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Fwd: publication of SAFEZone curriculum for Christian camps

Ruth-Ann Shantz <[redacted]> Tue, Dec 15, 2020 at 10:59 PM
To: [redacted]

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From: **Janet Bauman** <[redacted]>
Date: Wed, Jun 5, 2019 at 10:00 AM
Subject: Re: publication of SAFEZone curriculum for Christian camps
To: Ruth-Ann Shantz [redacted]

Hello Ruth-Ann,
Thank you for taking the time to respond with a detailed timeline, and your perspectives. You offered clarity to some of the questions I had. I appreciate that this story is a little more complicated than I anticipated. I expect I may have some follow-up questions for you as I get a fuller understanding of how SAFEZone was developed and why.

Thank you again for your willingness to share your story.

Janet

----- Original Message -----
From: "Ruth-Ann Shantz" <[redacted]>
To: "Janet Bauman" <[redacted]>
Sent: Wednesday, 5 June, 2019 07:14:08
Subject: Re: publication of SAFEZone curriculum for Christian camps

Hi Janet,

Thank-you very much for your email. My response to your email is attached.

Kind Regards,

Ruth-Ann

On Mon, Jun 3, 2019 at 12:52 PM Janet Bauman [redacted]
wrote:

> Hello Ruth-Ann,
> I am relatively new to the role of Eastern Canada Correspondent for the
> Canadian Mennonite. I appreciate that this conversation could be difficult
> for you given the sensitive and personal nature of the story.
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> I have been asked to write a follow-up news story re. Silver Lake
> Mennonite Camp board of director's response to the public statement you
> made last year about sexual abuse you experienced as a staff person at
> Silver Lake 35 years ago. In particular, we want to report on the
> completion of the SAFEZone training curriculum, as a concrete action taken
> in response to your account of sexual abuse.
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> In preparation for this story, I re-read your "My Voice" account, and
> SLMC's board press release in response. I also have a copy of the SAFEZone
> training curriculum, which I have read.
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> I understand that it was the intent of the SLMC board to remain in
> conversation with you regarding what steps it was taking in response to
> your experience. I am curious to know how you respond to the completion of
> the SAFEZone curriculum. What does it mean to you? Also, what advice and
> input did you offer in the review of SLMC policies and in the writing of
> the SAFEZone curriculum? How would you like to see the curriculum used? Is
> there anything else that should be done?
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> I would welcome a conversation, in person, or by phone, if that is
> possible. If not, we can communicate via email.
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> Full disclosure, my children both attended Silver Lake as campers for many
> years, and served on staff. My daughter [redacted], is still on staff for both
> the current Outdoor Ed., and the summer season. My husband and I are doners
> and supporters of SLMC. Given, all that, my job is to report as fairly and
> objectively as I can on this story!
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> I would appreciate your help in sharing this story. I honour your courage
> in initially sharing the account of sexual abuse you experienced, and your
> ongoing courage in helping camps and other institutions to improve their
> practices.
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> I am sorry for any discomfort this email may cause you.
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> Respectfully,
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