

Speaking Out News

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SpeakingOut

against Child Sexual Abuse, Inc.

[A 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization]

"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves..." Proverbs 31:8

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SpeakingOut against Child Sexual Abuse

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, Healthcare Professionals & Anyone who works with/around Children

Available For

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

Presented From

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

America... A Safe Place for Children!

A Holiday Wish from SpeakingOut!

From all of us at SpeakingOut...

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Let us all Remember the Reason for the Season. Have a wonderful time... and be safe!



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Year-End Gift that will Make a Difference

This Holiday Season, please help us continue fighting against the crime of Child Sexual Abuse by including SpeakingOut in your End-of-Year Giving. Your donation in any amount will make a difference in others' lives. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a very important (and necessary) Mission & Vision...

Raising Awareness on the Crime of Child Sexual Abuse in an effort to Aid in Prevention...

SpeakingOut on behalf of children of all ages...all across America.

Your Financial Gift to SpeakingOut will be considered a Charitable Contribution. 2011 Charitable Contribution Statements will be in the hands of donors by the end of January 2012.

Unfortunately for multitudes of children, as well as adults survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse, this holiday season may bring very unpleasant and painful childhood memories to the forefront of their minds. This is so unfortunate and unnecessary. No one has the right to violate another human being... especially a child; the most innocent and helpless of all victims.

Let's put our voices together for the children by SpeakingOut against Child Sexual Abuse!

In light of some recent headlines, we hope you agree that this is not the time to slow down in our efforts. We must continue fighting for the safety of children.

They deserve no less!

Former Penn State Assistant Football Coach, Jerry
Sandusky, arrested on child sex abuse charges

Syracuse Assistant Basketball Coach,
Bernie Fine, fired amid sex abuse investigation

State Child Psychiatrist, Doctor at Austin State Hospital, accused of Child Sexual Abuse... allegations of abusing children for past 10 years

CDC Director (Centers for Disease Control & Prevention) arrested for Child Molestation & Bestiality.

And what about the multitudes of cases that will never make the headlines?

Remember the Statistics...

Estimated that
1 in 3 Girls
and
1 in 5 Boys
will be sexually abused

will be sexually abused by their 18th Birthday.

NOT JUST A STATISTIC! Each Statistic represents a REAL Child. Mail in Your Donation
SpeakingOut
P.O. Box 5826
Oak Ridge, TN 37831

A Quick & Easy Way to Donate www.speakingout-csa.com (Look for the PayPal Donate Button)

Please Remember SpeakingOut in your End-of-Year Giving!

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A Survivor is SpeakingOut



Hi. Rick Sluss is my name. I'm 60 years old. My childhood was plagued by sexual abuse by a fireman, from age 11 until age 26. With the help of a close friend, we were able to put this to an abrupt end. I was then able to get involved in a men's support group to work on my problem.

For the next 30 plus years, it became a full time job for me. I worked hard to fight those nightmares of what that man did to my body and my mind. The more I worked at opening up and sharing those bad thoughts from the past, there were more thoughts that came to mind.

I don't know how I was able to endure all of that abuse, but I did.

As I reflect on my past, I can't recall many happy moments because of the trauma I endured. I guess you could say that I was a victim of circumstance. I have learned that my life is not the most important thing I must be concerned about. I have a duty to love and to help my fellow man. The best thing I can do is to help someone in need. I no longer will allow someone to hurt another child, especially if it's another adult. I won't allow someone to violate another person's body, because it causes untold physical, mental and emotional damage. As long as I do my part to break the cycle of abuse, I will help to make this a better world to live in and to enjoy. I challenge you to join me in doing this.

Rick Sluss, Oak Creek, Wisconsin (December 2011)

Newest Director on SpeakingOut's Team

Linda Lau of Sadorus, Illinois



Already a SpeakingOut Volunteer, Linda has now moved into the role of Director on our Board of Directors. We are very excited to have Linda on our Team. As a Mother and a Survivor, her passion for fighting against Child Sexual Abuse really shines through and is truly a blessing to our cause.

In addition, Linda is temporarily filling in as our "Outreach Coordinator - Linked In"... until we find a replacement Volunteer for this role.

"I have always said, 'I may have been battered as a child, but I wasn't deep fried.' I am a survivor of multiple rapes and molestation as a child. Our predators use manipulation and fear to control our voices and unfortunately when some of us, such as I, reach out for help, we get ignored. It seems a child's voice is hushed by more than their abuser, which causes more harm than the abuse itself. Those adults may have succeeded by keeping my voice quiet then, but they didn't succeed in stealing it away. I still have my voice and I have my experience that I know the Lord will use to help others. We, as a people, must take on a zero tolerance against this abuse. If not, why have children, if we are not willing to protect, nurture and love them. SpeakingOut is the place for our voices. It is our voice that is more powerful than any tool the enemy uses. Help us make our voices louder."

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Survivor's Opportunity for SpeakingOut

Calling All (Non-Offending) Adult Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse

If you are a Survivor of Childhood Sexual Abuse, whether male or female, and at least 18 years of age, you are invited to utilize our organization to "Have Your Voice Heard by SpeakingOut against Child Sexual Abuse". Here's how it works...

How to Submit...

- Send email to Susan Suafoa-Dinino, President/Founder of SpeakingOut at susansd@speakingout-csa.com
- Subject of Email... A Survivor is SpeakingOut
- Type Your Message
- Include...

First Name or Anonymous (required)

Last Name (optional)

City & State (required)

Attach...

Picture of Yourself at the age your abuse began (optional)

Current Picture of Yourself (optional)

How SpeakingOut will utilize your information...

- 1. Featured in at least one issue of SpeakingOut News (monthly newsletter). Depending on the length of your submission, we may be able to post your information in its entirety or at a minimum, mention your information and refer the public to your page in our website.
- 2. Featured in our website at www.speakingout-csa.com under "Testimonials" and "Survivors are SpeakingOut".

3. Mention with a Link to your page in our website on SpeakingOut's social networking sites... Facebook, Twitter and Linked In





This is YOUR Opportunity (or another opportunity) to Speak Out. YOU have a Voice... and deserve to be heard.

What is it that YOU want others to know?

People tend to listen to people who have been where they are. YOU can and will make a difference in the lives of others. Don't Delay... Email Your Submission Today!

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Recent Youth Villages Mentor Training

On November 29th, Susan Suafoa-Dinino, President/Founder of SpeakingOut, was invited as one of three Guest Speakers to the Youth Villages Mentor Training event held in Knoxville, TN. Each Speaker had approximately 20 minutes to talk to Youth Villages Volunteers who spend time with children as Mentors. It was a fantastic opportunity to

raise awareness on the crime of Child Sexual Abuse... to bring this crime top of mind for them. Susan utilized this opportunity to stress the importance of this for all who work with or around children. Knowledge on this crime enables adults to not only know what to look for with children who may be or may have been violated, but also to aid in prevention. The best case scenario is for the child to never be violated in the first place, if at all possible. Another extremely important scenario that we can hope for is stopping any future harm to a child.

On behalf of all of us at SpeakingOut, thank you Demetris Moore of Youth Villages for inviting us to do what we do... SpeakingOut on behalf of all children who have ever been (child & adult survivors), are being or will be sexually abused.

Last Minute Holiday Shopping



Did you know that you can support our cause just by Shopping Online?



Here's how it works...

SpeakingOut is affiliated with CGBG - Charity Give Back Group (formerly know as CVN - Christian Values Network)

An Online Shopping Mall with hundreds of Online Stores

Becoming a member is FREE & will only take a few minutes of your time. You will be prompted to search for and select your Chosen Charity. Be sure to type in... SpeakingOut. By doing so, you will find... SpeakingOut against Child Sexual Abuse, Inc.

Then every time you log in through CGBG and purchase any of your everyday and/or holiday items online through www.cvn.org, a percentage of the purchase price will be sent directly to SpeakingOut!

With such a wide selection of Stores in CGBG's Online Shopping Mall, you will find just about anything you're looking for.

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Sponsor of this Month's Newsletter



Become a SpeakingOut News Sponsor

Advertise in SpeakingOut News for only \$10....

Advertise Your Agency, Company, Event, Book, etc...

For a \$10 donation, you can become a Sponsor of one month's issue of SpeakingOut News. This in turn allows you the opportunity to place an ad in our newsletter. Advertise one time, monthly or periodically... you decide.

SpeakingOut News is generally distributed by the end of each month, or within the 1st couple of weeks of that month's issue. Your Donation & Ad must be received by the 20th of the month. Approval of your ad is required & must be obtained from SpeakingOut prior to placement.

Email your Ad today to request approval & become a Sponsor of SpeakingOut News.

Ad placement in SpeakingOut News (monthly newsletter) does not necessarily constitute endorsement of advertised information, products or services by SpeakingOut against Child Sexual Abuse, Inc. (aka SpeakingOut). Becoming a SpeakingOut News Sponsor simply means newsletter sponsorship in exchange for ad placement.

Current Open Volunteer Positions

We currently have numerous Open Volunteer Positions available. If you or anyone you know may be interested in finding out more about these volunteer positions, call or email us today.

Make a Difference... Join SpeakingOut's Team!

Director / Board of Directors Officer / Secretary

Outreach Coordinator (Twitter)
Outreach Coordinator (Linked In)

regardless of where you reside in the U.S.

Call 865-230-8600 or Email susansd@speakingout-csa.com Today!

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In Loving Memory of...

Susan Otto

from Phoenix, Arizona Resided in Greeneville, Tennessee

* SpeakingOut Volunteer from March 7, 2008 - October 16, 2011 *



"Before I met Susan Suafoa-Dinino, I had no idea the numbers of children being subjected to sexual abuse were so out of control... and growing higher every year. I think it has been kept behind closed doors far too long and I am looking forward to helping SpeakingOut against Child Sexual Abuse, Inc. make people more aware of this most despicable crime against our future leaders! With your help, we can get it out in the open and break the cycle."

-- Susan Otto



I met Susan Otto in October 2007 on an airplane. I was headed to Hawaii for my oldest son's wedding & Susan was headed to Arizona to visit her loved ones. We just clicked and instantly became friends. Then in March 2008, Susan agreed to Volunteer for the non-profit organization I was about to start up... SpeakingOut against Child Sexual Abuse, Inc.. She really cared about other people; especially children. Susan continued to Volunteer until her passing. I truly miss Susan as not only a huge help to me and SpeakingOut, but as a very special & dear friend. Susan will not be forgotten. -- Susan Suafoa-Dinino (President/Founder)