

Recent & Ongoing Events (Knoxville, TN)

LaunchPoint

(A Program of Knox Area Rescue Ministries)

“LaunchPoint is a four-week program designed to help homeless men and women begin a new life journey. Ultimately, LaunchPoint is about restoring hope - reconnecting the individual to the dreams that he or she once had but were lost when the individual's life path went off track. During the four-week period, a class of 20 participants begin discovering God's plan and purpose for their lives, develop their own life plan with realistic goals, and learn to implement their life plan in manageable steps.” *(Source of Information: <http://www.karm.org/index.php/Join-Us/launchpoint.html>)*

SpeakingOut has now had the pleasure of spending time with 2 different LaunchPoint groups this year... August 9th & November 7th. These particular SpeakingOut Presentations focused on looking at the trauma (regardless of what that is for each of us personally) that may have occurred in our lives (i.e. Child Sexual Abuse, Physical Abuse, etc...) as a way to turn around and use those horrible life experiences to help others. When we go through something traumatic, as hard as it is to deal with at that time & possibly currently, we become very knowledgeable on that issue, subject, crime, etc... The pain we have and may still be experiencing has not been for nothing if we are able to pick ourselves back up and fight against (not in the literal sense) that very “thing” that tried to destroy us; tried being the key word. There is some healing in removing some of the focus from ourselves & using some of that pain and knowledge to make a difference in the lives of others. In my experience... People tend to listen to people who have been where they are. ~Susan Suafoa-Dinino, President/Founder of SpeakingOut

*Coming together as Leaders
in our Homes, our Churches & the Community
to address the issue of Child Sexual Abuse in America!*

Serenity Shelter

(A Program of Knox Area Rescue Ministries)

Ongoing Weekly Sessions

This new SpeakingOut Program at Serenity Shelter began August 10th. Topics of discussion to date...

“SpeakingOut against Child Sexual Abuse, Inc. has recently partnered with Knox Area Rescue Ministries’ Serenity Shelter. Serenity Shelter is a program that provides restoration and recovery to women with various life struggles. SpeakingOut’s President, Susan Suafoa-Dinino is providing a weekly group session with the ladies of Serenity to educate and inform regarding the facts and myths surrounding Child Sexual Abuse and to process some of the personal struggles faced by some of the women at Serenity surrounding sexual abuse. The ladies of Serenity have welcomed Susan into their home and their lives and are eager and willing to learn.” ~*Barbara Davis, Program Director, Serenity Shelter (September 2012)*

1. Personal Experiences of Susan Suafoa-Dinino, President/Founder of SpeakingOut, with the crime of CSA
2. Overview on SpeakingOut & What We Do
3. Message to Survivors
4. Truth & Reality of Child Sexual Abuse
5. The Statistics
6. What Child Sexual Abuse Is
7. Signs & Symptoms of the Sexually Abused Child
8. Why Most Children Don’t Tell
9. How Sexual Predators Silence Children
10. Information on the Abuser
11. Information on “The System”

Upcoming Topic of Discussion

Message to Parents on Prevention