

Hi Folks,

Hope all is well - I wanted to share some news and info with everyone, and again, please pass on to others, because "SILENCE IS THE ABUSERS FRIEND", and on that note, what my good friend Margie McKinnon at Lamplighters is doing, is a great way to help end that silence [please see below]. Also listed are some links from my friend Jane in Japan...she and her fellow advocates could certainly use some peer support...so to my friends on this list who are directors at agencies helping survivors, perhaps some helpful advice to aid Jane in her efforts. From Mary Ryan comes some musical news that can help some great groups in their efforts to address abuse & trauma.

This e-mail news is a bit longer than I like to send, don't like to crowd folks with too much...but there's a lot to digest here and well, take your time reading it and do what you can with it. Finally, thought this worth sharing also, a gentle plug about some of my efforts, yet loaded with other helpful news and resources. Please check out this site -

<http://www.childabusesurvivor.net/reviews/> as mentioned lot of resources AND a place to leave a comment about me if you have heard me present somewhere, this is so cool and still in amazement at the power of the internet. Also has a link to my new website for my presentations courtesy of my good friend Ed Pazicky.
www.michaelskinner.net

I will be sharing some more great news in the coming weeks about a great group of folks I am networking & collaborating with – LET GO, LET PEACE IN – they are in the process of building a great website to reach out to ALL of the survivors worldwide in providing help and resources and more...stay tuned.

All my best & take care, Mike

www.thelamplighters.org

Children of an untreated victim of childhood sexual abuse stand a five times greater chance of being sexually abused themselves. Are you protecting your children by seeking help for yourself? Join the Lamplighters and see what a difference you can make.

STAND UP AND BE COUNTED

The single most important reason why child sexual abuse is epidemic is because survivors don't want to talk about what happened to them. They want to remain silent and anonymous. Perpetrators know this. The more people who speak out, the less chance they have of abusing a child. Keeping silent is our way of helping the perpetrators and we need to speak out.

By putting our names out there we are letting the perpetrators know that **WE WILL BE SILENT NO MORE.**

CLICK HERE to see the list. Please add your name so you can STAND UP AND BE COUNTED.

CLICK HERE to send your information to be listed. We need at least your first name and the state & zip code where you live. If you would like to list an email address or a website address, please send that info as well.

WARriors_Women Against Rape

Blog: http://www.myspace.com/warriors_japan

Address:

Warriors Japan

Chitosei Post Office

1-40-1 Kyodo,

Setagaya-ku. Tokyo

156-8799 Japan

Donations: Post Office Account: 10120 66948161 WARRIORS

The Cold Dark Truth Of Rape In Japan Documentary Film

<http://au.youtube.com/watch?v=NtDcQy7qz-0>

THERE WILL COME A DAY. Original Song By Jane

<http://au.youtube.com/watch?v=hjik4sg7DMw>

Hi, I'm forwarding the message from the kids. Thanks to those who have continued to support survivors. Up and coming charities that they will partner with are Greenville Public Library (December); R.I. Food Bank (January); and Crossroads (February); Each month they will partner with a new charity to build community partnerships.

Respectfully,

Mary Ryan - bensbakery@net1plus.com

The holidays are coming and the geese (and the turkeys too) are getting fat. It's a great time to share the love and have the opportunity to hold on to the memory of sharing. We, Fishing with Finnegan, a.k.a. Mike, Ben Casey and Emma, are four young adult/teen siblings love to share Celtic Irish, Scottish,

English and American folk music. We believe in helping local communities and every month we donate a portion of our CD sales to various charities in the area. From **November 1-30, 2008**, FWF will donate \$5.00 to *Survivor Connections and STTOP* Survivor Connections for every CD that we sell. Survivor Connections was founded by Frank Fitzpatrick. Frank is a a veteran survivor activist and an individual who in part spearheaded the exposure of clergy abuse crimes early on. STTOP (*Speak Truth TO Power*) was founded by a group of concerned citizens, (mostly survivors and their supporters) which formed in response to clergy crimes against children and vulnerable adults. Both non-profit organizations support survivors of abuse. (STTOP does not have non-profit status but is very non-profitable.) For more information about these organizations, please check out <http://www.survivorconnections.net/> or <http://www.sttop.org>

So, if you would like to help survivors, here's a GREAT chance to do so and enjoy some very special music. CD's are \$15.00 plus \$1.90 domestic shipping & \$4.00 international. For more information about Fishing with Finnegan and to order your CD, please go to <http://www.fishingwithfinnegan.com>

Please make all checks payable to Fishing With Finnegan. Also, please *specify on the check the organization you wish us to donate*. Thanks!!

Sincerely, Mike, Ben, Casey and Emma

a.k.a. Fishing with Finnegan