

## **Eliminating the Statute of Limitations for Child Molestation**

My name is Aisha Muhammad. I was 9 years old when my life changed dramatically. My mother had met a man who was just released from prison. Even though my mother had a strange feeling that something was not quite right about this man, she married him a few months later. Two weeks after they were married, He began molesting me. He would continue molesting me for years to come. I gave birth to the molester's child when I was only 14 years old. Eighteen months after my son was born my mother abandoned me. My son and I were left in the care of the molester until someone saw fit to take us out of that situation. This is just one of the sad stories that happens everyday in some child's life. I was 19 when I tried to press charges against my mother's husband but I was told that the statute of limitations for child molestation had run out. Eight years later I receive a call from the District Attorney in Texas. She informed me that she would like for me to testify against my molester. He was being charged with indecency with a minor. Of course I was more than glad to testify. My molester was found guilty and was sentenced to 20 years. Even though I was testifying to help someone else seek justice it ended up helping me heal a little on the inside as well.