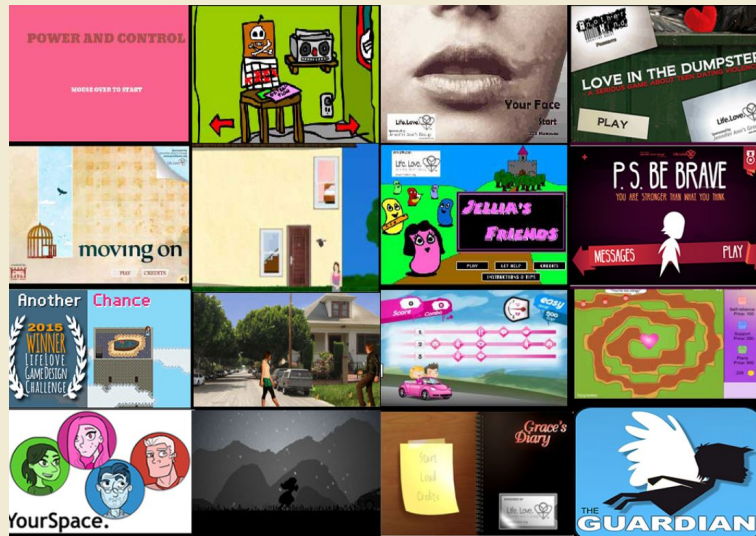


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## DeKalb County Torchbearer

Torchbearer: a person who leads or inspires others in working toward a values goal



This week, we're honoring a local DeKalb County-based nonprofit organization that has been working to prevent teen dating violence since 2006: Jennifer Ann's Group. The month of February is National Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month.

Jennifer Ann's Group uses a unique approach to directly reach youth to prevent violence by developing video games. Its "Gaming Against Violence" program has produced, published and researched pro-social video games that engage, educate and empower. With a portfolio of more than 50 games, the organization addresses issues like bystander awareness, consent, gaslighting, healthy relationships and violence prevention. Two journal-published studies have shown the games are effective at changing unhealthy beliefs or attitudes after a single gameplay.

These games are all free and available to play online or download for smartphones or tablets. For more information as well as other teen dating violence resources, visit [JenniferAnn.org](http://JenniferAnn.org).