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The Sex Abuse Treatment Center's mission is to support the emotional healing process of those sexually assaulted in Hawai'i, to increase community awareness about their needs and to reduce the incidence of all forms of sexual assault.

FROM THE HEART

Comments from those served by the SATC staff

"...I am thankful for the doctor and the SATC worker. Without them I could have felt hopeless and committed suicide. They helped me to take my life back. I am very thankful for the services." (sexual assault survivor referring to the SATC forensic doctor & crisis worker)

"(SATC THERAPIST) helped my child get through what was done to her. Helped to maintain her sense of self and that it was not her fault. Gave her tools to empower herself. Very, very helpful to me as the mom."

"The curriculum is fabulous. Well developed, thorough, and easy to implement." (teacher trained to teach SATC's sexual abuse prevention curriculum)

My Family & Therapy *Lifelines to Healing*

Tina was sexually abused by a person she and her family trusted when she was 6 years old. She did not understand what had happened to her and kept it a secret. Two years later her third grade teacher taught the class a lesson on good touches and unsafe, bad touches. It clicked for Tina. She came to the realization that what had happened to her was wrong and that it was not her fault. Later that day, she broke down and told her mother what happened. Her mother comforted her and later called the police. Now, as an adult, Tina shares her story.

From the beginning of my ordeal, the staff at the Sex Abuse Treatment Center (SATC) has been there for me and my family one hundred percent! I believe my experience is a living testament to SATC's devotion to the victim, the victim's family, and more importantly, the spirit of the victim.

As a survivor of sex assault, I found that my family was an important part of the healing process. The family provides the rock on which we stand, and having that lifeline is crucial for recovery. Also having the proper kind of therapy afterwards was most helpful and crucial to putting my persona and life back together.

I believe strongly in the SATC's agenda to educate as many as possible while providing the top-of-the-line care for victims. They work tirelessly at finding new angles to share the message to the public and ways to further help the victim in any way.

The one thing I learned as a survivor is that life goes on and what you do with your life and your experiences reflect your human will. Today as a teacher I educate my students on keeping safe from sexual abuse.

It is my will to stand strong against sex assault and to support those involved in this ongoing battle. — Tina

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HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON**

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accomplish our mission.*

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New Law Benefits Survivors Of Child Sexual Abuse

More adult survivors of child sexual abuse can now take legal action against their perpetrator because of a change in Hawai'i's civil statute of limitations involving child sexual abuse. Under the new law, an adult survivor of child sexual abuse who was previously barred from filing a claim against the alleged perpetrator because the statute of limitations had expired now has a two-year window of opportunity (extending to April 24, 2014) to file a civil lawsuit. The law also allows a civil action against the public or private entities that employed the person accused of committing the abuse if that entity owed a duty of care to the victim. For information visit the SATC website www.satchawaii.org.

Serving Victims of Human Trafficking



The Sex Abuse Treatment Center held a statewide conference on June 7th called "Managing High Risk Patients: How to Identify Victims of Human Trafficking in a Medical Setting." Conference participants learned how to identify and serve patients who may be victims of sexual exploitation who cannot or will not ask for help, for fear of their trafficker or law enforcement.

(L to R) Honorable Karen M. Radius, Girls Court Founding Judge; Monica Rowsey, Victim Specialist, Federal Bureau of Investigation; Adriana Ramelli, Executive Director, The Sex Abuse Treatment Center; Sharon W. Cooper, MD, FAAP, Keynote Speaker; Keith Kaneshiro, Prosecuting Attorney, City & County of Honolulu; and Gidget Ruscetta, VP of Hospital Operations, Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children.

Farewell Dr. Michels



On October 12th a farewell luncheon was held to honor Dr. M. Stanton Michels. SATC medical examiners and other staff were on hand to celebrate Dr Michels' important contributions to the Center and to wish him well. Since 1991, Dr. Michels has served in various capacities for SATC including medical examiner for adults and children and Pediatric Medical Director.

(L to R) Dr. David Paperny, Dr. Robert Bidwell, Dr. Wayne Lee, Dr. M. Stanton Michels & Dr. Kayal Natarajan.

Annual Wahine Surfing Classic

Left photo (L to R): SATC Board member Andre Bisquera, surfing promoter Roy "China" Uemura and Steve Uehara from KFVE's Sunrise Show enthusiastically promote China's 16th Annual Wahine Surfing Classic June 2nd & 3rd. China created this event to acknowledge and showcase female surfers of all ages and to raise money for SATC because he feels strongly about protecting children from sexual abuse.

Right photo: Lilly Richards and her mom Cheryl participated in the 2012 Wahine Surfing Classic which attracted females of all ages, from Pee Wee girls (10 yrs and under) all the way up to Grandmasters (women age 50 and over).



2012 Benefit Luncheon

Over 250 friends of The Sex Abuse Treatment Center showed their support by attending the 14th Annual Benefit Luncheon at the O'ahu Country on November 7th. Those who purchased Premium Tables included: Bank of Hawai'i, Kristen Chan, Paula Chun, Colliers International HI, Inc., First Hawaiian Bank, Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc., HMSA, Skipper Jones, PMCI Hawai'i/ Amy Hirano, SSFM International, Inc., Starn O'Toole Marcus & Fisher, Peter and Judy Van Zile and Julie T. Watumull. Delicious desserts were donated by Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf.

Top (L to R): Stacey Hee, Kristen Chan and Stephanie Johnson.

Bottom: Sitting (L to R) Maile Kanemaru, Angie Bugarin and Judy Fomin. Standing (L to R) Paula Chun, Jane Murakami, Lynn Lurbe and Susanne Millard.



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Dr. Bidwell Honored for his Leadership

Dr. Bob Bidwell was named an *Outstanding Community Mental Health* Leader for 2012 by Mental Health America of Hawai'i. Dr. Bidwell is an Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Director of Adolescent Medicine at the UH John A. Burns School of Medicine. He has also been an outstanding sexual assault forensic examiner for The Sex Abuse Treatment Center for 28 years. In addition, Dr. Bidwell has dedicated himself to providing medical care and counseling to adolescents in the juvenile justice system and to advocating for LGBT youth.

"In my work with lesbian and gay youth, incarcerated youth, and those who have been sexually assaulted – many of them are not being heard at all." said Dr. Bidwell. "We need to help each



other out through this experience we call life. This can be in different ways – as parents, siblings, neighbors, and through our professional roles. But these different role distinctions don't really matter – we're all one `Ohana."

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