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To whom it may concern

Child sexual abuse is a topic that is not often discussed, but is more common in our society than people would like to think. However, *At the Ark* openly seeks 'to assist families and individuals dealing with all aspects of child sexual abuse' and in doing so equips and enables churches and their members to be proactive in how they deal with this issue.

One way in which they do this is by delivering 'Speaking the Unspeakable' seminars, one of which was hosted by New Hope Brisbane. The seminar raised the awareness of all the participants in the area of child sexual abuse, not only showing how much it does affect so many people in the community, but is also an issue that should not be hidden behind closed doors. And, while the information presented had the potential to be overwhelming, the way in which it was presented enabled participants to understand how to deal with this issue.

Practical solutions and suggestions as to how churches and other organizations are able to work through if and when one of their members has experienced abuse were presented. In addition, suggestions were given as to how procedures can be put in place in order to prevent as much as possible the likelihood of child sexual abuse happening in the first place.

I would highly recommend a 'Speaking the Unspeakable' seminar to any organization or individual that works with children. Attending this seminar, not only helps raise awareness of the issue, but also enables organizations and individuals to prevent the occurrence of sexual abuse occurring and empower them to deal with any abuse that their members may have experienced at any time in the past.

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