



# Stop Abuse for Everyone, Our name IS our mission!

## News That “Makes a Difference”

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### *From the desk of our Executive Director:*

*The opinions found in this column are from "The desk of Lee Newman" and may not be those of the entire membership or management of SAFE. These opinions and "observations" are those of the Executive Director who not only sees things from the "perspectives" of his "official" job but also as a trained Domestic Violence Advocate, Court Advocate, Mediator and Life Coach, providing "direct services" to clients from ALL walks of life:*

Dear readers and supporters of SAFE,

I've decided to share something with you that prompted me to share some insights with my Grandson about perspectives a couple of years ago. He has always been interested in my efforts and knows that I refer often to the “perspectives” of those who may only consider narrow viewpoints on abuse and those whom it impacts. He began to understand what perspective means in a personal way one night.

At the age of 12, he was over for a visit and came into the room where I was watching a PBS broadcast called “Raising Cain” which is about protecting the emotional well-being of boys. He sat down and was immediately riveted to the TV screen! I was surprised because usually when I watch these types of shows relating to gender and relationships he is not interested, which is entirely normal for any one of his age.

I asked him why he was so interested in what we were watching and his immediate response was “Grandpa, they are talking about ME, that’s what MY life at school is like!!” He was amazed that anyone would do a show about what he considered to be the truth about boys and what it’s like for them in today’s World.

It was then that I realized he and I shared more than I thought!

We shared the bias that has resulted from many years of unfair perspectives heaped upon the backs of men and boys simply because of their gender. The unfair and harmful perspective that males are abusive by nature, that they are not as compassionate, are not predisposed to be nurturing and don’t feel emotional pain as much as females in our families. Somehow the perception of men and boys is one that does not often acknowledge their human characteristics. Those human traits and needs that are shared with their female counterparts, which include the need to be loved, understood, nurtured and respected.

In order to stem the tide of domestic abuse and related issues we need to change our perspective to one that views these as human issues rather than gender-specific ones.

As we enter October, which is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, let’s become aware that to continue the views we have held about these issues for several decades we will be forced to stand by and allow some of our loved ones lives to be destroyed or ended!

For the sake of my son and my daughter as well as my grandson I will continue to be one of those activists that will stand for true equality and fairness until ALL victims of violence are treated as human beings, regardless of gender! Will you?

Take care,

Lee Newman

Information and links for more information on “Raising Cain”.

<http://www.pbs.org/opb/raisingcain/>

<http://www.pbs.org/opb/raisingcain/message.html>

<http://www.pbs.org/opb/raisingcain/>

<http://www.pbs.org/parents/raisingboys/>

Also check out Warren Farrell’s information on “The Boy Crisis”.

Dr. Farrell is a member of our SAFE Advisory Board..

Part of your “legacy” is the sharing of your perspectives with your children and grandchildren. Do they know what your perspectives are? Are your perspectives those that would be respected? Do they include perspectives that are inclusive? Think and become aware of the messages you give them. Are you planting the seeds of change?



## SAFE Speaker's Corner

Judith Sherven, Ph.D. & James Sniechowski, Ph.D.



Dr. Judith Sherven and Dr. James Sniechowski, a husband and wife psychological team, are two of the country's and SAFE's most respected, pioneering, and sought after authorities on changing the way we experience differences in our relationships. Their breakthrough, best-selling book, *The New Intimacy: Discovering the Magic at the Heart of Your Differences*, demonstrates a new vision of differences growing out of value and respect. Their newest book is: *Be Loved For Who You Really Are*. They have appeared on over 700 television and radio shows including "Oprah," "The View", "New Attitudes" and "48 Hours."

Dr. Sherven and Dr. Sniechowski are committed to helping people change their attitude toward differences between people -- from threatening and hateful (which is at the heart of divorce, as well as all violence, including domestic violence, child abuse and even suicide) to the catalyst for deepest self-awareness and passionate intimacy. They inspire men and women to transform themselves and their relationships through compassion and curiosity -- counteracting the kind of hate and fear that continues to abuse and kill. Neal Robinson, President Robinson Marketing remarks, "As an organizer of conferences, there are no two people in whom I have more confidence as presenters."

Specialized Topics:

- Healthy Conflict Resolution
- Relationship Training
- Smart Dating

**October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month so in our next issue we will focus on inclusive perspectives and we will also focus on ways that can increase awareness, along with outreach, education, and advocacy.**

## SAFE Speaker's Bureau

Stop Abuse For Everyone™

<http://www.safe4all.org>

The SAFE Speakers Bureau is organized to present accurate, balanced, and objective information about domestic violence with a focus on those who typically fall between the cracks of domestic violence services. These groups include men, gays and lesbians, teens, the elderly, and immigrants.

Speakers are approved by the SAFE International Board and represent a broad range of expertise. Each speaker agrees with the mission, goals and purpose of SAFE which follows this listing. Joint presentations by two or more of the speakers are encouraged. Speakers are available for trainings, lectures, panel discussions and seminars.

To inquire about scheduling a presentation for your group contact:

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# SAFE Speaker's Bureau

Christina M. Dalpiaz



Christina M. Dalpiaz, founder and executive director of CHANCE(Changing How Adults Nurture Children's Egos, a non-profit agency in Denver, Colorado) dedicates her life to families. Ms. Dalpiaz has written two books and produced an audiotape to help adults learn how to deal more effectively with children. She contributed a couple of chapters to John Hamel's book, "Family Interventions in Domestic Violence" and "Mental Disorders in the New Millennium". She also participated in a new documentary, "There's No Place Like Home", dealing with the impact family violence has on children's behavior and choices. Her goal is to provide new parenting strategies to families and other adults who struggle with discipline and to educate society on the impact family violence has on child development.

She is an international SAFE speaker with a degree in psychology and early childhood education. She is also a certified victims' advocate. Some selected presentations include: the first World Conference on Family Violence, the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the Family Violence Alliance Institute, the Colorado Juvenile Counsel, the Colorado Association for the Education of Young Children, the Children's Network Conference, the Colorado State Foster Care Association, the Colorado Mediation Project and the Office of Victims of Crime. Ms. Dalpiaz speaks regularly to schools, legal establishments, churches, corporations and other non-profit agencies.

Additionally, Ms. Dalpiaz spent eight years working as a security research analyst for an international corporation and retired after twenty-two years as a Lieutenant Commander in the United States Navy Reserves.

Ms. Dalpiaz' motivation for helping families was inspired by her opportunity to raise her nephew who was also a product of family violence. As a parent to a troubled child, she vowed to learn as much as she could to guide him in a positive direction. Now, she is here to share her insights and epiphanies in hopes that others can benefit from her experience.

## Specialized Topics:

- A CHANCE to Heal: Healing a Child From the Trauma of Family Violence
- Teen Parents and Family Violence
- Breaking Free, Starting Over: Parenting in the Aftermath of Family Violence

The purpose of SAFE is to address the problems of family abuse and violence for all, regardless of gender, sexual identity and age, through development and dissemination of resource information, education and programs to foster community involvement, referrals, outreach and services, with an emphasis on underserved groups, research in areas of domestic violence that have yet to be fully explored, education of the general public, and education and training of community leaders, health organizations, criminal justice agencies, and service providers.

If you are a professional, educator, direct service provider or researcher and would like to join us in this initiative, please contact us and consider joining our Speaker's Bureau or join us as a member of our SAFE Board or our SAFE Advisory Boards.

You may join an Advisory Board of your State's SAFE Chapter or SAFE International. Our Board Meetings can be attended via Conference calls which means that you are not required to be from our region.



## SAFE Chapter News !

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**SAFE-Illinois**

**HOTLINE: 1-815-455-SAFE**

**The Illinois Chapter of Stop Abuse For Everyone can be reached at:**

**44 N. Virginia St., Suite 1A2**

**Crystal Lake, IL**

**(815)455-7233 available 24/7 as crisis line.**

**Victim Advocacy, support groups and Batterer Intervention Programs.**

**Their services are available to everyone! (men/women/straight/gay/lesbian & transgendered)**

**SAFE-Illinois web site: <http://www.peace4allonline.org/>**

## SAFE-Illinois holds Raffle for a 1967 Custom Chevelle

This raffle is for a fully custom 1967 Chevelle with a 468 cubic inch engine producing around 500 horsepower. A total of 8000 tickets will be available for purchase at a price of \$20.00 a ticket.

Visit SAFE-Illinois web site for more information: **<http://www.peace4allonline.org/>**



The raffle drawing will be held on  
February 1, 2008 at P.E.A.C.E. 4  
ALL in Crystal Lake, Illinois. All  
tickets must be received by January  
31, 2008 to be eligible for the  
drawing.

## SAFE-NH

**Are you a self-employed professional, are you an artist or other creative crafter?**

**Do you own or manage a business?**

**Would you like to make a difference and take a stand against violence with us?**

**Contact Lee at SAFE-NH to find out how!**

**Your donation stays with your local Chapter, however if there isn't a Chapter currently in your area your donation will help the various outreach efforts of our entire SAFE organization .**

**SAFE-NH will be upgrading their web site at [www.SAFE-NH.org](http://www.SAFE-NH.org) during the month of August.**

**Please check back frequently to see what's happening at SAFE-NH and also to keep up to date on new incentives to help Stop Abuse For Everyone by being involved with our efforts in a way that makes is easy for you to help others!**

## SAFE-NH



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## SAFE-NH Business Sponsors

A Child Advocacy Company



Bringing Support To Parents  
Building Strength to Children

**BS KIDS was created to provide legal research and information to anyone involved in a Family Law Dispute.**

**Why BS KIDS? Most people are confused about Family Law and make decisions based on misinformation as to what courses of action are available to them. People under emotional distress, particularly involved in family conflicts, experience this frustration.**

**Where can I find the answers? Who can help me? Where can I find assistance to help make informed choices? BS KIDS helps advocate for their members by providing information that is essential to understanding the complexities of Family Law.**

**BS KIDS mission is to provide affordable legal research and information to educate their members involved in the Family Courts.**

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**BS KIDS also provides an objective review, strategy plan and state laws; so their members can feel more comfortable in knowing what their rights are, have a better understanding of current trends and changes in the laws and most importantly, feel empowered with the knowledge they need to succeed. If you would like to learn more about what BS KIDS can do to assist you, visit their website at [www.bskids.net](http://www.bskids.net) and contact them today!**

**E-mail us at [info@bskids.net](mailto:info@bskids.net) or phone 781-756-1214**



**Our advocates are ready to assist you and help you move forward navigating the Family Court Systems. Don't put off this decision any longer!**







## SAFE-NH Business Sponsors

Free Spirit Grafx is an exciting new shop at Cafepress. [www.cafepress.com/freespiritgrafx](http://www.cafepress.com/freespiritgrafx)

The shop is operated by Artist/Graphic Designer Pam Brownell.

### SAFE-NH Business Sponsor Free Spirit Grafx

Free Spirit Grafx features Pam's abstract designs on many products such as t-shirts and sweatshirts for the whole family from toddler sizes to 4x adult sizes.

Next time you visit our shop check out our **Bargain Bin!** It contains all our Distinctive Designs on **Value Priced T-Shirts. Just \$12.99 each!** Stop in and check out the many great graphic designs inside!

Pam's art work has been shown and sold in businesses and galleries throughout New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Pam has been drawing abstract designs since she can remember. She works primarily in Pen & Ink and draws exclusively by hand. Her work is then scanned into the computer and uploaded for sale on the items mentioned above.

#### Free Spirit Grafx

We sell Unique One Of A Kind original designs on T-shirts and other clothing, Gift Items, Cards & Prints, Hats & Bags, Stickers, Magnets, Buttons, Ornaments. Our Exclusive artwork was originally hand drawn in Pen and Ink.

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Pam has a heart as big and bold as her talent!  
Thanks Pam for  
"Taking a Stand Against  
Violence " with SAFE-NH!



### SAFE-NH Business Sponsor Christopher Bergeron



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Helping people to fulfill their dreams is what I enjoy most about my business!

Whether buying or selling, real estate can be an emotional experience, and a financially dangerous one.

I focus on taking all of that away, and leaving my clients with a pleasant and enjoyable experience.

[www.christopherbergeron.com](http://www.christopherbergeron.com)

Please visit or call Chris and let him help you to find a home that is just right for you!

Chris makes a difference in his community by supporting SAFE-NH...Thanks Chris!



# SAFE-NH Business Sponsors

## SAFE-NH Business Sponsor HOPE Digits



**SAFE and HopeDigits Form Business Partnership for No-Cost Phone Services to Victims of Domestic Abuse**  
The HopeDigits free calling service is simple to use, with an Internet sign-up process that takes less than three minutes. Users of the service can either answer their calls directly, or have the calls forwarded to voicemail.

HopeDigits is provided at no cost to not-for-profit organizations and is sponsored by FreeDigits. "This free phone number provides victims additional safety because Caller ID doesn't reveal the location," says Kha Phan, FreeDigits.com founder and CEO. "People can call and leave messages, which are stored in private voicemail boxes. Users can go to any phone, anywhere, punch in the digits and access their messages. They can also forward calls to a cell or landline phone, so they never have to give out those numbers...."

**We are very enthusiastic about our partnership with SAFE, and look forward to providing these vital communications services for SAFE clients.** "HopeDigits fits nicely with our strategies and services," said Lee Newman. "It empowers domestic abuse victims with their own private communications, and will help them move forward with their lives."

## National Family Violence Legislative Resource Center Presents: From Ideology to Inclusion: Evidence-Based Policy and Intervention in Domestic Violence

**Friday/Saturday, February 15-16, 2008  
Sacramento, California**

The founders, pioneers and today's most respected experts together in this historic, one-of-a-kind conference!

Please join Lee Newman from SAFE at this important Conference, along with several of our Speaker's Bureau experts.

[http://www.nfvlrc.org/docs/NFVLRC\\_2008.Pre\\_Announce\\_conf\\_flier.pdf](http://www.nfvlrc.org/docs/NFVLRC_2008.Pre_Announce_conf_flier.pdf)

For updated information about location, conference schedule and registration, visit the website of the:

**National Family Violence Legislative Resource Center at : [www.NFVLRC.org](http://www.NFVLRC.org)**

Continuing education credits available for LCSW's, MFT's, PhD's, Batterer Intervention Providers and Family Court Mediators/Evaluators \* MCLE credits available for attorneys

### Conference co-sponsors:

**Family Violence Treatment & Education Association ([www.FAVTEA.com](http://www.FAVTEA.com)),**

**California Alliance for Families and Children [www.cafcusa.org](http://www.cafcusa.org)**

In addition to Lee Newman, some other participants from SAFE's "team" present at the Conference will be:

**Dr. Murray Straus, from UNH, a member of SAFE-NH's Advisory Board**

**Additionally, several members of SAFE's Speaker's Bureau:**

**Dr. Linda Mills, from NYU (Author of Insult to Injury)**

**Dr. Donald Dutton, from University of British Columbia**

**John Hamel, LCSW, co-founder of NFVLRC, noted author and clinician.**

**Phillip Cook, former Executive Director of SAFE and Author of Abused Men, The Hidden Side of DV**

Please join us at this important and informative Conference!

Visit the links above for more information and details.



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support our important mission!  
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603-859-0859 (Business & Crisis Line)

**We are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization**

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[www.SAFE-NH.org](http://www.SAFE-NH.org)  
[www.peace4allonline.org](http://www.peace4allonline.org)

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*This will include links on our websites to help drive  
more traffic to your door!*

"There are risks and costs to a program of action,  
but they are far less than the long-range risks and  
costs of comfortable inaction."

— John F. Kennedy

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### You CAN help Stop Abuse For Everyone !

It's really easy to make a contribution, and it will make a huge difference for families impacted by domestic abuse.

You can make your contribution online, using your credit card, <http://www.safe4all.org/difference>  
or you can send a check to:

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Your donation to SAFE International helps sustain our efforts to reach out to  
ALL who are impacted by domestic abuse and helps to continue our education  
and resource initiatives.

You may also choose to donate to a chapter of SAFE in your State or region of the  
Country. If there is no Chapter of SAFE in your area, you may want to find out how you can help get  
one started with our assistance.

Visit the SAFE website or contact Lee Newman at SAFE for more information.  
Thank you!

