

**For Immediate Release:
Child Abuse Awareness - 2010**

April is Child Abuse Awareness Month, as declared by the President of the United States each year during the month of March. (<http://www.whitehouse.gov/>)

Breaking the Silence is a non-profit organization dedicated to raising public awareness of child abuse realities and prevention techniques through survivor empowerment and community education. This April, Breaking the Silence has partnered with Sierra Massage School, Sierra Chiropractic, Central California Alliance, Marjaree Mason Center, National Association to PROTECT Children, and others to host events to promote awareness.

Our events this year will occur on Saturday, April 17th and Sunday, April 18th. Details are listed below. For further information, please visit <http://bts.dragonpack.com/>.

Child Abuse Awareness Event 2010: Big Red Church

This year, Breaking the Silence will be providing time for community members to share information, as well as providing an educational opportunity for all. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear Dakota M Draconi, a survivor, activist, and moving public speaker speak on Child Abuse in America; witness or experience survivorship healing through art, music, dance and poetry; learn more about many aspects of child abuse; and discover numerous local and national organizations united in their fight against child abuse. This event is open to the community, and is free. Free child care will be provided.

Child Abuse Awareness Event 2010: Big Red Church
Saturday, April 17th
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm,
First Congregational Church of Fresno (Big Red Church)
2131 N. Van Ness Blvd.
Fresno, California 93704

Battle at Blackbeard's: Blackbeard's Family Fun Center

Purchase tickets from members of Breaking the Silence, and spend a little quality time with your loved ones. Tickets are \$15 dollars, and \$5 of each ticket sale goes directly to the organization. Funds will be used to help support the organization's efforts throughout the year as we speak across California, hold Survivor Medallion ceremonies, provide a place for survivors to share their experiences, and print and distribute information throughout the community. Ticket attractions include unlimited Miniature Golf, Bank Shot Basketball, Junior Racers, Bumper Boats, Speedway Nascars, Cap'n Kid's Rideland, and Sidewinder Pro-Racers.

Battle at Blackbeard's: Blackbeard's Family Fun Center
Sunday, April 18th
1:00pm - 5:00pm
Blackbeard's Family Fun Center
4055 Chestnut Diagonal
Fresno, California 93726