

Meet The Survivors

**This sheet has brief biographies on 11 of the 12 survivors in *Voices of Courage*.

Angela lives in Minnesota and is a 29 year old mother of three boys. She has a BA in Sociology and works as the Director of Education at a crime victims' service agency. Her main work involves prevention education, but she also provides advocacy and support to sexual assault victims of all ages.

Juliette grew up in Massachusetts in a home where she was encouraged to speak her mind, facilitating an environment for her feminist development. When Juliette was raped as a first-year student in college, the support of friends and family helped her rediscover the voice she was taught to have. She decided to use her trauma in a way to help others. She transferred to a new campus and graduated Magna Cum Laude in Sociology and Women's Studies. Upon graduation, Juliette worked for three and a half years as the Sexual Assault Services Coordinator at a local rape crisis center and she is currently the Program Director for Sexual Assault & Relationship Violence Services at the campus she graduated from.

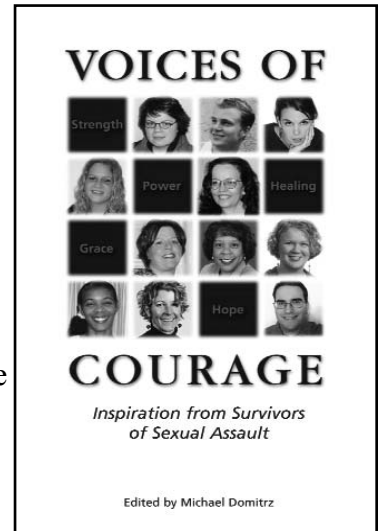
Ben is a 2nd year graduate student in social behavior and community health. Outside of schoolwork and thesis research, he works for the state Bureau of Injury Prevention, working on surveillance of traumatic brain injuries, as well as working on marketing and education for new booster seat and skateboard helmet laws.

Shirley lives in Illinois, has two grown children, and is engaged to be married. She is a counselor, author, and national trainer in sexual abuse prevention and intervention for persons with developmental disabilities—as well as a motivational speaker. She has authored and co-authored books, training materials, and music CDs related to sexual abuse prevention. Shirley also loves reading, writing, meditation, music, nature and travel.

Caroline is the oldest of four siblings from a large, close-knit extended family. She has lived all over Michigan and Illinois with her family and has made many friends along the way. She is majoring in psychology and is planning on completing a Master's degree in counseling. Caroline is also interested in Student Affairs. She has received formal leadership training and is very active on her college campus. In her free time, she enjoys skiing, snowshoeing, photography, and kayaking.

Donna lives in Michigan with her husband and son. She is a Board member of the Interfaith Sexual Trauma Institute; the Coordinator for Faith Based Resources for Advocateweb; and the author of **The Hired Hand: A Case of Clergy Abuse**. She is proud to be an advocate for victims and for promoting healthy faith institutions. In her own state, Donna helped to successfully pass legislation criminalizing sexual contact between licensed helping professionals and their clients. Over the years, she has provided commentary for countless local and national television regarding sexual abuse and sexual assault. Parts of her story are used in *Darkness 2Light* training tapes.

Linda is a 48 year old jewelry designer and business owner. In the past, she has been a Lutheran pastor. She speaks and writes publicly about her sexual assault and her healing—in the hope that it will help other survivors. Linda lives in the beautiful mountains of southwest Virginia.



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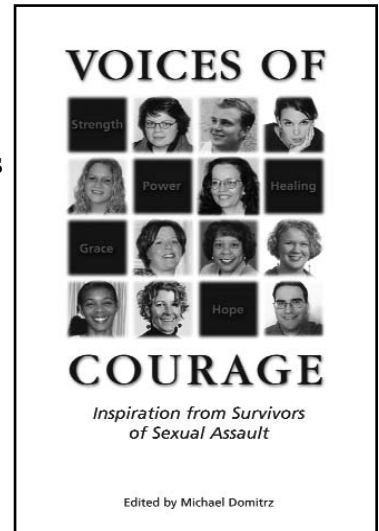
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Barb has done anti-violence work for almost 20 years. She has worked in Illinois with the Sexual Assault Counseling and Information Service and the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault. In Nevada, she worked for a battered women's shelter in the Las Vegas area. In Tennessee, she worked with the Sexual Assault Crisis and Resource Center in Chattanooga, the Transformation Project at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, and the Tennessee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence. She is most proud of her nonviolent sons, Nick and Alex, who strive for peace, dignity, and respect for all people.

Gabriel is a 22 year old native of Northern California. He enjoys spending time with his friends and family. He also enjoys swimming, playing with his cat Toby, and lots of quality time at the beach.

Karen has been a Registered Nurse for 30 years. She is currently the Coordinator of the Westchester County Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program. Karen has spoken publicly on numerous occasions about her experience as a marital rape survivor and a forensic nurse. She has 3 sons and 2 grandchildren.

Adrienne is a 22 year old graduate student studying physical therapy. She is a vibrant, energetic and outgoing young woman who is extremely close with her family and friends. Adrienne's life passion involves raising awareness about sexual assault whenever she can.



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