
LET YOUR LIGHT
SHINE TO
BRING OUT
OF THE
DARKNESS
TRUTH &
KNOWLEDGE
ABOUT
CHILD SEXUAL
ABUSE

“Dare to reach out your hand into the darkness and pull another hand into the light.”

Norman B. Rice

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The Dr. Bill Lewis Center for Children is a virtual lighthouse for children and families who have experienced anguish and unspeakable pain. They need more than just a glimmer of hope and help. They need all of us to shine our lights collectively, to let others know of the center.

Shining our light also means talking about the issue of child sexual abuse with family, friends and elected officials. We have a beacon of hope and justice for child sexual abuse victims.

We must never let the light go out.

The Dr. Bill Lewis Center for Children has been awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Lincoln Financial Foundation. The board and staff of the center gratefully appreciate this support to help the center continue providing services to child victims of reported sexual abuse.

**Check out other info on the center's new Web site:
www.lewiscenterforchildren.org

Dr. Bill Lewis
Center for Children
Shedding Light On
Child Sexual Abuse

These businesses are helping light the way with donation boxes at their checkouts in October:

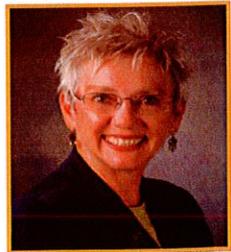
- *Bagel Station
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- *All Don Hall's restaurants
- *Klemm's Candelite Café
- *New Haven Police Dept.
- *Pint and Slice
- *Pio Market
- *SCAN Inc.
- *H. Souder & Sons Store

HELP SHINE THE LIGHT:
Dickey's Wild Hare, 2810 Maplecrest Road, is donating 10% of all proceeds for food & non-alcoholic drinks to the Dr. Bill Lewis Center for Children **ALL DAY** on **Wed. Oct. 27. DINE IN OR PURCHASE CARRY-OUT!**
Mention the Lewis Center or print off coupon at www.lewiscenterforchildren.org

Shedding Light on Child Sexual Abuse Time to Act

In a perfect world, children live in a safe, nurturing environment, loved by their families and protected from harm. But, as we know too well, our world is not perfect. The sad reality is children are assaulted and sexually abused far too frequently. Statistics tell us one in four girls and one in six boys are sexually abused before the age of 18. Nearly 70% of all reported sexual assaults (including assaults on adults) are of children ages 17 and younger. Fewer than one in 10 will ever tell. It's time to act.

If child sexual abuse was a disease, we'd be having telethons, marches and other public events to raise money to find a cure. But sexual abuse is a hidden disease, a secret disease, one that happens



Pat Smallwood

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