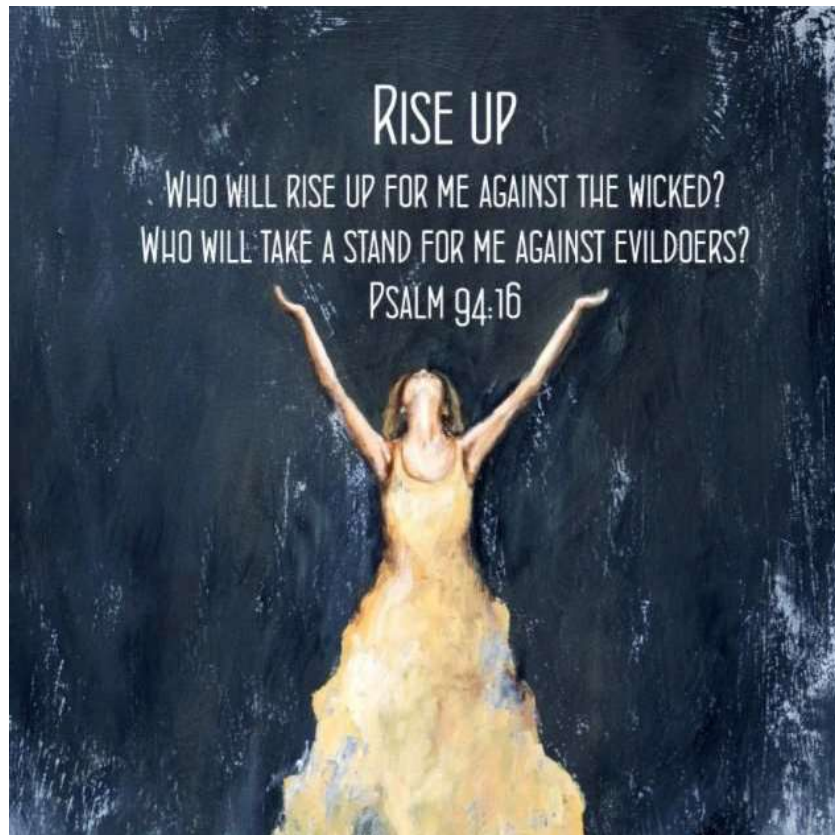




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April News

April is officially here, which means the banquet is Friday **April 26th**!!! We are super excited and grateful for God's provision in every detail as this day approaches. Our table Hosts have been busy filling their tables with those who need to hear the Kingdom Pillars mission.

Please go to the kpstrongtower.org website and register for

those not registered, as space is limited.

Register Here

A HUGE thank you to all this year's underwriters who are making this year's banquet happen; we couldn't have done this without you all.

A HUGE thank you to all the volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes planning, decorating, setting up, and tearing down. WE APPRECIATE YOU ALL!

April is also the month when the US recognizes child abuse and Sexual abuse. We encourage you to look below for statistics we all should know as the children are our future.

**EVERY 68
SECONDS,**
an American is
sexually assaulted.



Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every person in every community.

Statistics Show:

An estimated 17.7 million American women had been victims of attempted or completed rape.

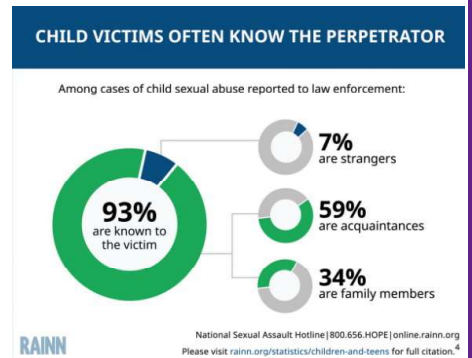
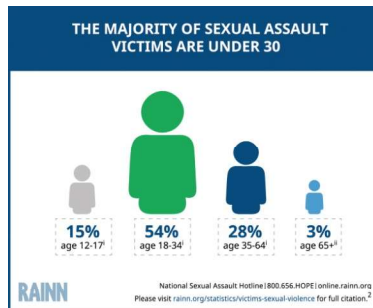
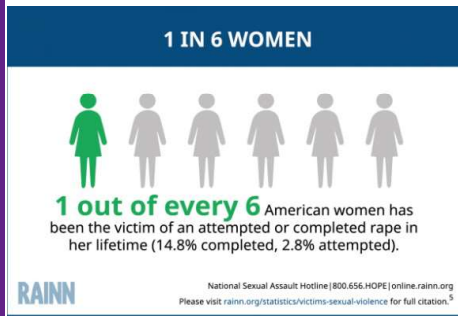
- 82% of all juvenile victims are female. 90% of adult rape victims are female.
- Females ages 16-19 are four times more likely than the general population to be victims of rape, attempted rape, or sexual assault.
- Women ages 18-24 who are college students are three times more likely than women in general to experience sexual violence.

32.9% of adults with intellectual disabilities have experienced sexual violence.

As such, we must strive to create strong, connected communities that take care of one another and make decisions to ensure the safety and well-being of others to end sexual violence.

Tomsa, R., Gutu, S., Cojocar, D., Gutiérrez-Bermejo, B., Flores, N., & Jenaro, C. (2021). Prevalence of sexual abuse in adults with intellectual disability: Systematic review and meta-analysis. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 18(4), 1980. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph18041980>

Females of the same age who are not enrolled in college are four times more likely



“Building A Hopeful Future, Together,”

April marks National Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Month, an initiative led by Prevent Child Abuse America and its national network of state chapters.

Child abuse is a horrific experience with potentially lasting effects. It’s also, unfortunately, a common experience in America. Here’s a look at the scope of the problem.

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Child abuse and neglect are a serious public health crisis. They can have long-term impacts on Mental and Physical health and general well-being. This issue includes all types of abuse and neglect of a child under the age of 18 by a parent, caregiver, or another person in a custodial role (such as a religious leader, a coach, or a teacher) that results in harm, the potential for harm, or

problem

· More than 600,000 children are abused in the U.S. each year. An estimated 600,000 children (unique incidents) were victims of abuse and neglect in 2021, the most recent year for which there is national data. The actual number of children abused is likely underreported because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic in 2021.

The youngest children were most vulnerable. Children in the first year of their life are 15% of all victims, and more than a quarter (28%) of child maltreatment victims are no more than two years old.¹

· Child abuse is deadly. In 2021, an estimated 1,820 children died from abuse and neglect in the United States.

· Nationally, neglect is the most common form of abuse. Three-fourths (76%) of victims are neglected, 16% are physically abused, 10% are sexually abused, and 1% are sex trafficked.

threat of harm to a child.

There are four common types of abuse and neglect:

- Physical abuse is the intentional use of physical force that can result in physical injury. Examples include hitting, kicking, shaking, burning, or other shows of force against a child.
- Sexual abuse involves pressuring or forcing a child to engage in sexual acts. It includes behaviors such as fondling, penetration, and exposing a child to other sexual activities. Please see **CDC's Preventing Child Sexual Abuse webpage** for more information.
- Emotional abuse refers to behaviors that harm a child's self-worth or emotional well-being. Examples include name-calling, shaming, rejecting, withholding love, and threatening.
- Neglect fails to meet a child's basic physical and emotional needs. These needs include housing, food, clothing, education, access to medical care, and feeling validated and appropriately responded to.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Happy April to you all. April has always been a big reminder of why we do what we do here at Kingdom Pillars. We want to love those who have been victimized and abused.



Child abuse has always been very personal to both my husband, I, and our family, as we are all survivors. All too often, child abuse and sexual trauma are hidden and not talked about, which only causes more wounding to the victims. Our testimonies speak volumes as to God's power and can be used to help someone else. Speak up and speak out.

If you or someone you love has been victimized, please tell someone to call me, and I will listen and help get you some help. What is hidden in the dark shall and will be brought to the light! As shared above, children are innocent, and it is our job to protect them at all costs. We all have an opportunity to be part of the solution to stopping this. If you see something, say something.

Telephone hotline: 800-656-HOPE (4673)

Sincerely,
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