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Stop It Now! *Together We Can Prevent the Sexual Abuse of Children*

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Greetings ,

One of the first ads Stop It Now! created for its work in [Vermont](#) nearly 20 years ago said "**Silence Shatters Lives.**" This is as true today as it was then. When we don't speak up, when we don't prepare for the unthinkable, when we don't report - we let children down.

As we give thanks this month, let's also make a commitment to keep all children safe from sexual harm. Then [share with us](#) what you do to keep kids safe.

Adult Responsibility & the Penn State Abuse Scandal

This past weekend respected, former Penn State assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky was charged with child sexual abuse based on reports going back to 1998. Two university officials were charged with failing to report the crimes and perjury. To be sure, this is another shocking and [prominent case](#). But, **it is by no means an unusual situation.**

Adults don't always know what to do and don't always do everything they can to keep kids safe.

Read more about what this latest, high-profile case reminds us about *adult responsibility for preventing abuse every day.*

- A [New York Times commentary](#) by Frank Bruni
- [OnParenting blog](#) (Washington Post) in which we share lessons for parents.

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- Use our [Nine Questions Parents Need to Ask When Selecting Programs for their Children](#) to learn about the comprehensive policies youth serving organizations need. Then ask staff at organizations to explain their policies to you. If staff can't explain them, how can they implement and enforce them?
- Learn [how to file a report](#) if you suspect someone is sexually abusing a child.
- Learn [how to talk to someone who's behavior around children concerns or worries you](#).
- Talk with your children about [coaches who show sexual interest in children](#).

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Anita Hill: 20 years later

October 2011 marks 20 years since Anita Hill was called before the Senate Judiciary Committee to testify in the confirmation hearings of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. [Watch a video](#) of Stop It Now! Founder Fran Henry sharing how, in a very direct way, **Stop It Now! owes its name to Anita Hill's testimony.**

*Finally, a senator asked something like, "If these allegations are true and they affected you the way you say they did, Ms. Hill, why did you not report them at the time?" I felt transfixed by what I remember as her reply, "I just wanted them to stop." I just wanted it to stop. I just wanted it to stop. **I wonder how many children just want it to stop? Not being able to think ahead more than that, but simply wanting it to stop, without the power to make that happen.***

- Fran Henry, Stop It Now! founder

Take Action! [Read more](#)

Pledge Stop It Now! in the 2012 Combined Federal Campaign

Stop It Now! qualifies to take part in the world's largest workplace giving program, the **Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)**; the annual workplace charity fund drive for military personnel, Federal government employees, and postal service employees. We meet strict standards for program reach and overhead costs.



Help fund child sexual abuse prevention by pledging Stop It Now! under our DBA ('Doing Business As' name): **Child Sex Abuse Prevention and Protection Center (CFC #12223).**

Are you a state employee? Employees in the following states can also

pledge the Child Sex Abuse Prevention and Protection Center (Stop It Now!) as a member of the Independent Charities of America: Arizona, California, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Michigan, Illinois and Washington.

Take Action! Pledge charity #12223 in the federal CFC or [contact us](#) if your company, state or organization has a workplace giving program that we should participate in!

Join us online to mark the World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse (Nov. 19)

On November 19th, Deborah Donovan Rice will mark the World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse as a special guest on the [24hr TAALK-A-THON to End Child Sexual Abuse](#).



Tune in online at 12 pm noon (Eastern time, USA) to listen as Rice and Norman Friedman, a Stop It Now! board member share their expertise with listeners all over the world in their TOGETHER WE CAN PREVENT THE SEXUAL ABUSE OF CHILDREN segment.

Norman Friedman is the author and creator of "[The No Touch Zone](#)" - and is a consultant to [AMSkier](#), the largest direct insurer of children's camps and youth programs in the country.

Billed as an opportunity to hear 40+ speakers from around the world with the brightest minds and the biggest hearts, it's an event you won't want to miss! Listen to show segments live or visit the archives later.

Take Action! [Check the schedule](#) and [register](#) to stay updated on this event.

Save the Dates: Free Webinars

Next month, [Tink Palmer](#), former director of [Stop It Now! UK and Ireland](#), and founder and CEO of the Marie Collins Foundation will be visiting our offices again. Tink is an expert on the sexual exploitation of children via the Internet and will share her expertise on two high profile topics through two free webinars.

Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation? Why definitions & linkages matter for prevention

Date: Thursday, December 8

Healing for Children who have been Victimized Online

Date: Friday, December 9

Times: 10:00 a.m. Eastern time (USA). Times are set to improve accessibility for global audiences.

Cost: FREE (including global audio via Internet)

Take Action! Watch your inbox and check our [Training page](#) for more details in the coming two weeks.

Xtric8 selects Stop It Now! for support

Stop It Now! is proud to be one of the causes and organizations supported by [Xtric8](#). Check out their unique and creatively designed [men's](#) and [women's t-shirts](#) that support Stop It Now! and other good causes. Co-owners Alesha Spacek and Emily Hicks founded Xtric8 to create awareness of causes very close to their hearts, including child sexual abuse prevention.



"We know how much pain child sexual abuse brings, not only to the victim but everyone involved. .. If no one talks about it, no one knows and no one heals. I do not ever want another child to feel that way."

"We chose Stop It Now because of their mission and vision to help prevent child sexual abuse from happening, and also help the child and families heal. The resources and information we found on the website were very informative. We want to help Stop It Now get the word out about prevention and be able to help the victims and their loved ones recover."

- Alesha Spacek

Take Action! [Order your t-shirt](#) today.

Stop It Now!® prevents the sexual abuse of children by mobilizing adults, families and communities to take actions that protect children before they are harmed.