



**"Speak up for those
who cannot speak for
themselves..."**

(Proverbs 31:8)

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**Coming Together as
Leaders in our
Homes, our Churches
& the Community to
Address the Issue of
Child Sexual Abuse in
America!**

SpeakingOut News

April 2010

SpeakingOut

against Child Sexual Abuse, Inc.

(A Non-Profit Organization)

Child Sexual Abuse Awareness & Prevention

We also Touch on Healing for Survivors!

April...

National Child Abuse Prevention Month

It has been a busy month as we continue SpeakingOut against Child Sexual Abuse. Learn more inside this issue of SpeakingOut News!

Now is the time to join us in the fight against a crime that violates innocent children of all ages... and it is a Crime!

Mission Statement

Raise Awareness one Child, one Parent, one Home, one Daycare, one School and one Community at a time in an effort to aid in the **Prevention** of Child Sexual Abuse...a horrific crime committed against innocent children of all ages... all across America.

Speak with Church Leaders & encourage **Churches** to get involved & **play an active role** in raising awareness, assessing the need and starting ministries in and for their communities... to provide assistance & most importantly to share the **Message of Hope**.

Work vigorously to **Remove** two of the greatest **Obstacles** in protecting children from Sexual Abuse...**Denial and Lack of Education**.

Send a message to Sexual Predators by taking a **Public Stand** against the crime of Child Sexual Abuse...a perverse act committed against the most innocent & helpless of victims...Children.

Focus on What We Can Do.

Measure **Success** by...

if **SpeakingOut** helps 1 Child, it has been worth our efforts.

What if that 1 Child were Your Child?

Awareness/Prevention Workshop

SpeakingOut against Child Sexual Abuse, Inc.

and

Knox Area Rescue Ministries

teamed up to bring about a workshop in Knoxville, TN on April 14th...
for KARM personnel and Pastors, Ministers & Ministry Leaders of All Denominations.

“A Safe Place” Workshop

The Workshop Included...

Praise & Worship Music by David Lay of KARM & Prayer

**Workshop Participants received a Certificate of Completion for 3 Hours of Training on the
Awareness & Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse**



Bruce Anderson
KARM



**Director of
Church
Relations**



David Lay
KARM



**Praise and
Worship Music**



We would like to thank each & every person who attended the Workshop. You were a wonderful, interactive group of Leaders with lots of great input. At SpeakingOut, we feel blessed to have had the opportunity to spend the afternoon with you to address the issue of
Child Sexual Abuse in America.

A Special Thanks to our Event Sponsors...

**“One of the many
Knox County Churches
committed to impacting
our community”**



KNOX AREA RESCUE MINISTRIES

Restoring Lives In Jesus' Name



**EBENEZER
COUNSELING
SERVICES**

"Susan raises our awareness by presenting a balanced overview of the difficult topic of sexual abuse. She balances reality statistics with personal stories; seriousness with life-giving energy. I recommend this workshop for parents and community leaders."

Dale Berry, PhD, Ebenezer Counseling Services, Knoxville, TN

SpeakingOut Partnered With KARM

“Childhood Sexual Abuse is a horrible crime that many of the homeless men and women who come to KARM try to cover up with drugs, alcohol and every other kind of mind numbing addiction. In the general public, 1 out of every 5 boys and 1 out of every 3 girls will be sexually abused by their 18th birthday (Mothers Against Sexual Abuse statistics). They suffer greatly from the confusion, shame and pain caused by the betrayal of trust and authority that adults have with children, especially relationships of family and friends (95% of children know the perpetrator). Susan’s passion, personal experience, and extensive knowledge will raise your awareness and help prevent and heal this frequently “secret suffering”. I highly recommend “A Safe Place” Workshop for every parent, grandparent, pastor, teacher and everyone else who is in a position to protect children from the devastation of Childhood Sexual Abuse. We praise God for our partnership with SpeakingOut against Child Sexual Abuse, Inc. in making our Knoxville community a safe place for all our citizens, especially our children.”

Bruce Anderson
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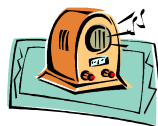


Straight Talk about Child Sexual Abuse

The Host of Straight Talk... Marla Higginbotham
invited Susan Suafoa-Dinino, President/Founder of SpeakingOut
to be the Guest Speaker on Straight Talk Radio (WKXV/AM 900) on April 5th in Knoxville, TN.

This was a Wonderful Opportunity to Raise Awareness on the crime of Child Sexual Abuse in America during the month of April... National Child Abuse Prevention Month!

Awareness & Prevention is the Key to making a difference! Child Sexual Abuse is a crime. It's time we stop pushing this issue under the rug & aid in the prevention of it. We must act & help those in need, to include child & adult survivors that have already been violated. That is our responsibility.



Thank you Marla for inviting SpeakingOut to sit down with you for some Straight Talk.

SuperSonic Fundraiser - Friday Nights

Sonic of Oak Ridge

**located at 608 Oak Ridge Turnpike in Oak Ridge, TN
will be holding a SuperSonic Fundraiser every Friday night to benefit our cause...
Child Sexual Abuse Awareness & Prevention**

***Stop By Anytime between 5 - 9 pm, and
10% of your purchase will be donated by Sonic to SpeakingOut.***

A Fun & Tasty Way to Support a Great Cause!



**Every Friday
5 - 9 PM
Sonic of Oak Ridge
608 Oak Ridge Turnpike
Oak Ridge, TN**

How You Can Help

**Be sure to visit our website at www.speakingout-csa.com for more information...
just click on "How You Can Help"**

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Advertise in our Monthly Newsletter - SpeakingOut News

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Wish List - Immediate Needs

Support our Cause Just by Shopping Online

Donate Your Used Cell Phones, PDA's & Ink Cartridges

Step Up With Mary Kay

A Survivor is SpeakingOut

My name is Melani Marquez and I am a Child Sexual Abuse survivor. About a year ago, I finally built up the courage to confront the issue of Child Sexual Abuse in my family. As I anticipated, the news did not go over well with the older generation. Many of them felt that I was "airing out my dirty laundry" instead of "taking accountability" for what happened to me, as if it were my fault. I was called vicious names by several Aunts and accused of dishonoring my family. Despite the blows I endured, I insisted that my generation talk to their children about sexual abuse prevention. As it later turned out, I uncovered that sexual abuse had been a generational problem in my family because my predecessors never talked to each other about their abuse nor did they stress prevention to their children. In the end, I learned that there were a total of 13 members in my family who experienced sexual abuse or was a witness to it. I personally found this number to be alarming considering the small size of my family. What's more, the children who did come forth to admit their abuse were quickly dismissed as liars. Their alleged abusers were never confronted nor was there any intervention to ensure their conduct was not ongoing. I came to realize that if this tragedy happened to my family, it could also be happening to other families who are afraid of breaking their silence of abuse. Since confronting my family, I've made it my personal mission to spread awareness for Child Sexual Abuse and provide resources to parents for prevention. I accomplish this through my social networking sites such as Twitter, Facebook and Myspace. I also take the opportunity to share my message with other parents during casual conversations. I often acknowledge the sensitivity of the topic but also stress the importance of talking about it so their children don't become victimized like I was. So far, I'm glad to report how receptive and active parents have been to taking preventative measures. Apart from this, I am also a member on the volunteer screening committee for my church. I have the responsibility to screen, interview applicants and ensure proper background checks are done before volunteers are able to work with children. **Just recently, I participated in a Child Abuse Prevention Fair in honor of "Child Abuse/Sexual Assault Awareness Month". The event was held on April 17th at Travis Air Force Base, CA where I reside and am a member of the military community. I was fortunate to work right along side the Family Advocacy faculty who displayed an informational booth regarding Child Abuse prevention. Among the resource brochures available to the community was the SpeakingOut pamphlet on "What Every Parent Should Know". I'd like to thank Susan and the SpeakingOut organization for providing this resource online so I could continually spread my message about Child Sexual Abuse prevention in a non-threatening and sensitive manner. Thank you for fighting the good fight so there will be one less child affected by this senseless and horrific crime. I'm confident that by continually spreading awareness for this cause, we can create a zero-tolerance for Child Sexual Abuse in our society. God bless.** Melani Marquez, Travis AFB, CA



A "No More Secrets" Walk

"A No More Secrets Walk was held in Salt Lake City, Utah on Saturday April 17th. This was a family friendly walk to prevent child abuse. Following the 5K walk there was free food and entertainment, along with numerous prize drawings. For the kids there was face painting, a fish pond, animal balloons, and other activities. We had a great time and we love making a difference.

The purpose of the walk was to create awareness about child abuse, and to introduce plans for A Healing Place. This will be a beautiful park in Salt Lake City which will focus on the healing of child abuse victims. For more information go to <http://ahealingplacemonument.org>."

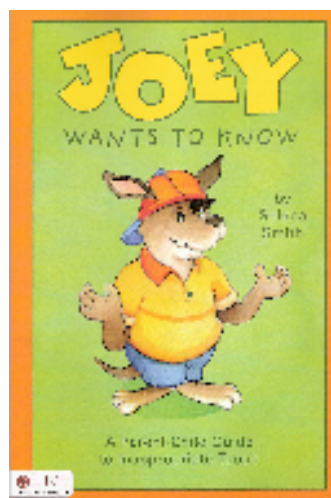


Linda Kay Garner
Author of "Some Secrets Hurt"

Recommended Books



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 Order Information**



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When you purchase "Joey Wants To Know" directly from SpeakingOut, a portion of the proceeds will benefit our cause. To order your copy today, call 225-330-2258, email your order to susansd@speakingout-csa.com or order through our website @ www.speakingout-csa.com (Resources).

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"The World is a dangerous place to live, not because of the people who are evil, but because of the people who don't do anything about it."
Albert Einstein

Volunteers Needed for June

We have upcoming events in which we are seeking Teen and/or Adult Volunteers to help us run the children's activities.
Call or email today if you would like to help.

Saturday, June 5th

12 - 4 pm

Oak Ridge, TN

** Need Help with Face Painting & Balloon Animals **

Saturday, June 12th

9am til Dark (Volunteer for couple of hours, 1/2 day or all day)

Tellico Plains, TN

** Need help with Face Painting & Bean Bag Toss **