The Mission of RHS Youth Empowerment is:

to provide education, outreach, and resources to other students on teen dating violence in order to increase the awareness of healthy and unhealthy relationships at RHS.

Statistics on Teen Dating Violence

- Women age 16 to 24 experience the highest rates of intimate partner abuse (National Crime Victimization Survey, 1998)
- One in three adolescents in the US is a victim of physical, sexual, emotional or verbal abuse by a dating partner (www.loveisrespect.org)
- Few adolescents report experiences of violence to adults, and make up a small proportion of clients utilizing domestic violence services (Foshee et. Al, 2000)

Timeline

- Fall 2009 - The Working Group for Healthy Teen Relationships began
- September 2011 - First Teen Dating Violence training at Revere High
- Spring 2012 - RHS Youth Empowerment was created
- Spring 2013 - RHS Youth Empowerment became an official club at RHS

Training and Outreach

- Since 2011...
  - 17 teens have completed a 12 hour training on Teen Dating Violence
- In 2013...
  - 140 students participated in the In Her Shoes curriculum

Projects Completed

- Awareness tables at Revere High and at the Health Fair
- Boston Area Rape Crisis Center Walk for Change
- Top 10 list of Healthy and Unhealthy songs at RHS
- Poster Contest on “Breaking the Cycle of Abuse” at RHS
- Classroom presentations using the In Her Shoes curriculum