Advocates For The Truth 5 Month Update

Aug 25

WINGS Note: <u>Advocates For The Truth</u> is a small group that has been working extremely hard to support victim-survivors and prevent further abuse, working with law enforcement, friends, workers, former members, and nonmembers to address this massive crisis. WINGS applauds the work they have done, and has pasted below a recent news update from their website.

As today marks the five month mark of when the investigation was started by Cynthia Liles, we thought we would give you the highlights of what we've been working on.

August 23, 2023, is five months to the day since Lauren, Cynthia, and I met with Doyle Smith for over three hours discussing Dean Bruer and the issues of child sex abuse and sex assault within The Truth. We knew it had been a poorly handled issue in the past. Little did we know the enormity and depth of destruction we were about to expose.

The following day, we activated our hotline (503-386-4634) which opened the floodgates of victim/survivors coming forward. Our intake has not stopped, and it appears it will not stop anytime in the foreseeable future.

We have been working relentlessly, boldly in the public eye, as well as behind the scenes. As a result, we have not had the time or bandwidth to provide the updates to the general public as we would have liked. Throughout the next couple of weeks we will be providing several updates.

For now, here are some of the things we have accomplished as a direct result of our mission statement:

- We are currently conducting a comprehensive investigation run by Cynthia Liles, a licensed private investigator who specializes in investigations of child sex abuse within institutions of trust.
- 550+ perpetrators with allegations of child sex abuse and sex assault have been reported to the hotline.
- We launched the AFTT website.

- We have had 70,000 visitors to our website at http://www.advocatesforthetruth.com.
- We have had approximately 110,000 public Facebook visits per month.
- We registered as a C-Corp.
- We registered with the IRS and became a legally registered non-profit 501c3.
- Countless workers have been removed with allegations.
- We partnered with two nonprofit organizations offering therapy resources to survivors.
- We created and financed an all-men's equine therapy retreat which will take place in September 2023.
- We created and financed an all-women's equine therapy retreat which will take place in October 2023.
- We are offering therapy resources both in the US and internationally.
- First major fundraiser resulted in \$28,007 donated to AFTT.
- Total donations YTD of \$201,720.
- Through exposure of perpetrators, we have protected countless lives.
- We have given voice to thousands of victim/survivors.

In the works:

- Volunteer Team of Victim Advocates.
- Matching Donation Drive.
- John Hopkins funded research study for survivors.

We will have many more updates to follow!

Sheri + The Advocates Team