

Mission Statement: The Mission of Crisis Connection Inc. is to work in partnership with communities to empower victims, survivors & persons affected by domestic & sexual violence through confidential crisis intervention, education and advocacy in Crawford, Dubois, Orange, Perry and Spencer Counties.

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**It received 53,000 hits in July!**

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FROM  
ROOTS  
TO  
WINGS

## THE RESIDENTIAL BOARDING SCHOOL STORY

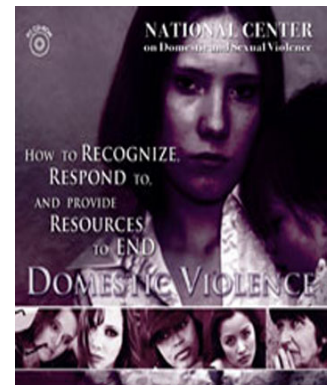
Renee Garcia & Joan Knies recently attended CARE's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Multicultural Gathering, "Envision A World Without Sexual Violence" at Oak Hill Mansion in Carmel.

One of the presenters was Rosemary Gibbons. She showed her documentary, which won award at the 2003 San Francisco American Indian Film Festival, on 'A Century of Genocide in the Americas: The Residential School Experience.' We now have this dvd in our library.

She told the story that during the 19th and 20th centuries, American Indian, Alaskan Native & Canadian children were forcibly abducted from their homes to attend Christian boarding schools as a matter of government policy. Sexual, physical, and emotional violence was rampant in many of these schools. As a result of boarding school policies, there is now an epidemic of child sexual abuse in many Native communities. However, because of the shame attached to the abuse, there has been no forum to adequately address this problem. Consequently, child abuse passes from one generation to the next. This project is a starting point to address child sexual abuse. By framing abuse as the continuing effects of human rights abuses perpetrated by government policy, we hope to take the shame away from talking about the abuse and provide space for communities to address the problem and heal.

The Boarding School Healing Project, a coalition of several organizations around the country, seeks to document Native boarding school abuses so that Native communities can begin healing from boarding school abuses and demand justice. This project will entail the following components: HEALING, EDUCATION, DOCUMENTATION, and ACCOUNTABILITY.

Learn more at Cultural Survival ([www.culturalsurvival.org](http://www.culturalsurvival.org)); Soul Wound (<http://www.amnestyusa.org/amnestynow/soulwound.html>); [http://www.aclu.org/hrc/NativeRights\\_AndreaSmith.pdf](http://www.aclu.org/hrc/NativeRights_AndreaSmith.pdf); or <http://www.facthaven.com/boarding-school/indian+boarding+school/boarding+schoolz.html>



### C.D. ADDED TO OUR LIBRARY

The National Center on Domestic & Sexual Violence and the Avon Foundation partnered to provide c.d.'s entitled, "How To Recognize, Respond To, And Provide Resources To End Domestic Violence" to agencies like ours.

This cd-rom is designed with a video to help recognize signs of domestic violence and provide printable documents and resources to strengthen a victim's safety.

Contact Natalie or Joan in the Community Education Department for more information or to schedule a presentation on the subject.

**MEDITATIONS FOR WOMEN WHO DO TOO MUCH**  
**By: Anne Wilson Schaefer**

What I am looking for is not 'out there'. It is me.  
 Solitude is not a luxury. It is a right and a necessity.  
 It is sometimes frightening to trust my intuition.  
 It is always disastrous not to trust it.  
 Knowing when to quit may be my greatest victory.  
 It is not possible to live a rich, full life without friends.  
 I have to be one to have one.  
 Sometimes we just think too much!  
 No one else will arrange any quiet time for me.  
 I have to see to it myself.  
 When we see how funny we are,  
 We see how dear we are.

**WHERE I STOPPED –  
 REMEMBERING AN ADOLESCENT RAPE**

We recently added the book, "Where I Stopped – Remembering An Adolescent Rape" by Martha Ramsey to our library.

Ramsey provides a compassionate rendering of Martha the young girl as she lives through rape and its repercussions and of Martha the adult as she confronts the meaning of her memories. The reader experiences Martha's struggles to cope with her family's reactions, her task of testifying in an open courtroom, and her effort to understand the rapist's act. The book conveys both the peculiar way the psyche resists knowing what it has suffered from sexual abuse and what it is like to uncover the truth. **It is essential reading for anyone who wishes to gain a deeper understanding of the nature of rape, how to come to terms with it, and how to find help.**

**SEXUAL VIOLENCE CONTINUUM DEFINITIONS:**

**Sexual (adj.)**

Of, relating to, involving, or characteristic of sex, sexuality, the sexes, or the sex organs and their functions.

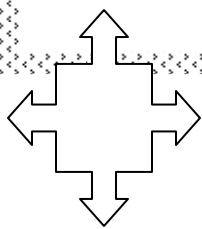
**Violence (n.)**

Physical force exerted for the purpose of violating, damaging, or abusing. The act of or an instance of violent action or behavior. Abusive or unjust exercises of power.

**Con-tin-u-um (n. pl.)**

A continuous extent, succession, or whole, no part of which can be distinguished from neighboring parts except by arbitrary division.

**Where Are We As A Society On The Sexual Violence Continuum?**



<i>Rape</i>	<i>Torture</i>	<i>Grabbing/Touching</i>	<i>Name Calling</i>
<i>Jokes</i>	<i>Harassment</i>	<i>Victim Blaming</i>	<i>Misogynistic Practices</i>
<i>Racism</i>	<i>Child Abuse</i>	<i>Myths Porn</i>	<i>Relational Aggression</i>
<i>Murder</i>	<i>Jokes Incest</i>	<i>Substance Abuse</i>	<i>Invasion of Space</i>
<i>Accountability</i>	<i>Sexism</i>	<i>Attitudes &amp; Beliefs</i>	<i>Media Depiction</i>
<i>Oppression</i>	<i>Coercion</i>	<i>Voyeurism Rigid Gender Roles</i>	<i>Other?</i>

*"One person speaking up makes more noise than a thousand people who remain silent" ~ Thom Harnett, Civil Rights Attorney*

*"If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping in a room with a mosquito." ~African Proverb*

**GHB:  
 GET THE  
 FACTS**

[www.projectghb.org](http://www.projectghb.org)

**"I WANT A 24 HOUR TRUCE"**

**By: Andrea Dworkin, 1983**

"Every three minutes a woman is being raped. Every eighteen seconds a woman is being beaten. There is nothing abstract about it. It is happening for a simple reason. There is nothing complex and difficult about the reason. Men are doing it; because of the kind of power that men have over women. That power is real, concrete, exercised from one body to another body, exercised by someone who feels he has the right to exercise it, exercised in public and exercised in private. It is the sum and substance of women's oppression."

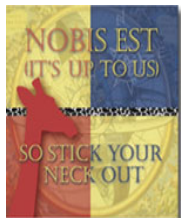
"And on that day, the day of truce, that day when not one woman is raped, we will begin the real practice of equality, because we can't begin it before that day. Before that day it means nothing, because it is nothing; It is not real; It is not true."

<http://www.nostatusquo.com/ACLU/dworkin/WarZoneChaptIII.html>

[www.andreadworkin.net](http://www.andreadworkin.net)

*"I Want a Twenty-Four Hour-Truce During Which There Is No Rape," originally published under the title "Talking to Men About Rape," in Out!, Vol. 2, No. 6, April 1984; then under the current title in M., No. 13, Fall 1984.*

**STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**



**GIRAFFE HEROES PROJECT**  
EnCouraging today's heroes  
and training tomorrow's  
[www.giraffe.org](http://www.giraffe.org)

*"Our lives begin to end  
the day we become silent  
about things that matter."*

-Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



**SPECIAL SOMEONES  
PAUL UEBELHOR & TAMMY THURMAN**

Each month we spotlight a member of the community who has demonstrated the willingness to go the extra mile in assisting victims of domestic & sexual violence. These outstanding individuals are not vying for public attention; they simply go quietly about their business of being compassionate and involved people who are making a difference in someone's life everyday.

For several years, Paul Uebelhor has been a weekly volunteer for us. His duties have included:

- \*Putting Crisis Connection stickers on brochures.;
- \*Folding informational handouts.;
- \*Assembling toiletry kits for our 'Take Care Inside & Out' program; and
- \*Gathering makeup samples for our 'Color Me SMART' program.

Paul comes to us through SIRS (Southern Indiana Resource Solutions). Paul is involved in SIRS Community Activity Program and is supported in the community by Tammy Thurman. Tammy's role is to support Paul to become an active member in the community and accomplish the many goals that he and his family have set for him.

Tammy commented, "Paul works very hard to give back to his community and he enjoys working at Crisis Connection. He likes having supportive people to encourage and motivate him."

# STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

## Did You Know?

*Literacy – 68% of the world's illiterate people are women.*

*Property Ownership – Women only own 1% of the land in the world.*

*Politics - Worldwide, only about 14% of members of parliament are women. 7% of the world cabinet ministers are women.*

*Poverty – 2.5 billion people (of the world's 6 billion people) are defined 'poor', that is living on less than US \$2 a day. 70% of the world's poor are women.*

*HIV/AIDS – Today, young women are 1.6 times more likely to be living with HIV than young men, largely because of promiscuous men. Every minute, five young people between the ages of 15 and 24 are infected with HIV, three-quarters of them female.*

*Female Genital Cutting – An estimated 1.35 million of the world's females have undergone genital cutting (or, by many accounts, mutilation), and two million girls a year are at risk – apx. 6,000 per day. It is practiced extensively in Africa and is common in some countries in the Middle East.*

*Domestic Violence and Rape – In 141 countries, marital rape is a legal activity.*

## Learn More:

### **Face To Face**

**www.facetoface.org** Face to Face is an independent, non-governmental, non-religious and non-political not-for-profit organization created to help build awareness of and support for the basic human rights of women and girls everywhere. These rights include, but are not limited to: freedom from discrimination and violence; the right to be treated equally to men; and the right to education, health care, employment and equity

**Ms. Foundation for Women**

<http://www.ms.foundation.org/wmspage.cfm?parm1=68>

**United Nations Population Fund**

<http://www.unfpa.org/gender/empowerment1.htm>

**Kiva**

<http://www.kiva.org/app.php?page=about&action=aboutPartner&id=6>

**UN Guidelines on Women's Empowerment**

<http://www.un.org/popin/unfpa/taskforce/guide/iatfwemp.gdl.html>

**US Committee for UNIFEM**

<http://www.unifemusa.org/>

**Women and the Economy**

<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/followup/session/presskit/fs6.htm>



<http://www.legal-aid.org/selfhelp/dv/index.html>

*"The prevention of violence against women and girls is a process of changing attitudes, behaviors, beliefs, and institutional norms of 'acceptable' violence and discrimination, through an evolutionary and revolutionary process."*

- Transforming Communities  
National Advisory Committee, 2/99

[www.transformcommunities.org](http://www.transformcommunities.org)