



# SpeakingOut News

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SpeakingOut

against Child Sexual Abuse, Inc.

(A Non-Profit Organization)

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

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### Upcoming Event

for

Resolve Ministries  
Biblical Counseling  
Center

#### **Benefit Concert**

- ⇒ 12 Performing Acts
- ⇒ Door Prizes
- ⇒ Food Court (food available for purchase)

Saturday, August 22nd  
11AM—6 PM  
Belmont Heights  
Baptist Church  
(Knoxville, TN)

For More Information,  
Call 865-300-6384

#### Suggested Donations:

- \$5 - Adults
- \$3 - School Age Children
- Free - Under School Age

## Winner of Drawing

for

## 2 One-Day Passes

to

### Dollywood or Dollywood's Splash Country Water Park

in Pigeon Forge, TN (near Gatlinburg)



## CONGRATULATIONS!

### Donna Estes

(Louisiana)

## Thank You for Your Support!

### We Appreciate You!

In addition, we would like to thank each and every person who has ever contributed to SpeakingOut.

Without your support over the past 16 months, we would not have been able to accomplish what we have so far. And there's so much more to be done. Thank you for caring about the children.

### Our Goal

## America... A Safe Place for Children!

## SpeakingOut on Behalf Of...

**All Children who have ever been (child & adult survivors),  
are being or will be sexually abused.**



## Our Mission...

**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 this horrific crime against children 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 help with understanding the why of Sexual Abuse & most importantly to share the **Message of Hope**. Will strive to obtain a minimum of one Church per Community in support of this Mission.

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 this perverse act against the most innocent & helpless of victims... Children.

Focus on **What We Can Do**.

Measure **Success** by... if **SpeakingOut** helps 1 Child, it will have been worth the effort. **What if that 1 child were your child?**

### **Did You Know?**

It is estimated that

**“1 in 10 Homes  
are involved in  
Child Sexual Abuse;  
a leading cause of  
Child Prostitution  
and  
Teen Suicide”**

According to MASA  
(Mothers Against Sexual Abuse)  
[www.againstsexualabuse.org](http://www.againstsexualabuse.org)

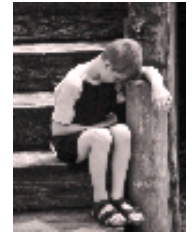
# Let's Talk Truth & Reality...

Child Sexual Abuse is so rampant in our society today, but unfortunately continues to be a topic that most people don't want to talk about or think about. And that is exactly why I founded SpeakingOut ... to begin & continue SpeakingOut against this horrific crime committed against innocent children of all ages. After all, **IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS ADULTS** to address the issue of Child Sexual Abuse in America.

## Something To Think About...



**If we as adults cannot stand to talk about or think about Child Sexual Abuse, then what are the Children supposed to do? Who are they supposed to go to? And if they do go to someone, will they be believed and/or protected by the systems in place?**



Believe me when I say that I understand that Child Sexual Abuse is an unpleasant topic, to say the least. I also understand that this problem is overwhelming and it feels like no one person or organization can make a difference. So many children are being violated every single day in this country and so many adult survivors out there, many still silent about the abuse they endured as a child. To make matters even worse, this is a crime committed in private... behind closed doors, in most cases. How can we stop this? And then there's the issue of how to get protection for a child once they've been abused & the abuse has come out in the open. **THIS IS NOT AN EASY TASK**, if it happens at all. In addition, society as a whole has become so desensitized to this topic that it just seems to be one more quick bit of news for the few cases that get publicized. All the attention is on the abuser, rather than the victim... the Child.

### **Overwhelming? Absolutely.**

However, it is my belief that just because something is difficult, overwhelming & seems impossible, that doesn't mean it is not worth the effort. **Each & every child is worth it.** Pretending this does not happen because we cannot imagine anyone doing this kind of thing to a child does not mean it is not happening. **Each and every Survivor is also worth it?** Just because they may be all grown up now, this does not mean that what they endured as a child just goes away. Childhood Sexual Abuse leaves lifelong scars & if not dealt with, can have a very negative impact on them for the rest of their lives. The idea that people should "just get over it" is **NOT THE ANSWER**. It just doesn't work that way.

**So What Am I Saying? I need your help. SpeakingOut needs your help. But most importantly, these children need your help.** There are so many ways in which you can join in on this fight against Child Sexual Abuse. It's not for everyone to go around talking about such a horrible topic as a Speaker. And it's not for everyone to deal with this crime on a daily basis. However, **everyone can do something.** Whether it's getting educated on this crime, praying for the victims of Child Sexual Abuse, spreading the word amongst your loved ones, working within the system to help these children, helping child & adults survivors deal with their abuse, etc..., together we can make a difference. In addition, **it takes people like you to support organizations such as SpeakingOut in our Mission.** These are hard economic times, but that does not mean that children are not being sexually abused every day in this country. SpeakingOut continues to need financial support in a big way. **But if each & every person did just a little... \$5-\$10 a month even, SpeakingOut would be able to do so much more & reach so many more people.** Whether you've already contributed to SpeakingOut or have not supported our cause as of yet, know that we need your support now. **The Urgency... It is estimated that "A child is Sexually Abused every 2 Minutes" in this country.** Please take a moment to really think about this. **There are many great causes out there, but we need your help to get Child Sexual Abuse off the back burner. Let's bring this issue to the forefront. Children deserve our attention on this matter!**

**Will You Join Us in the Fight Against Child Sexual Abuse?**

**Susan Suafoa-Dinino (President/Founder)**

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### Updated Contact Information...

Please note that SpeakingOut's Primary Contact # has changed and is now 225-330-2258. My email address and SpeakingOut's Mailing Address remains the same.

See updated info on the left.

For Tennessee Residents, please feel free to call our main # as listed above to reach me, or if you prefer, you can contact Rachel Edmonds (Officer/Secretary) locally at 865-363-3224. She will be happy to assist you as well.

Susan Suafoa-Dinino (President/Founder)

## Get Your Sonic Community Card...

### A Tasty Way to Support a Great Cause!

For the remainder of July & during the Month of August...  
for any donation of \$5 or more, you will receive a Sonic Community Card  
in the mail from SpeakingOut.

Each Sonic Community Card offers 10 Coupons; many of which are "Buy One, Get One Free" deals.

### To Receive Your Sonic Community Card while supporting a Great Cause...

Make your Online Donation Today thru our website @ [www.speakingout-csa.com](http://www.speakingout-csa.com)  
(Just Look for the PayPal Donate Button)

or

Mail in your Check or Money Order as follows...

Payable To: SpeakingOut

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