



SpeakingOut News

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SpeakingOut against Child Sexual Abuse, Inc.

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

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Did You Know?

- * **1 out of 5 Boys & 1 out of 3 Girls** will be sexually abused by their 18th birthday.
- * **95% of children** who are sexually abused **know their abuser**
- * Estimated that **a child is sexually abused every 2 minutes**

According to MASA
(Mothers against Sexual Abuse)

... a non-profit organization based in Oak Ridge, TN.

Every single day across America, countless numbers of children of all ages are sexually abused. Statistics show that this crime is very real & more rampant than ever in today's society.

At SpeakingOut, our primary focus is on raising awareness by educating parents & grandparents on this horrific crime against the most innocent of victims... children. In addition, we educate caregivers, teachers, or anyone who will listen. One of the

ways in which we do this is by holding monthly Workshops called "A Safe Place". Our workshops are free, interactive & informative 2-hour sessions. The goal is for adults to walk away from the workshop with much more knowledge on Child Sexual Abuse than when they came in... feeling empowered! We try to present information in a way that touches the hearts of participants by talking about our own personal experiences with this crime. The point... it is the responsibility of all in authority over children to step up & start SpeakingOut for chil-

dren. So who is in authority over a child? Just about everyone. We, as adults need to be the voice for children who are violated & then silenced by their abuser.

At SpeakingOut, we understand that Child Sexual Abuse is not something most people want to think about. I urge you to consider this... children who are violated in this horrific way have no choice but to think about it & in most cases will never tell anyone. In other words, these children suffer alone.

SpeakingOut's Goal... Uncover this Hidden Crime.

Our Mission Statement...

Will **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.

Will 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.

Will work vigorously to **Remove** two of the greatest **Obstacles** in protecting children from Sexual Abuse... **Denial and Lack of Education**

Will **send a message to Sexual Predators** by taking a **Public Stand** against this perverse act against the most innocent & helpless of victims... Children.

Will focus on **What We Can Do**.

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

YOUR Donation Matters...



Now that you know a little more about SpeakingOut & our Mission, I hope that we've touched your heart enough that you see the extreme need in what we are working towards. As with any organization, we need help from people like you. In order for us to continue fighting the fight against Child Sexual Abuse, we've set a funding goal for the next 3 years that will allow us to continue to offer free workshops to the public. We believe that very few people will pay to attend a workshop on a topic they really don't want to think about. It is imperative that

we can continue to offer information at no charge to the public. Plus by reaching our goal, we will be able to begin pursuing other means of getting the word out on this crime. We would like to begin doing mass mail outs in order to get literature in the hands of parents right in their homes. That way, even if a person never attends one of our workshops or visits our website, we can still reach them. Who knows what 1 brochure in the right hands can do to help an innocent child.

Child Safety begins at home, or at least it should. Unfortunately, it is

in the home that many children are being molested & raped.

There is no \$ amount too large or too small... every dollar helps us work toward making society "A Safe Place" for children. Although we can never completely alleviate this crime, I hope you will agree that this doesn't mean we should just sit back & do nothing. Remember, **One Child at a Time!**

To make either a one-time or monthly donation, please make your check or money order payable to **SpeakingOut** & mail to... P.O. Box 5826, Oak Ridge, TN 37831

Support our Cause just by Shopping...

SpeakingOut has recently teamed up with **Christian Values Network!** When you sign up to become a Member, you are helping to support our Mission. Membership is FREE & only takes a few minutes. Every time you purchase any of your Christian or everyday items online through www.CVN.org, a percentage of the purchase price will be sent directly to SpeakingOut!

All you do is shop online through www.cvn.org. But you have to become a member 1st. When you select your Ministry, be sure to type in SpeakingOut, scroll down & check the SpeakingOut box. It's that easy!

Christian Values Network offers over 150 well known merchants on their site. By shopping online, you

can not only save on gas, you can help financially support a Great Cause...ultimately helping children!

Membership is FREE!

Sign Up Today!

Please help spread the word by forwarding this information to your family, friends & co-workers. They too can become members at no cost & support our cause!

"To Shop is to Give"

Fall Clean Up for Charity...



Get Ready for the Cooler Season!

It's almost that time of year again. The turning of the leaves, the cooler air & beautiful scenery! What a great time to clean up, clean out and get ready for the winter months ahead. This is your opportunity to get rid of all those unwanted & unused items that are just cluttering up your home, shed and garage. SpeakingOut is holding a **Fall Clean Up for Charity** on

Saturday, October 4th. We are currently accepting all items for our version of a yard sale, if you will. Indoor & Outdoor items accepted. We will be happy to take them off of your hands. Let us help you get rid of the clutter. All funds raised on October 4th will benefit SpeakingOut & our Mission. But again, we need your unwanted items! Contact us Today!

A Tasty Treat from Sonic...

We currently have Sonic Community Cards available for purchase at \$5 each. These cards offer 10 coupons with great deals, many of which are "Buy One Get One Free" deals. It's a tasty way to support SpeakingOut's Mission.

Call or email today & let us know how many cards you would like. They make a great gift or thank you for friends, family & co-workers. Not to mention that you may just enjoy treating yourself to these great deals.

Just mail in your check or money order made payable to SpeakingOut and mail to... P.O. Box 5826, Oak Ridge,

TN 37831. Be sure to write on the check "Sonic Community Card". We will mail your card(s) to you immediately.

These cards were provided to SpeakingOut by...

Sonic
608 Oak Ridge Turnpike
Oak Ridge, TN

Thank you Sonic of Oak Ridge for caring enough to support our cause!



Sonic Community Card
(Redeemable at any Sonic Nationwide)

Phoneraiser-



Donate Your Unused Cell Phones...

You can now support our organization by **donating your used cell phones and ink cartridges** while helping save the environment from toxic waste!

By doing this, you will be giving old technology new life and keep it from polluting our landfills. If improperly disposed of, one cell phone can pollute up to 132,000 liters of drinking water. Your unwanted cell

phones and inkjet cartridges will be recycled in accordance with EPA regulations or refurbished and re-used. And your donation may be tax-deductible.

All cell phones and ink cartridges are accepted. Please contact us to let us know if you have a cell phone and/or ink cartridges that you would like to donate.

We are also currently seeking business locations where we can place our collection bins. If you are interested in helping us set up a location where donors can just drop off their used cell phones or ink cartridges, please contact us at 865-481-3166 or by email at susansd@speakingout-csa.com. For more information, visit www.speakingout-csa.com & www.phoneraiser.com.

Become a Corporate Sponsor...

We are currently seeking Corporate Sponsors to help us continue working toward our Mission to aid in the prevention of Child Sexual Abuse.

Together, we can make a difference! We have several programs/options & are also open to any suggestions/ideas you may have. All of our current programs are based on an annual basis.

It's a great way for your company to support a great cause, while advertis-

ing your business. We offer 6 different levels of Sponsorship ranging from \$600/year as a Small Biz Sponsor up to \$24,000/year as a SpeakingOut Partner. Our program options are as follows...

Direct Program: One time or monthly donations.

Employee/Company Match Program: Level of Sponsorship is determined by overall total contributed.

Percentage of Sales Program: Based on an agreed upon % of sales.

Please contact us immediately if your company would like to get involved!

Calling All Companies..
large & small, to partner with us
to fight this fight against
Child Sexual Abuse!
Together, we can make a
difference One Child at a Time!

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(A Non-Profit Organization)

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Be sure to Visit our
Website...
www.speakingout-csa.com

Seeking Volunteers...

Director

(Serve on Board of Directors)

(2) Interns

College Student to assist with Fundraising

College Student to assist with Public Relations

If you or someone you know has any interest in serving as a volunteer in one of these positions and/or for more information, please contact us!

Call or Email Today!

Upcoming Events

Upcoming Workshops

Sunday, September 28th from 2:15 to 4:15pm @ Knox County Public Library, Downtown Knoxville, TN

Sunday, October 26th from 2:15 to 4:15pm @ Knox County Public Library, Downtown Knoxville, TN

Thursday, November 6 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm @ Grace Lutheran Church in Knoxville, TN



8/24/08 Workshop

"As a father and a child advocacy volunteer, I feel the need as well as the responsibility, to learn everything available to me to protect and educate our children. Susan's class was well researched and passionately presented. I would encourage

anyone who is given the opportunity to attend this class to do so as you may learn something that will save or prevent a child from suffering this abuse. Also, consider volunteering some of your time to help her in her mission to help all children."
Keith Black, Father, CASA Volunteer

Fall Clean Up for Charity

Saturday, October 4th from 7am until; Location TBD. Accepting Items thru Thursday, 10/2.



Bowl-A-Then

Saturday, November 15th from 12noon to 3pm @ Strike and Spare on Oak Ridge Highway, Knoxville, TN. \$20 Entry Fee per person. Registration Deadline: 11/10



CornHole Tournaments

[Toss for a Great Cause!]

Entry Fees depend on League...
Little, Junior or Competitive League

Saturday, November 1st from 12noon until @ Fox Toyota in Clinton, TN. Registration Deadline: 10/22/08

Saturday, December 13th from 12noon until @ Fox Toyota in Clinton, TN. Registration Deadline: 12/3/08



For more information on any event, call 865-481-3166, send an email to susansd@speakingout-csa.com or visit www.speakingout-csa.com. You can also Register Online for our events!