

THE HOPE OF SURVIVORS

2018 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 16 Years of Service 2002-2018

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The History of The Hope of Survivors

The year 2018 marked the 16-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 Public Benefit nonprofit corporation and is authorized to conduct business in the states of Wyoming, 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 also maintains official offices with volunteer staff in Australia (registered NGO), Romania (registered NGO), Canada (registered NGO), the Philippines, South Africa, Trinidad & Tobago, 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 Platinum Valued Partner by GuideStar Exchange and has received the Top-Rated Nonprofit Award for 2012-2018.



Why The Hope of Survivors?

Many people wonder if, and 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:

“Hope of Survivors is saving lives. At a time when believers/survivors of clergy sexual abuse need their religious/spiritual community more than any other, they are shunned. It reminds me of The Scarlet Letter. Hope of Survivors does not fail survivors the way a church can. Hope of Survivors does not betray survivors the way a church can. Hope of Survivors leads survivors to recovery, not to spiritual suicide.”—Rose

“This not-for-profit has personally helped me when I felt more alone than I ever have in my life. They continued with me in support and love for almost two decades. Hands down amazing!”—Autumn

“The Hope of Survivors speaks truth that sets victims free to becoming survivors! Their constant message of abuse of power versus an affair is the foundation that allows victims to begin healing. My husband and I have benefited greatly from this organization. Every person who has ended up in a relationship with clergy will find hope and healing through The Hope of Survivors!”—Mary Jo

“THOS was a literal God-send on a few different levels of support to myself and other victims fighting a long-lasting legal battle. Samantha Nelson is such a rare jewel of a CEO as she has been so available and supportive personally to me and others. I can recommend them to any survivor needing help at a most vulnerable point in their life.”—Rachel

“I first learned of this organization through the testimony of a friend. I immediately shared with another friend that benefited so much through their services. Later, I needed them for myself. I was hiding from everyone, a terrified victim of clergy sexual abuse. This organization connected me with counselors that helped me stand up and walk through the emotional valley of the shadow of death that I had fallen in. They helped me find a new life free from fear. It was hard to decide which role to select here because I am now a regular donor and a board member in one of the international divisions of this organization. I recommend them to every survivor of clergy sexual abuse.”—Survivor

As you can see, 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 occasional 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 Mid-America 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, 2018

ASSETS	<u>Dec. 31, 2018</u>
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1010 — Cash — HOPE Checking — US Bank	\$13,894.09
1045 — Cash — CD	\$0.00
1075 — Cash — Hold — Romania Division	\$0.00
1075 — Cash — Hold — Canada Division	\$0.00
1075 — Cash — Hold — Latino Division	\$800.00
1082 — Cash — Hold — Gothard Victims	<u>\$4,750.00</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>\$19,444.09</u>
Total Current Assets	\$19,444.09
Fixed Assets	
1600 — Equipment	\$10,004.91
1690 — Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(\$8,346.00)</u>
Total Fixed Assets	\$1,658.91
Other Assets	
1810 — Start-up Expenses	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$23,103.00</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	
2300 — Credit Card Liability	
2310 — Company Credit Card—Capital One	<u>\$419.72</u>
Total 2300 — Credit Card Liability	<u>\$419.72</u>
Total Credit Cards	<u>\$419.72</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>\$419.72</u>
Total Liabilities	\$419.72
Equity	
3010 — Unrestrict (retained earnings)	\$14,857.72
3015 — Temporarily Restricted	\$4,044.17
Net Income	<u>\$3,781.39</u>
Total Equity	<u>\$22,683.28</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>\$23,103.00</u>

Statement of Activities — January through December 2018

Ordinary Income/Expense	<u>Jan – Dec 2018</u>
Income	
4000 — Contributions	\$37,488.92
4001 — Grants	\$36,000.00
4002 — Contributions — Temp Restricted	\$2,540.83
4050 — Fundraising Income	\$450.00
4100 — Sales	\$993.85
4400 — Miscellaneous Income	\$262.62
4500 — Interest Income	<u>\$14.81</u>
Total Income	\$77,751.03
Expense	
6000 — Salaries	\$16,666.68
6010 — Payroll Taxes	\$1,275.00
6050 — Professional Fees	\$48.00
6060 — Books & Education	\$1,002.40
6070 — Bank Charges	\$176.88
6075 — Finance Charges	\$1,224.34
6080 — Contract Services	\$3,500.00
6090 — Donations	\$3,011.82
6100 — Rent	\$611.40
6120 — Telephone & Internet Services	\$2,829.19
6130 — Dues & Publications	\$543.49
6150 — Licenses & Fees	\$47.00
6160 — Insurance	\$2,894.72
6200 — Office Supplies	\$1,084.93
6220 — Collection Service	\$597.10
6230 — Postage	\$1,068.27
6240 — Printing & Publishing	\$2,927.00
6245 — Software	\$627.37
6250 — Photography	\$0.00
6260 — Operating Supplies	\$2,201.29
6400 — Advertising	\$7,088.66
6410 — Domain Registration	\$1,859.53
6420 — Travel	
6421 — Lodging	\$5,609.32
6422 — Airfare	\$7,203.35
6423 — Car Rental & Other Auto Expense	\$2,404.46
6424 — Fuel	\$404.71
6425 — Other Travel Expenses	<u>\$327.49</u>
Total 6420 — Travel	\$15,949.33
6430 — Meals & Entertainment — Other	\$2,220.23
6450 — Fundraising Costs	\$0.00
6500 — Victim Assistance	\$1,173.55
6501 — Gothard Victim Assistance	\$2,084.86
6510 — Gifts	\$0.00
6560 — Payroll Expenses	\$477.60
6700 — Depreciation Expense	<u>\$779.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>\$73,969.64</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>\$3,781.39</u>
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
6850 — Gain (Loss) on Assets Disposals	\$0.00
Net Other Income	\$0.00
Net Income	<u>\$3,781.39</u>

Demographic Information By Denomination

The chart below reveals the 2018 demographics based on reported denominational affiliation.

#	<u>Denominational Demographics</u>	<u>%</u>
2	Assembly of God	3%
4	Baptist Church, Southern Baptist	6%
4	Catholic Church, Roman Catholic Church	6%
1	Church of Christ	1%
1	Evangelical Covenant Church	1%
1	Evangelical Lutheran Church of America	1%
8	Institute for Basic Life Principles	12%
2	Jewish Reformed/Judaism	3%
1	Latter-Day Saints (Mormon)	1%
1	Mennonite Brethren	1%
1	Non-denominational	1%
2	Pentecostal Church	3%
1	Presbyterian Church in America	1%
13	Seventh-day Adventist Church	20%
17	Undisclosed	26%
4	United Methodist Church	6%
1	Willow Creek Church	1%
	<u>Adjustment for fraction of percentages</u>	<u>7%</u>
64	Total from 1/1/18 to 12/31/18	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 2018 averaged approximately 1.3 new clients per week (64 total).
- (5) These figures do NOT include Facebook members who seek help through our private support group online. In 2018, there were 44 new members, for a total of 971.**
- (6) Same notes apply as stated above on following page.

Demographic Information By State/Country

The chart below reveals the 2018 demographics based on the state/country where the client resides. Throughout just 2018 there were **24** known states and **7** known countries (other than the U.S.) represented as of 12/31/18.

<u>State</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>%</u>
Alaska	1	1%
Alabama	1	1%
Australia	1	1%
California	8	12%
Canada	1	1%
Florida	2	3%
Illinois	1	1%
Jamaica	1	1%
Maine	1	1%
Maryland	1	1%
Michigan	1	1%
Minnesota	2	3%
Missouri	2	3%
North Carolina	4	6%
New York	2	3%
Ohio	2	3%
Oklahoma	1	1%
Pennsylvania	1	1%
Romania	1	1%
South Carolina	1	1%
Spain	1	1%
Tennessee	2	3%
Texas	2	3%
The Netherlands	1	1%
Undisclosed	11	17%
United Kingdom	1	1%
Utah	3	4%
Virginia	2	3%
Washington	2	3%
Wisconsin	1	1%
West Virginia	1	1%
Wyoming	2	3%
<u>Adjustment for fraction of percentages</u>		<u>13%</u>
Total from 1/1/18 to 12/31/18	64	100%

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 & Chairman (since 2002)
Samantha Nelson, V.P. & CEO (since 2002)
Martin Weber (since 2008)
Karen Fettig (since 2018)

Advisory Panel

Tom Lemon (since 2004)
Sandy Kirkham (since 2006)
Ted Vanderlaan (since 2011)

Volunteers (Main U.S. Volunteers)

Robert & Debbie Withrow (since 2004)—Accounting
Gail & Elgin Jenkins (since 2010)—Victim Support Services/Exhibitors
Mary Jo Noworyta (since 2014)—Victim Support Services; PR/Marketing
Tammy Landry (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
Raquel Mallett (since 2018)—Victim Support Services

Latino Division

Shyleene Rosado (since 2007)

UK Division

Michael & Molly Walker (since 2018)

South Africa Division

OPEN POSITION

Australia Division

Coralie Roll (since 2006)
Arlagene Groves (since 2007)
Darren Tappouras (since 2011)
Jasmin Stankovic (since 2018)

Trinidad-Tobago Division

Afryea Charles (since 2018)

Philippines Division

OPEN POSITION

Scandinavian Division

Jena Kilmer (since 2016)
Beryl Nyamwange (since 2016)

Pastors' Wives Division

Jackie Jeldwyn (since 2017)

Canada Division

Leif Koester (since 2017)
Theresa McMaster (since 2018)
Daniel Saugh (since 2018)
Rose Rogers (since 2018)
Caroline Winship (since 2018)
Nina Lim (since 2018)
Reema Sukumaran (since 2018)

Romania Division

Maria Simionca (since 2013)
Cecilia Calin (since 2013)
Laura Fierbinteanu (since 2013)
Amala & Ioan Mararu (since 2012)
Ingrid Muller (since 2014)
Aurora Carmen (since 2016)
Iulia Bodorin (since 2018)
Gelu Grigore (since 2018)
Mariana Ciuciu (since 2018)
Cristina Constantin (since 2018)

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

- *Spectrum Magazine*
- Grace College of Divinity (used DVDs in MDIC training program)
- *Message Magazine* (July 2018)
- Rocky Mountain Conference *News Nuggets* (multiple issues, 2018)
- *Speak the Word Magazine*
- And many others!

Additionally, The Hope of Survivors continued to publish and distribute its quarterly newsletter, *HopeSpeak*, to over 2,500 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 2018. Some of these included:

- Seminar presented by THOS-Canada volunteers at the Maritime Conference Worker's Meetings in Moncton, NB, Canada (January 2018)
- Exhibit at Caring for Kern Convention in Kern County, CA (April 2018)
- Exhibit at ASI Pacific Union Spring Conference in Weimar, CA (April 2018)
- Exhibit at the *Can You Hear Me Now?* Conference in Camp Cedar Falls, CA (May 2018)
- Exhibit at the *Watch & Pray* Conference in Los Angeles, CA (May 2018)
- *Trust & Truth Church* Conference in Payson, AZ (July 2018)
- *Hope & Healing Victim's* Conference in Hebron, KY (August 2018)
- Exhibit at *iShare* Conference (August 2018)
- Volunteer training, recruitment, website modifications, legal meetings, etc., in Bucharest, Romania, as well as THOS-RO board meeting in Bistrita, Romania (September 2018)
- Exhibit at Pastoral Evangelism & Leadership Council in Huntsville, AL (December 2018)



Clergy Sexual Abuse Awareness & Prevention™ Day Campaign

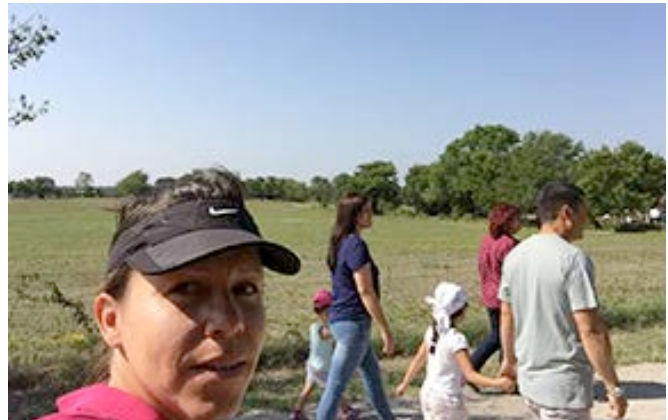
The Hope of Survivors conducted its 8th annual Clergy Sexual Abuse Awareness & Prevention (CSAAP) campaign (<http://www.clergysexualabuseawarenessday.com>) by hosting several events around the world, conducting daily social media awareness campaigns and enlisting many volunteers for various activities. This year we held walkathons to raise awareness and funds with participants in California and Texas. 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 2018. 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.

“For the ministry of this service (offering) is not only supplying the needs of the saints (God’s people), but is also overflowing through many expressions of thanksgiving to God.”—2 Corinthians 9:12 (AMP)