Dear Hope of Survivors Family,

It's August 1 and do you know what that means? It's the start of the month-long Clergy Sexual Abuse Awareness & Prevention® campaign!

August 2014 marks the 4th annual Clergy Sexual Abuse Awareness & Prevention Day® Campaign, an event to be celebrated throughout the month of August. After working with victims and church leaders from around the world for the past 12 years, we've become even more painfully aware of how critical education is to the prevention of clergy sexual abuse. Not only that, education is essential to prevent re-victimization. This is a very pervasive problem in every denomination.

One of the primary goals of the Clergy Sexual Abuse Awareness & Prevention Day® Campaign is raising awareness of the issue and educating clergy, church members and the public at large to understand that clergy sexual abuse is never consensual due to the power imbalances that exist in a pastor-congregant relationship.

In honor of the Clergy Sexual Abuse Awareness & Prevention Day® Campaign, several events are planned during August, including: exhibiting at the ASI Convention in Grand Rapids, MI; exhibiting at the Pathfinder Camporee in Oshkosh, WI; conducting in-house programs at the Renewal Center; raising awareness through social networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter and Google+; and much more!

Please join us by visiting http://clergysexualabuseawarenessday.com/get_involved.asp to learn how YOU can get involved and help spread the word!

God bless you,
Samantha Nelson
Vice President & CEO