

# SOURCE's Partner of the Month – December 2016

**Name of Organization:** Ahimsa: Students for a violence free world

**Mission:** The goal of *Ahimsa* is to raise awareness of violence as both a human rights and public health issue. In order to mobilize the Johns Hopkins community to take action, *Ahimsa's* efforts draw attention to the health consequences of violence, specifically gender-based violence (GBV), and our role as public health practitioners to address related challenges both domestically and internationally. Through a wide variety of activities, such as “lunch and learns”, panel discussions and community outreach, *Ahimsa* contributes to global efforts to build a comprehensive and multi-sectoral response to GBV (physical, sexual, emotional, and structural) committed against not only women and girls, but also men and boys. By mobilizing future global health leaders, *Ahimsa* hopes that they will take action to incorporate different aspects of GBV prevention and response into their work to improve health in all corners of the world.

**Programs and Services:** Ahimsa hosts a number of events, meetings and video screenings. Some highlights include: hosting lunch and learns with experts in the field of violence prevention and intervention; panel discussions including one on sexual assault on college campuses; engagement with the development of the University's revised sexual assault policy; volunteer with local violence shelters such as the House of Ruth; annual One Billion Rising event on campus; and many more activities.

**Inspiration:** To help create a university that recognizes its role in preventing and responding to sexual and gender-based violence and is committed to improving the health, dignity, security and autonomy of victims both locally and globally.

**Greatest Asset:** Students and faculty who remain committed to these issues both within the Johns Hopkins community, Baltimore and throughout the world.

**Biggest Challenge:** Applying evidence-based practices to real-world scenarios.

**Involvement Opportunities:** We welcome all students who are interested in becoming involved in our group. We also have several leadership positions open this year including, treasurer, two co-officers of engagement and three members at large.

**Volunteer and Work Opportunities:** This year, we are hoping to get more involved with local violence shelters such as the House of Ruth and TurnAround.



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