

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

Proverbs 31:8

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SpeakingOut against Child Sexual Abuse

# Speaking Out News

SpeakingOut

**July 2011** 

#### against Child Sexual Abuse. Inc.

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### Child Sexual Abuse Awareness & Prevention

We also Touch on Healing!

#### **SpeakingOut on Behalf Of**

All Children who have ever been (Child & Adult Survivors), are being or will be sexually abused.

#### **Primary Purpose**

Raise Awareness on Child Sexual Abuse in an effort to Aid in the Prevention of this Horrific Crime

#### Vision

Raise Awareness all Across America

#### **Primary Focus**

On the Home (Parents & Grandparents) "Child Safety begins at Home"

#### **Other Focal Points**

Churches, Daycares/Caregivers, Schools & Anyone who works with/around Children

#### **Available For**

Speaking Engagements
Awareness/Prevention Workshops called "A Safe Place"
Information Table Set Up

#### **Presented From**

A Parent's Perspective and in some areas, a Survivor's Perspective

### A Story of Healing!

When I first received your e-newsletter, I was numb for a few weeks because the feelings, memories, and actual acts of the child abuse that I suffered were all of a sudden surfacing in ways that had been ignored or camouflaged. For the first time in over 20 years, I was able to finally release, cry, be angry, feel worthless, then find strength, love, and peace in the person God created me to be...me. Since finding that strength, love, and peace I was able to forgive and move forward. It allowed my dreams to become alive: to see the weak strong: mentally, spiritually, physically, emotionally, etc. It's services like Speaking Out that will act as a catalyst for others to follow.

Sherra Robinson (Knoxville, TN) June 2011

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# A Survivor is SpeakingOut

### Where Do You Stand?

Written by Souyenne Dathorne, The Caribbeans (July 2011)



"Who stands with us? Who fights for us? I find more and more than no one stands up for us and we are the only ones that can fight for ourselves. I guess one of life's lessons is that you should learn not to expect anything from anyone, always be willing to stand up for yourself and fight for what you want. History has shown that our families remain silent; they treat our abusers like welcomed family members; they support them and care for them while we stand alone wondering what we did that was so wrong that we would be abused, that we would have our lives forever altered, that we would now have to deal with all the issues that arise because of what we have been through. With all of that on our plates we turn around and notice that we are left standing alone, our immediate family has chosen to pretend it didn't happen, or to blame us for it, or to guilt us into silence. Our extended family is equally stupid in behaving like what we went through and what we continue to go through is water under the bridge; that we deserve to constantly have to see their love and concern towards someone who hurt us so deeply and feel their hatred and

disappointment if we decide to speak out. I have come to notice that having family believe or stand with you is the rare exception.

I always thought that in many cases you had to have gone through it to understand what we have to deal with. I know this is a heavy remark to make and I am sure there are those who haven't been through it or witnessed it that are able to respond more adequately to the situation. I would like to know how many of you with children would allow someone who has been previously accused of sexual assault into your homes, into your children's bedrooms? Is it ok because it happened to us, because you can't fathom the damage done that he should be accepted and in many ways chosen over us? I don't know how many of you have dealt with this situation or anything similar but it puzzles me as to how we divide who considered falls into the pedophile, creepy relative/friend file and who gets to walk around freely unpunished for their crimes. DO we react differently when it is our children who are hurt? But history has shown that not even that makes a difference. SO the question is what will it take to make things better, what will it take to make people realize how detrimental all of this is? It affects us all whether we know it or not."

### From the Child Victim's Perspective

Calling Child Sexual Abuse what it really is...

Horrific Violations committed against Innocent Children of all ages...

Rape, Molestation, Incest & Exploitation

**NOT JUST A STATISTIC!** 

### REAL Violations committed against REAL Children!

SpeakingOut was invited to a Louisiana Radio Program on community issues on June 1st. Susan Suafoa-Dinino, President/Founder of SpeakingOut, along with Linda of Illinois & Melani of Hawaii addressed the crime of Child Sexual Abuse from the Child Victim's perspective. To listen to the one hour broadcast...

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# SpeakingOut at Back-to-School Health Fair



SpeakingOut has been invited to participate in this event. We are very excited to be a part of an event such as this. The health of children of all ages is very important to us. Unfortunately, the sexual abuse of innocent children is yet another health issue that needs much more action from us as adults in order to prevent children from being violated. We feel honored to have been invited and will take advantage of this opportunity to raise awareness on this crime in an effort to aid in prevention... for children's sake. They deserve no less from us.

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### **Autism & Disability Awareness Event**

SpeakingOut has been invited to participate in an event being hosted by Eyes of Faith and the Beck Cultural Exchange Center Inc.

Autism and Disability Awareness Event
"Back to School: Fun In The Sun"
Saturday, August 6th
10am - 3 pm
Beck Cultural Exchange Center
1947 Dandridge Avenue
Knoxville, TN 37915



Another wonderful opportunity to raise awareness on the crime of Child Sexual Abuse. Unfortunately, even children with autism and other disabilities are being violated every single day in this country. We hope to see you there. Be sure to stop by and say hello.

## Volunteer Opportunities

We are currently seeking Volunteers to assist us at the following events...



Friday, August 5th in Knoxville, TN
See Page 3 for More Information



Saturday, August 6th in Knoxville, TN

See Above for More Information



At both of these events, SpeakingOut be offering the following...

Information Table for Parents/Grandparents (All Adults)
Children's Activity Table
Bean Bag Toss

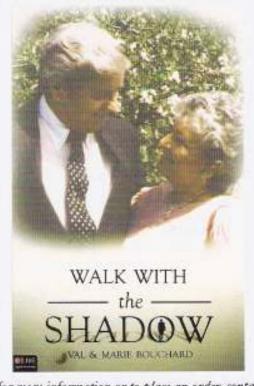


Need help with set up, manning our area/activities throughout the event and breakdown/clean up. Please contact Susan Suafoa-Dinino, President/Founder of SpeakingOut if you are available... whether for one hour, several hours or for the entire event. Susan can be reached at 865-230-8600 or by email at susansd@speakingout-csa.com. Any help you can offer would be greatly appreciated.

Volunteer Sign Up Deadline for both Events: Wednesday, July 27th

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# Sponsor of this Month's Newsletter



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### Walk with the Shadow

Unaware of the warning signs, Val Bouchard suffered a massive heart attack. After a frenzied rush to the hospital and a devastating prognosis, Val and his wife, Marie, prepared themselves for the worst, But they didn't know that was only the beginning. Six years later Val was told there was nothing more the doctors could do for him. He was maxed out on medications, and doctors expected a quick decline. But with his heart failing him again, Val became a candidate for a heart transplant and was told he would be in the hospital until he either died or received a new heart.

Told from both Val and Marie's perspectives, 'Walk with the Shadow' vividly depicts one family's struggle for life. Through the painful experience, Marie and Val clung to their faith in God to carry them through. Marie witnessed many miracles and realized her calling--to help others who are suffering, 'Walk with the Shadow' demonstrates the miracles that God bestows and is a poignant reminder of the treasure life is.

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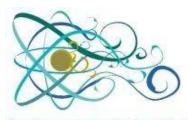


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Thank You for Your Support! Helping us continue on with our Mission & Vision... Child Sexual Abuse Awareness & Prevention. Helping us continue SpeakingOut on behalf of all children who have ever been (child & adult survivors), are being or will be sexually abused.

### Make Your Donation/Pledge to Stop Child Sexual Abuse

Child Sexual Abuse Awareness & Prevention is imperative for the safety of children of all ages all across America. Every time an Adult (Parent, Grandparent, Teacher, Caregiver, etc...) gets educated on this topic, that in turn gives them the confidence & tools needed to raise awareness with their own children and/or the children in their care...and children really need to know the dangers out there. Unfortunately, we do not live in a society where we can just ignore this violation against children. This crime is too rampant! And each statistic represents a REAL Child.

Each & Every Child is Worth It! (Our Time, Our Efforts, Even Our Money) As a Non-Profit Organization, we rely on Caring People Like You to work toward our Mission. We have accomplished so much since March 2008, but there is so much more to be done. We have only begun to scratch the surface of this horrific crime... and it is a Crime! In order for us to continue fighting against the sexual abuse of innocent children, we need your help, whether you've supported us in the past or have not been able to support us to date. Whether you can contribute \$5, \$10 or more (either one-time or on a monthly basis)... every dollar YOU contribute helps us continue working toward our Mission. Together, we can and will make a difference in the lives of children, as well as in the lives of adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse.

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