

# Child Abuse No More!

## Did You Know:



- CHILDREN WHO ARE ABUSED ARE LIKELY TO BECOME ABUSERS! It is estimated that 30% of abused children will become abusers! (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Forum 2011)
  - A young sex offender is likely to develop into an adult offender and possibly abuse over 340 children in their lifetime.
  - An abused child also grows up to be an abuser because he or she has been taught that it is the bigger bully who gets what he or she wants.
  - Abused children often have not been given the opportunity to put themselves in another person's place, to learn to understand what it must feel like to be in somebody else's position.
  - South Africa has the highest incidences of child and baby rape in the world.
  - There is an increase on child abuse cases among HIV positive men due to the myth that raping a baby/virgin will cure AIDS.
  - A child is raped in every 3 minutes in South Africa.
  - It is estimated that a woman born in South Africa has a greater chance of being raped than learning how to read.
  - It is estimated that 500,000 rapes are committed annually in South Africa.
  - SAPS estimate that between one in twenty and one in thirty-five rapes are reported to the police.
- In 2001, a 9-month-old baby was raped by six men, aged between 24 and 66, after the infant had been left unattended by her teenage mother. A 4-year-old girl died after being raped by her father. A 14-month-old girl was raped by her two uncles. All these cases happened in South Africa. They are many more cases that are unreported!!
  - It is estimated that children represent about half of South Africa's victims of sexual offences – and, in spite of their particular vulnerability, face the same processes for the administration of justice as adults.

## Did you know that The Teddy Bear Clinic for Abused Children:

- Prepares a child to be a credible witness in court.
- Empowers young offenders through creative mediums of art, music, dance or boxing therapy.
- Capacitates child focussed NGOs on how to respond effectively and holistically to child abuse cases.
- Conducts forensic medical assessments to produce a conclusive medical report for use in courts to convict child molesters.
- Conducts forensic assessment to establish the veracity of the child's disclosure and ascertain the credibility of the child witness for use in courts to convict child molesters.
- Ensures the medical needs of an abused child are provided immediately reducing the risk of HIV infection, pregnancy and STI.
- Trains educators within the school environment to deal with and reporting disclosures of child abuse.
- Has assisted over 50 000 abused children since it's inception in 1986.

### How you can help:

- Partner with the clinic for a monthly donation through a debit order;
- In-kind donations;
- Once-off donations; and
- Volunteer at the clinic.

"It is horrendous to an African, for whatever reason, for an adult to rape a 9 month old baby? What has come over us... What has happened to us?"

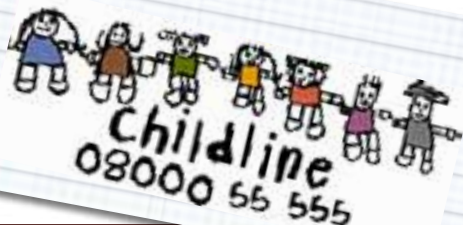
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## IMPORTANT CONTACT DETAILS



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