

# THE HOPE OF SURVIVORS

## 2017 Annual Report

Assisting victims of clergy sexual abuse and misconduct, as well as providing educational and informational materials and seminars to clergy, church leaders and congregations of every denomination and faith community, worldwide.

Celebrating 15 Years of Service 2002-2017

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## The History of The Hope of Survivors

The year 2017 marked the 15-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 Wyoming, and in New York, 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 Australia, Romania, Canada, South Africa, the Philippines, and the 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 2012-2017.



## 2017 Important Highlights!



There were many great things happening in 2017, including the development of our Pastors’ Wives Division, the resurrection of the Canadian Division, the creation of the male victims’ DVD, *Betrayed Trust*, *Hidden Secrets*, the development of a private support group for victims on Facebook, and becoming one of the 100 finalists in the Classy Awards!



## Why The Hope of Survivors?

Many people wonder why there is a need for The Hope of Survivors. They tend to see this as a small issue with few victims and, therefore, no need for an organization that addresses such a difficult topic. From our perspective—and from that of the victims we serve around the world—the need for The Hope of Survivors is very great because the prevalence of clergy sexual abuse is also very great.

Each week approximately 1-2 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. Let's allow the victims to speak for themselves about the need for and importance of The Hope of Survivors:

*"Your work is incredible. You truly do God's work, and I feel so blessed to simply be a part of it. Please let me know if you ever need anything in the future. May God continue to bless and strengthen you and everyone at The Hope of Survivors."*—Author, To the Survivors

*"So happy to read this good news! [About the Canadian Division] I was also helped by THOS. Doing the right thing won't ensure a right outcome. I read lots on your website and found comfort."*—Survivor

*"I attended a seminar in Buffalo, NY, in April, I believe. It was a tremendous step in my healing I know I couldn't have gotten without going to the Seminar."*—ND

*"Samantha, Thank you so much for this ministry. Over the last 2 years I have read and reread the information on your site while trying to process through what has happened to me. Mary Jo and her husband have talked with my husband and I. Thanks!"*—WI

*"...I could have never foreseen the struggles I would have as the result of telling. It has tested my trust and faith in God in a way that is changing me for the better. ...I, like you, have learned that The Hope of Survivors gives us the tools we need to overcome those struggles."*—MN

*"I would like to thank you for all of the work The Hope of Survivors does to spread the awareness and support the victims of clergy sexual misconduct. You are doing important work. I hope you know how much it matters."*—CA

*"THOS is the website that I believe saved my life!" (Written by a victim who contacted THOS for help.) How wonderful and true her words are! THOS is truly the hands of feet of Jesus going after His lost sheep and God is using your precious ministry to do His Work! Thank you guys so much!!!"*—Volunteer Tammy Landry

*"I just wanted to say how important it has been for me to read similar stories and I think that you all have done an amazing job to set this up. Thanks very much for all your hard work."*—Australia

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.

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).

## 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, 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.

## Statement of Financial Position — As of December 31, 2017

ASSETS	<u>Dec. 31, 2017</u>
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1010 — Cash — HOPE Checking — US Bank	\$24,001.69
1045 — Cash — CD	\$3,574.27
1075 — Cash — Hold — Romania Division	\$3,000.00
1075 — Cash — Hold — Canada Division	\$1,930.00
1075 — Cash — Hold — Latino Division	<u>\$800.00</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>\$33,305.96</u>
 Total Current Assets	 \$33,305.96
Fixed Assets	
1600 — Equipment	\$8,885.92
1690 — Accumulated Depreciation	(\$7,567.00)
Total Fixed Assets	\$1,318.92
Other Assets	
1810 — Start-up Expenses	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
 <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	 <b><u>\$36,624.88</u></b>
 LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	
2300 — Credit Card Liability	
2310 — Company Credit Card—Capital One	<u>\$8,767.16</u>
Total 2300 — Credit Card Liability	<u>\$8,767.16</u>
Total Credit Cards	<u>\$8,767.16</u>
Other Current Liabilities	
2130 — Accrued Payroll Taxes	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>\$8,767.16</u>
 Total Liabilities	 \$8,767.16
Equity	
3010 — Unrestrict (retained earnings)	\$36,544.46
3015 — Temporarily Restricted	\$13,000.00
Net Income	<u>(\$21,686.74)</u>
 Total Equity	 <u>\$27,857.72</u>
 <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	 <b><u>\$36,624.88</u></b>

## Statement of Activities — January through December 2017

Ordinary Income/Expense	<u>Jan – Dec 2017</u>
<b>Income</b>	
4000 — Contributions	\$42,212.79
4001 — Grants	\$19,500.00
4002 — Contributions — Temp Restricted	\$890.00
4050 — Fundraising Income	\$350.00
4100 — Sales	\$1,046.78
4400 — Miscellaneous Income	\$132.04
4500 — Interest Income	<u>\$7.26</u>
Total Income	\$64,138.87
<b>Expense</b>	
6000 — Salaries	\$42,976.69
6010 — Payroll Taxes	\$3,563.48
6050 — Professional Fees	
6051 — Legal	\$0.00
6050 — Professional Fees – Other	<u>\$125.50</u>
Total 6050 — Professional Fees	\$125.50
6060 — Books & Education	\$423.24
6070 — Bank Charges	\$1.50
6075 — Finance Charges	\$611.66
6080 — Contract Services	\$8,000.00
6090 — Donations	\$0.00
6100 — Rent	\$611.40
6120 — Telephone & Internet Services	\$2,918.73
6130 — Dues & Publications	\$742.00
6150 — Licenses & Fees	\$511.00
6160 — Insurance	\$1,539.83
6200 — Office Supplies	\$1,390.08
6210 — Renewal Center Maintenance	\$0.00
6220 — Collection Service	\$497.99
6230 — Postage	\$1,232.37
6240 — Printing & Publishing	\$0.00
6245 — Software	\$207.74
6250 — Photography	\$82.00
6300 — Sales Tax Paid	\$0.00
6400 — Advertising	\$6,577.85
6410 — Domain Registration	\$1,118.18
6420 — Travel	
6421 — Lodging	\$4,894.76
6422 — Airfare	\$1,279.91
6423 — Car Rental & Other Auto Expense	\$220.63
6424 — Fuel	\$719.08
6425 — Other Travel Expenses	<u>\$437.37</u>
Total 6420 — Travel	\$7,551.75
6430 — Meals & Entertainment — Other	\$1,478.72
6450 — Fundraising Costs	\$200.00
6500 — Victim Assistance	\$946.90
6510 — Gifts	\$575.25
6560 — Payroll Expenses	\$823.75
6700 — Depreciation Expense	<u>\$916.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>\$ 85,623.61</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>(\$21,484.74)</u>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>	
Other Income	
6850 — Gain (Loss) on Assets Disposals	(\$202.00)
Net Other Income	(\$202.00)
<b>Net Income</b>	<b><u>(\$21,686.74)</u></b>

## Demographic Information By Denomination

The chart below reveals the 2017 demographics based on reported denominational affiliation.

#	<u>Denominational Demographics</u>	<u>%</u>
1	Apostolic Church of Pentecost	1%
6	Baptist Church, Southern Baptist	7%
5	Catholic Church	6%
1	Christadelphian Church	1%
1	Christian Missionary & Alliance Church	1%
3	Church of God, WWCOG, COGIC	3%
1	Episcopal Church	1%
1	Evangelical Church	1%
1	Lutheran Church	1%
1	Non-denominational Brethren Movement	1%
4	Non-denominational	5%
1	Persian Church	1%
1	Potter's Hand Ministries	1%
2	Presbyterian Church in America	2%
9	Seventh-day Adventist Church	10%
48	Undisclosed	55%
1	United Methodist Church	1%
1	YWAM (Youth with a Mission)	1%
	<u>Adjustment for fraction of percentages</u>	<u>1%</u>
<b>88</b>	<b>Total from 1/1/17 to 12/31/17</b>	<b>100%</b>

### 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 2017 averaged approximately 1.7 new clients per week (88 total).
- (5) Same notes apply as stated above on following page.

## Demographic Information By State/Country

The chart below reveals the 2017 demographics based on the state/country where the client resides. Throughout just 2017 there were **25** known states and **4** known countries (other than the U.S.) represented as of 12/31/17.

<u>State</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>%</u>
<b>Argentina</b>	1	1%
<b>Australia</b>	4	5%
Arizona	1	1%
California	2	2%
<b>Canada</b>	8	9%
Colorado	1	1%
Connecticut	1	1%
Florida	3	3%
Georgia	2	2%
Illinois	1	1%
Indiana	1	1%
Kansas	1	1%
Louisiana	4	5%
Michigan	2	2%
Minnesota	2	2%
Missouri	1	1%
North Carolina	11	13%
Nebraska	2	2%
New Mexico	1	1%
New York	3	3%
Oklahoma	6	7%
Oregon	1	1%
South Carolina	6	7%
<b>South Africa</b>	1	1%
Tennessee	1	1%
Texas	3	3%
Undisclosed	13	15%
Washington	2	2%
Wisconsin	2	2%
West Virginia	1	1%
<u>Adjustment for fraction of percentages</u>		<b>3%</b>
<b>Total from 1/1/17 to 12/31/17</b>		<b>100%</b>

## **The Hope of Survivors' Officers, Directors & Staff**

We acknowledge and give our year-end 2017 Board of Directors and Volunteers our heartfelt gratitude for their sacrificial service:

### **Board of Directors**

Steve Nelson, President (since 2002)  
Samantha Nelson, V.P. & CEO (since 2002)  
Martin Weber, Chairman (since 2008)  
Shyleene Rosado (since 2007)  
Renee Battle-Brooks (since 2015)

### **Advisory Panel**

Tom Lemon (since 2004)  
Sandy Kirkham (since 2006)  
Jennifer Schwirzer, LPC (since 2007)  
Ted Vanderlaan (since 2011)

### **Volunteers (Main U.S. Volunteers)**

Robert & Debbie Withrow (since 2004)—Accounting  
Gail Jenkins (since 2010)—Victim Support Services  
Mary Jo Noworyta (since 2014)—Victim Support Services; PR/Marketing  
Sandra Barrera (since 2016)—Child Victim Support Services  
Jena Kilmer (since 2016)—Victim Support Services; Norwegian Division  
Tammy Landry (since 2016)—Victim Support Services  
Shirah Martinez (since 2016)—PR/Marketing  
Merlyn Matthews (since 2016)—Victim Support Services  
Kyoko Sears (since 2017)—PR/Fundraising  
Tracye Brewer (2013-2014 and 2017-Present)—Exhibitor/Speaker  
Dana Wimmer (since 2017)—Prayer Warrior

### **Latino Division Volunteer Staff**

Shyleene Rosado (since 2007)  
David Pollock (since 2015)  
Angelica Pollock (since 2015)  
Yesenia Elias (since 2015)  
Sandra Barrera (since 2016)

### **Canada Division Volunteer Staff**

Leif Koester (since 2017)  
Sania Dookie (since 2017)

### **Australia Division Volunteer Staff**

Coralie Roll (since 2006)  
Arlagene Groves (since 2007)  
Darren Tappouras (since 2011)

### **Romania Division Volunteer Staff**

Maria Simionca (since 2013)  
Cecilia Calin (since 2013)  
Laura Fierbinteanu (since 2013)

### **South Africa Division Volunteer Staff**

Bianca Wright (since 2016)  
Beryl Nyamwange (since 2016)  
Allette de Beer (since 2016)

### **UK Division Volunteer Staff**

Andrea Shipwright (since 2013)  
Anthony Shipwright (since 2013)

### **Philippines Division Volunteer Staff**

Gie Moskito (since 2016)

### **Pastors' Wives Division**

Jackie Jeldwyn (since 2017)  
Sarah McDugal (since 2017)

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. The Hope of Survivors is indeed indebted and greatly blessed by the involvement of each Director and Volunteer.

## Exposure Information—Editorial / Media / Advertising

- Google AdWords
- *Barbara & Me* TV Interview
- *Outlook Magazine* (April 2017)
- Rocky Mountain Conference *News Nuggets* (multiple issues, 2017)
- Classy Awards Finalist (June 2017)
- Family Fire (ReFRame Media)
- And many others!

Additionally, The Hope of Survivors continued to publish and distribute its quarterly newsletter, *HopeSpeak*, to over 2,400 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 2017. Some of these included:

- Exhibit at Watch and Pray 2017 Conference in Los Angeles, CA (March 2017)
- Exhibit at ASI Pacific Union Spring Conference in Woodland Hills, CA (April 2017)
- *Hope & Healing* Victim's Conference in Buffalo, NY (April 2017)
- Exhibit at *Can U Hear Me Now?* Youth Conference in Angelus Oaks, CA (May 2017)
- *Trust & Truth* seminar at the Mid-America Union Conference Pastor's Convention in Omaha, NE (August 2017)
- Exhibit at Women's Ministry Department Mini Camp Meeting in Los Angeles, CA (August 2017)
- Exhibit at the American Association of Christian Counselors 2017 World Conference in Nashville, TN (September 2017)
- *Faith & Fidelity* Seminar at Helderberg College, Somerset West, South Africa (August 2017)
- Exhibit at the 5th National Pastoral Care Domestic Violence Conference in Washington, DC (November 2017)
- Exhibit at Pastoral Evangelism & Leadership Council in Huntsville, AL (December 2017)
- Exhibit at GYC Youth Convention in Phoenix, AZ (December 2017)



## Clergy Sexual Abuse Awareness & Prevention™ Day Campaign

The Hope of Survivors conducted its 7th annual Clergy Sexual Abuse Awareness & Prevention (CSAAP) campaign

(<http://www.clergysexualabuseawarenessday.com>) by hosting several events around the world, conducting daily social media awareness campaigns and enlisting many volunteers for various activities. This year we established walkathons to raise funds and had participants in Wyoming, New York, Texas, Alabama, Maryland, and Romania. 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 2017. 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.

*"O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever." —1 Chronicles 16:34*