

2014
Annual Report



THE
HOPE
OF SURVIVORS

UNDERSTANDING SEXUAL MISCONDUCT
AMONG SPIRITUAL LEADERS

Celebrating 12 Years of Service 2002-2014

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The History of The Hope of Survivors

The year 2014 marked the 12-year anniversary of The Hope of Survivors, which was born one evening in December 2002, as Steve and Samantha were reflecting upon their own experience of clergy sexual abuse and the lack of resources that were available to help them understand and heal at that time. They felt compelled to develop a website that would provide information and encouragement to anyone who may be searching for answers. Steve and Samantha felt if “just one person” could be helped by the website, then it would be well worth the effort and pain they had gone through. While Steve and Samantha’s vision was initially limited in thinking “just one,” the Lord knew how many hurting people there were—suffering all alone and living without hope. As you will see in the remainder of this report, there are many “ones” out there who have been touched and blessed by the ministry of The Hope of Survivors. Truly, God does work all things together for good to those who love Him and are called according to His purpose. (Romans 8:28)

About The Hope of Survivors

The Hope of Survivors is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting victims of clergy sexual abuse and misconduct of all denominations and faith communities, as well as providing educational and informational materials and seminars to clergy members, church leaders and congregations worldwide.



The Hope of Survivors is a registered California nonprofit corporation and is authorized to conduct business in the state of Iowa, and in Ohio and Texas as a foreign corporation under the same name. *La Esperanza de los Sobrevivientes*, the Latino Division of The Hope of Survivors, is registered in the state of Texas. The Hope of Survivors maintains International offices with volunteer staff in Queensland, Australia; Bistrița & Bucharest, Romania; Alberta, Canada; and Edenbridge, UK.

Professional memberships include: American Association of Christian Counselors (AACC), Outpost Centers International (OCI); Adventist Association of Family Life Professionals (AAFLP), and Adventist-laymen’s Services & Industries (ASI). The Hope of Survivors has been recognized as a Valued Partner by GuideStar Exchange and has received the Top-Rated Nonprofit Award for 2012-2014.



Renewal Center Testimonies...

“Call It Anything But Love! reflected so much of what we had gone through before, during and after the abuse. It opened the door of additional therapy that we wouldn’t have found anywhere else. Samantha, there isn’t enough room to write my appreciation for you... Steve, thank you for making it comfortable to be around you. You’re a great man, thus making a great pastor. I can’t say enough about what you have done for my husband via our Lord. You have left an imprint on both of our hearts to last generations.”—AR

“You guys have given me and my wife an opportunity to open up and heal over things that have hurt and harmed us for years, even from before the abuse. Your patience, wisdom, perception and understanding, I believe, have helped us have a new beginning in our marriage. I know that it is through God that we have this, but if not for you two, I’m not sure we would have made it.”—AR

Why The Hope of Survivors?

Have you ever wondered why there's a need for The Hope of Survivors? I mean, why have such a niche ministry? Surely there can't be that many victims of clergy sexual abuse? Well, let me tell why there's such a need for The Hope of Survivors.

Each year approximately 100 new victims contact The Hope of Survivors for emotional and spiritual support. About 10,000-15,000 people visit the website each month. That tells us there are many victims who find the information and support they need directly through the website. I can't imagine how we'd minister to 10,000+ victims if they all contacted us directly each month! Some victims are so frightened they wait years to reach out for help, even though they've said they'd been reading the website for years. It took them that long to get the courage to reach out for help. Over the past 13 years, we have helped thousands of clergy sexual abuse victims find hope and healing.

This latest headline*, "*Pascagoula man sexually abused girl during Bible study sessions, justified it with Scripture*," is another reason why The Hope of Survivors exists. Truly, clergy sexual abuse is taking place at alarming rates in every faith community worldwide. Who is there to help the victims? The Hope of Survivors! * (Source: www.sunherald.com/2015/04/19/6184834_pascagoula-man-sexually-abused.html)

When you financially support The Hope of Survivors, you are enabling us to produce resources that will help victims recover from the devastating trauma and effects of clergy sexual abuse. You help us to educate clergy and church leaders about the issue and facilitate prevention of the abuse. You save lives and marriages. You help change the faith community by enabling us to bring about greater awareness of this issue through exhibiting at conventions, speaking engagements, etc. We can't do it without your help. Thank you for partnering with The Hope of Survivors as we continue to bind up the brokenhearted and set the captives free (Luke 4:18).



"Thanks again for all the work you do. What a gift. I really liked your website and some of the reflections on there. I hope you know what you are doing is impacting lives, even when you are not aware of it."—CO

"Thanks again for your seminar and your individual time with me. I am very impressed by the work you are doing. I went home and watched the documentary. It was really good, and some of the statements you and Steve made were particularly similar to some comments and experiences articulated by my daughter and her husband. Would you tell Steve that I also thought his story was really important to be included."—CO

"A very good ministry to those who have encountered pastoral sexual abuse. I know the couple who runs this ministry and would highly recommend it to anyone you may know who has been hurt by clergy in a church."—NE

"The Hope of Survivors [THOS] made a life-changing difference as I was coming to terms with the fact of my pastor's abuse, and then as I was recovering from it. THOS has helped so many victims like me; they have educated so many church communities; and who knows how many people they have helped through the valuable information on their website? I am proud to support their work with my donation."—CA

"Thank you for your incredibly hard work in helping victims of clergy sexual abuse. It is a ministry without a lot of support, yet so vital to the life of the church. We pray for God to open the eyes of the blind so clergy sexual abuse will be seen for what it truly is! God's blessings to you both."—NY

Description of Mission, Services & Programs

The Hope of Survivors takes a faith-based, scriptural approach to helping victims understand the devastation of clergy sexual abuse and how they can receive healing and wholeness by God's grace. It is our mission and prayer that, through our website, educational seminars, one-to-one communication (phone, email and in person), media, printed resources and in-house programs at the Renewal Center, you will find answers and the truth about what's happening to you. The Hope of Survivors seeks to:

- (a) Educate the victims, clergy, church body and the general public about clergy sexual abuse and misconduct, the frequency of occurrences, the moral and social implications involved and the devastating consequences through national media, by disseminating brochures and other related materials, conducting educational seminars, and by maintaining up-to-date websites;
- (b) Conduct retreats and seminars specifically for the victims of clergy sexual abuse and provide one-on-one support for the purpose of facilitating their healing and recovery, and helping them to gain a greater understanding of what has happened to them, giving them hope and encouragement, and restoring their faith in their Creator;
- (c) Work closely with churches that are dealing with the after-effects of an abuse situation for the purpose of helping them to understand the importance of providing a safe environment for all and for understanding the dynamics of clergy sexual abuse so that the church and the victim are not further damaged in the aftermath;
- (d) Provide training seminars for clergy and church administrators for the purpose of disseminating prevention information and encouragement, and to work closely with those who have violated their sacred trust.

In short, the mission of The Hope of Survivors may be summed up in the motto:

Reaching the Hurting... Ministering to those who have suffered abuse at the hands of clergy.

Calling the Faithful... Providing resources and support to church leadership to help them remain true to their high calling.

Bridging the Gap... Leading the hurting to hope through a healing relationship with Christ.

Organization Funding

The Hope of Survivors is funded by individuals who support the mission and goals of the organization; survivors of clergy sexual abuse who desire to use their means to help others; and by grants from private individuals and foundations whose values are similar to those of The Hope of Survivors. Grants previously awarded include: Versacare, The William R. Dally Foundation, ASI MidAmerica and the HOPE Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime. Contributions are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Your support is greatly appreciated. The Hope of Survivors does not receive any denominational subsidies. Donations may also be received through:



Statement of Financial Position — As of December 31, 2014

| ASSETS | <u>Dec. 31, 2014</u> |
|--|----------------------------|
| Current Assets | |
| Checking/Savings | |
| 1010 — Cash — HOPE Checking — US Bank | \$14,973.54 |
| 1074 — Hold for Healing Center | \$1,130.00 |
| 1075 — Cash — Hold — Temp Restr. Romania | \$130.00 |
| 1080 — Hold for Canadian Division | <u>\$100.00</u> |
| Total Checking/Savings | \$16,333.54 |
| Other Current Assets | |
| 1079 — Hold for DVD Project | \$2,514.08 |
| 1200 — Miscellaneous Receivables | <u>\$221.76</u> |
| Total Other Current Assets | <u>\$2,735.84</u> |
| Total Current Assets | \$19,069.38 |
| Fixed Assets | |
| 1600 — Equipment | \$12,366.94 |
| 1603 — Renewal Center Land | \$75,000.00 |
| 1605 — Renewal Center Building | \$196,146.06 |
| 1607 — Renewal Center Furnishings | \$6,065.20 |
| 1690 — Accumulated Depreciation | <u>(\$9,614.00)</u> |
| Total Fixed Assets | \$279,964.20 |
| Other Assets | |
| 1810 — Start-up Expenses | <u>\$2,501.15</u> |
| Total Other Assets | <u>\$2,501.15</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS | <u>\$301,534.73</u> |
| LIABILITIES & EQUITY | |
| Liabilities | |
| Current Liabilities | |
| Credit Cards | |
| 2300 — Credit Card Liability | |
| 2310 — Company Credit Card—Capital One | \$14,999.85 |
| 2314 — Company Credit Card—US Bank #3545 | <u>\$15,815.67</u> |
| Total 2300 — Credit Card Liability | <u>\$30,815.52</u> |
| Total Credit Cards | <u>\$30,815.52</u> |
| Total Current Liabilities | <u>\$30,815.52</u> |
| Total Liabilities | \$30,815.52 |
| Equity | |
| 3010 — Unrestrict (retained earnings) | \$269,184.88 |
| Net Income | <u>\$1,534.33</u> |
| Total Equity | <u>\$270,719.21</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY | <u>\$301,534.73</u> |

Statement of Activities — January through December 2014

| Ordinary Income/Expense | <u>Jan – Dec 2014</u> |
|--|----------------------------|
| Income | |
| 4000 — Contributions | \$42,268.34 |
| 4001 — Grants | \$28,000.00 |
| 4002 — Contributions — Temp Restricted | \$20,000.00 |
| 4010 — Non-Cash Donations | \$722.91 |
| 4100 — Sales | \$142.39 |
| 4400 — Miscellaneous Income | <u>\$4,240.00</u> |
| Total Income | \$95,373.64 |
| Expense | |
| 6000 — Salaries | \$5,576.88 |
| 6010 — Payroll Taxes | \$482.42 |
| 6050 — Professional Fees | |
| 6052 — Accounting | \$503.60 |
| 6050 — Professional Fees – Other | <u>\$6,696.00</u> |
| Total 6050 — Professional Fees | \$7,199.60 |
| 6060 — Books & Education | \$354.56 |
| 6070 — Bank Charges | \$213.88 |
| 6075 — Finance Charges | \$2,564.78 |
| 6080 — Contract Services | \$10,331.91 |
| 6090 — Donations | \$100.00 |
| 6120 — Telephone & Internet Services | \$1,697.91 |
| 6130 — Dues & Publications | \$643.50 |
| 6150 — Licenses & Fees | \$5,398.85 |
| 6160 — Insurance | \$2,761.00 |
| 6200 — Office Supplies | \$2,780.95 |
| 6210 — Renewal Center Maintenance | \$4,350.13 |
| 6220 — Collection Service | \$318.67 |
| 6230 — Postage | \$1,664.93 |
| 6240 — Printing & Publishing | \$1,773.00 |
| 6245 — Software | \$254.95 |
| 6260 — Operating Supplies | \$10,302.67 |
| 6270 — Research Funding | \$20,000.00 |
| 6400 — Advertising | \$6,768.09 |
| 6410 — Domain Registration | \$703.51 |
| 6420 — Travel | |
| 6421 — Lodging | \$4,325.49 |
| 6423 — Car Rental & Other Auto Expense | \$213.55 |
| 6424 — Fuel | \$1,933.43 |
| 6425 — Other Travel Expenses | <u>\$212.85</u> |
| Total 6420 — Travel | \$6,685.32 |
| 6431 — Grocery / Meal — Renewal Center | \$113.33 |
| 6430 — Meals & Entertainment — Other | <u>\$1,785.63</u> |
| Total 6430 — Meals & Entertainment | \$1,898.96 |
| 6500 — Victim Assistance | \$717.75 |
| 6570 — Utilities | <u>\$4,889.60</u> |
| Total Expense | <u>\$100,433.82</u> |
| Net Ordinary Income | (\$5,060.18) |
| Net Income | <u>(\$5,060.18)</u> |

Demographic Information By Denomination

The chart below reveals the 2014 demographics based on reported denominational affiliation.

| # | <u>Denominational Demographics</u> | % |
|-----------|---|-------------|
| 1 | Alliance Church | 1% |
| 2 | Assembly of God | 2% |
| 7 | Baptist Church | 7% |
| 4 | Catholic/Roman Catholic Church | 4% |
| 2 | Charismatic Interdenominational Church | 2% |
| 1 | Christ Gospel Church | 1% |
| 4 | Christian Church | 4% |
| 1 | Church of Christ | 1% |
| 1 | Church of England | 1% |
| 3 | Church of God in Christ | 3% |
| 2 | Nazarene Church | 2% |
| 2 | Evangelical Church | 2% |
| 1 | Hindu | 1% |
| 2 | Lutheran Church | 2% |
| 3 | Non-denominational Church | 3% |
| 1 | Orthodox Church of America | 1% |
| 3 | Pentecostal Church | 3% |
| 3 | Presbyterian Church | 3% |
| 1 | Sufi | 1% |
| 30 | Seventh-day Adventist Church | 31% |
| 22 | Undisclosed | 23% |
| 1 | United Methodist Church | 1% |
| | <u>Adjustment for fraction of percentages</u> | <u>1%</u> |
| 97 | Total from 1/1/14 to 12/31/14 | 100% |

Notes:

- (1) These demographics do **not** include clients from previous years, who may still be receiving ongoing support from The Hope of Survivors.
- (2) These demographics do **not** include secondary victims such as spouses, children, friends or relatives of the affected individual who contacted The Hope of Survivors, or the other victims of the same pastor of which the client was aware and made known to The Hope of Survivors.
- (3) These figures also do **not** include known cases where The Hope of Survivors has been consulted but has had no direct contact with the client. Thus, the total number served is much greater than these statistics cited.
- (4) The year 2014 averaged just under 2 new clients per week (97 total).
- (5) Same notes apply as stated above on following page.

Demographic Information By State/Country

The chart below reveals the 2014 demographics based on the state/country where the client resides. Throughout just 2014 there were **29** known states and **6** known countries (other than the U.S.) represented as of 12/31/14.

| <u>State</u> | <u>#</u> | <u>%</u> |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| Alabama | 1 | 1% |
| Arkansas | 4 | 4% |
| Arizona | 3 | 3% |
| Asia | 1 | 1% |
| Barbados | 1 | 1% |
| Botswana | 1 | 1% |
| California | 12 | 12% |
| Canada | 3 | 3% |
| Colorado | 1 | 1% |
| Connecticut | 1 | 1% |
| Delaware | 1 | 1% |
| Georgia | 2 | 2% |
| Illinois | 4 | 4% |
| Indiana | 2 | 2% |
| Louisiana | 1 | 1% |
| Massachusetts | 2 | 2% |
| Michigan | 4 | 4% |
| Minnesota | 1 | 1% |
| Missouri | 3 | 3% |
| New Jersey | 1 | 1% |
| New Mexico | 1 | 1% |
| Nevada | 1 | 1% |
| New York | 1 | 1% |
| Ohio | 3 | 3% |
| Oklahoma | 1 | 1% |
| Oregon | 1 | 1% |
| Pennsylvania | 3 | 3% |
| South Africa | 6 | 6% |
| Tennessee | 5 | 5% |
| Texas | 6 | 6% |
| Undisclosed | 2 | 2% |
| United Kingdom | 3 | 3% |
| Utah | 10 | 10% |
| Washington | 1 | 1% |
| Wisconsin | 3 | 3% |
| Wyoming | 1 | 1% |
| <u>Adjustment for fraction of percentages</u> | | 3% |
| Total from 1/1/14 to 12/31/14 | | 100% |

The Hope of Survivors' Officers, Directors & Staff

Without God as the Ultimate Founder, Director and Provider for The Hope of Survivors, none of the work would have lasting effect or eternal results. We give all the glory and honor to our Heavenly Father, yet we recognize the individuals who are His instruments in service. We acknowledge and give our year-end 2014 Board of Directors and Volunteers our heartfelt gratitude for their sacrificial service:

Board of Directors

Steve Nelson, President, Chairman (since 12/02)
Samantha Nelson, V.P. & CEO (since 12/02)
Martin Weber (since 4/08)
Steven Grabiner (since 2/07)
Jennifer Jill Schwirzer (since 9/07)
Ray Hartwell (since 4/08)
Wendy Lee (since 3/12)
Robert Peck (since 7/12)
Shyleene Rosado (since 4/07)
Jeanne Hartwell (since 9/14)

Volunteers

Tom Lemon (2004-2009)—Board Chair Emeritus
Robert & Debbie Withrow (since 2/04)—Accounting
Peggy & Dave Mahrt (since 5/05)—PR/Marketing
Coralie Roll (since 1/06)—Australia Division/Admin.
Sandy Kirkham (since 8/06)—Advisory Panel
Arlagene Groves (since 4/07)—Australia Division/Victim Support Services
Shyleene Rosado (since 4/07)—Latino Division Vice President/Victim Support Services
Heather & Brad Brown (since 9/09)—Victim Support Services
Wendy Schwitzer (since 6/10)—Victim Support Services
Romulus Chelbegean (since 11/10)—Romanian Division Vice President
Danielle Jostes (since 9/11)—Victim Support Services
Javier & Gloria Huerta (since 10/11)—Victim Support Services (Latino Division)
Andrea & Anthony Shipwright (since 5/13)—Victim Support Services (UK)
John & Carrie Nolan (since 7/13)—Victim Support Services
Laura Fierbinteanu (since 12/13)—Romanian Division Victim Support Services
Mary Jo Noworyta (since 3/14)—Victim Support Services; PR/Marketing



ABOVE: Steve Nelson with Pastor Charlie Whitehorse and translator while sharing messages of hope and healing at the camp meeting on the Navajo Reservation in Monument Valley, UT. (September 2014)

Day-to-day operations are primarily the responsibility of the CEO; however, each Director and Volunteer has a vital role in the ongoing development and advancement of the ministry and its goals. Directors were actively involved in Board meetings, major decision-making, literature review, accounting, prayer, travel for meetings and many other activities. Volunteers offered support to hundreds of victims throughout the year, as well as assisted with raising awareness of the issue of clergy sexual abuse, conducting conferences, exhibiting at conventions, and many other tasks too numerous to mention. The Hope of Survivors is indeed indebted and greatly blessed by the involvement of each Director and Volunteer. The following chart shows the breakdown of volunteer hours:

| Volunteer | Hours | (Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2014) |
|--|--------------|--|
| Samantha Nelson (paid hours not incl.) | 1,640 | (executive & administrative, etc.) |
| Steve Nelson | 265 | (speaking, counseling, conferences) |
| Shyleene Rosado | 110 | (counseling, seminars, conf., etc.) |
| Andrea & Anthony Shipwright | 50 | (victim support, administrative, etc.) |
| Wendy Schwitzer | 100 | (victim support, convention exhibit, etc.) |
| Javier & Gloria Huerta | 10 | (Latino Division) |
| Mary Jo Noworyta | 150 | (marketing & PR) |
| Ted Vanderlaan | 50 | (board meetings, victim support, etc.) |
| Bob & Debbie Withrow | 32 | (accounting, meetings, reports) |
| John Nolan | 5 | (victim support, marketing & PR) |
| Carrie Nolan | 5 | (victim support, marketing & PR) |
| Martin Weber | 20 | (board meetings, etc.) |
| Gail & Elgin Jenkins | 32 | (exhibiting, victim support, etc.) |
| Danielle Jostes | 20 | (victim support) |
| Heather Brown | 60 | (victim support) |
| Bob Peck | 50 | (board meetings, material review, etc.) |
| Arlagene Groves | 20 | (Australia Division) |
| Jennifer Schwirzer | 20 | (board meetings, counseling, materials) |
| Sandy Kirkham | 30 | (exhibits, conferences) |
| Coralie Roll | 15 | (Australia Division) |
| Herb Douglass | 15 | (board meetings, material review) |
| Ray Hartwell | 12 | (board meetings, material review) |
| Jeanne Hartwell | 4 | (board meetings, material review) |
| Steven Grabiner | 6 | (board meetings, material review) |
| Romulus Chelbegean | 5 | (Romania Division) |
| Kyoshin Ahn | 10 | (board meetings, material review) |

Total Volunteer Hours for 2014 2,736*

*Estimates based on tasks undertaken by individual volunteers. Not all volunteers reported hours, even though they performed work on behalf of The Hope of Survivors. The total hours represents a **low** estimate of the number of volunteer hours required during 2014. Additional hours from project-based volunteers, such as the individuals who offered to translate the website into various languages, are not included in this estimate. Hours from volunteers in Romania are **not** included although they are in the hundreds of hours.



Board members and volunteers: Arlagene Groves (THOS-AU), Coralie Roll (THOS-AU), Jeanne Hartwell (Board), Ray Hartwell (Board) and Steven Grabiner (Board).

Exposure Information Editorial / Media / Advertising

- Google AdWords (key words for search results – monthly)
- *Outlook Magazine*—March 2014
- *OCI Reports*—Spring/Summer 2014
- Religion News Service (RNS)—*Finding Faith, Finding Home* —March 2014
- *PRISM*
- *InsideASI* (Summer Issue)
- KCHF-TV, *God Answers Prayer* program
- 3ABN *Today* program
- Time for the Loud Cry radio interview
- *Bedford Times-Press* (Ribbon cutting ceremony, Maranatha)
- *Journal of Family and Community Ministries* (Baylor University)
- National Conference on Ministry to the Armed Forces (a group of nearly 200 faiths that endorse clergy to serve as chaplains for the federal government: U.S. Armed Forces, Bureau of Prisons and Veterans Administration, plus other agencies.)
- Awarded a Top-Rated Nonprofit honor by Great Nonprofits
- Distribution of *Understanding Sexual Misconduct Among Spiritual Leaders* booklet to attendees at various exhibits throughout the US
- *Tamtam* magazine article on The Hope of Survivors
- And many others!

Additionally, The Hope of Survivors continued to publish and distribute its quarterly newsletter, *HopeSpeak*, to over 1,700 individuals, and distributed materials through various avenues, including online orders, direct requests, conventions, conferences and other venues.

Conferences / Programs / Projects

Beyond the day-to-day support it provided for victims of clergy sexual abuse, The Hope of Survivors was actively engaged in the following events, conferences and programs, plus several in-house and on-site counseling sessions at various times during 2014. Some of these included:

- *Exhibit at the Watch & Pray Conference in Los Angeles, CA* (February 2014)
- *Hope & Healing 3-day Intensive at Bedford, IA* (February 2014)
- *Open House for Renewal Center in Bedford, IA* (March & April 2014)
- *ASI exhibit in Lee's Summit, MO* (March 2014)
- *Abuse Prevention Seminar in Fallbrook, CA* (March 2014)
- *Hope & Healing 5-day Respite at Bedford, IA* (April 2014)
- *Hope & Healing 3-day Intensive at Bedford, IA* (April 2014)
- *Prayer Line Connection Camp Meeting exhibit in Los Angeles, California* (May 2014)
- *Exhibit at Can U Hear Me Now? Conference in Angelus Oaks, CA* (May 2014)
- *Two Hope & Healing 3-day Intensive programs at Bedford, IA* (June 2014)
- *Exhibit at the Preventing Abuse Conference in Tampa, FL* (June 2014)
- *Hope & Healing 5-day Respite at Bedford, IA* (July 2014)
- *ASI exhibit in Grand Rapids, MI* (August 2014)
- *Exhibit at the Pathfinder Camporee in Oshkosh, WI* (August 2014)
- *EndItNow Campaign at Council Bluffs, Iowa* (August 2014)
- *Exhibit at Southwest GYC Conference in Mountain Center, CA* (August 2014)
- *Multiple seminars on the Navajo Reservation at Monument Valley, UT* (September 2014)
- *Hope & Healing 3-day Intensive at Mt. Pleasant, MI* (October 2014)
- *Protecting Morality seminar for pastors in Reading, PA* (October 2014)
- *Exhibit at Pastoral Evangelism & Leadership Council in Huntsville, AL* (December 2014)

Clergy Sexual Abuse Awareness & Prevention™ Day Campaign

The Hope of Survivors conducted its 4th annual Clergy Sexual Abuse Awareness & Prevention (CSAAP) campaign (<http://www.clergysexualabuseawarenessday.com>) by hosting several events around the country and enlisting many volunteers for various activities. Although CSAAP was initiated by The Hope of Survivors, many other individuals and organizations are part of this campaign to raise awareness of the issue of clergy sexual abuse and to fight to stop its prevalence among churches of all denominations. Several endorsements have been garnered from leaders in the fields of advocacy, research, law and social work, which helped lend additional credibility to the significance of the campaign.



It is the goal of The Hope of Survivors to see CSAAP become to clergy sexual abuse what pink ribbons have become to Breast Cancer Awareness. You can help us make that happen by sponsoring or hosting an event in your area, writing letters to the editor of your local newspaper, as well as mainstream media outlets. Just be sure to let us know your plans so we can assist you with promotion and materials!

Special Thanks...

The Hope of Survivors is deeply indebted and thankful to its Directors, Officers and Volunteers (listed on page 10) who served and supported the ministry in 2014. It is difficult to list the names of every individual or organization that has had a part in supporting or assisting the ministry in some way. There are many individuals who faithfully support this ministry in some way, and we are very grateful for you. Thank you all for your support and prayers!

We'd also like to say "Thank You" to our donors and to those who have donated their time, talents and services to help The Hope of Survivors conduct its programs and day-to-day operations. The Hope of Survivors would not be able to continue its operations and services for victims and churches if it were not for you.

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