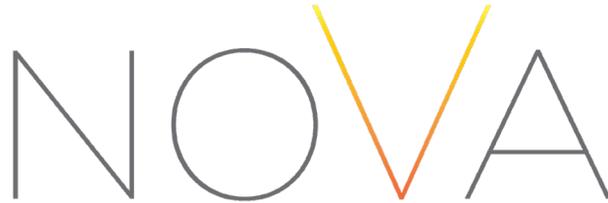
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Editor's Note: Interviews are available with NOVA staff. To schedule an interview, please contact Debbie Goetz at dgoetz@dgmediaconnections.com or 215-630-5408.

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NOVA, Bucks County's comprehensive crime victim services agency, invites the community to join them in honoring and recognizing the various crime and awareness dates throughout the month of April. NOVA will hold various events, both in person and virtually, to raise awareness of these issues and educate the community about the resources NOVA provides to victims and survivors. To learn more about these events, visit novabucks.org/events.

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*Sexual Assault Awareness Month
Child Abuse Prevention Month
Crime Victims' Rights Week*

VISIT WWW.NOVABUCKS.ORG/APRIL FOR MORE INFORMATION

4/3 SuperNova Gala

4/7 Book Club: *Somebody's Daughter*

4/9 The Dangers of Online Exploitation Training

4/22 Candlelight Tribute

4/30 Denim Day

ALL MONTH LONG

VISIT A PARTICIPATING COFFEE SHOP AND RECEIVE A NOVA COFFEE SLEEVE!

PARTICIPATE IN THE CLOTHESLINE PROJECT AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR SURVIVORS!

SUPPORT NOVA BY SHOPPING, DONATING, OR VOLUNTEERING AT NOVA THRIFT SHOP!

DONATE ITEMS FROM NOVA'S WISH LIST: NOVABUCKS.ORG/WISHLIST

Sign up for a class at Flip Dog Pilates on select dates and 50% of the proceeds will be donated to NOVA!



SCAN THE CODE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR UPCOMING EVENTS!

