

Dear Friends,

A group of embittered former members now seek to spread through public media the most malicious of false accusations about our community. Upon hearing of this, many other former members have asked that we provide a context for them to repudiate these false accusations. Per their request, we have set up this petition. Note: Due to problems with pranksters falsely posting signatures, your name will not appear below until your identity has been verified.

Although I am no longer associated with Homestead Heritage, I was closely associated with them in the past, either as a member and/or because I was raised there. Therefore I have been fully acquainted with their teachings, way of life and the environment they provide for their children. I may disagree, even strongly, with their doctrinal teachings, religious practices, way of life or all of the above. My experience during the time I was there was that their church ministry would never tolerate, much less promote, make exception for or cover up the heinous crime of sexual abuse of children. I therefore consider any publication or broadcast associating their ministry with such behaviors to be defamatory and not representative of their character, teachings or practices as I experienced them. This is my own opinion given of my free will, and not because of any pressure exerted upon me by any other person or entity. Therefore, in affirmation of the above statement, I sign my name below, along with the approximate length of time I was associated with Homestead Heritage.

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Paul Barbieri (16 Years

Submitted on: November 13, 2011, 11:00 am

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Sharon Salmeri (26 Years

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Richard Annunziato (34 Years

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Richard Torres (30 Years

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Lisa Torres Murillo (18 Years

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Regina Linzer (18 Years

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Michael Desselle (10 Years

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Jesse Schocke (13 Years

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Reese Wheeler (25 Years

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Uriah Simpkin (19 Years

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Matthew Collins (28 Years

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Tommy Murphy (5 Years

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Paula Young (12 Years

Submitted on: January 4, 2012, 7:51 pm

David Young (10 Years

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- 80 Signatures -

A note to all who signed the petition:

Many of you had already signed this petition before I ever knew it existed. Both the petition and your response took me by surprise. We know that you do not agree with or endorse us in many things, and we do not want to read more into your signature than you intended. But we wanted to thank you for taking a stand for what is right. We've been told that some of you came under considerable pressure and even bullying for doing so. Nonetheless, only one removed their name as a result. That people still care about what is true and right greatly encouraged us. I read each of your names and the number of years you were with us, and with each name came a flood of memories and tears. You are part of our hearts, our life. We have never stopped loving you. You are still dear to us. And I hope it does not offend you for me to say that we have never stopped looking forward with hope to the day when you would come home.

 $-From\ Brother\ Blair, Sister\ Regina\ and\ your\ family\ at\ Homestead\ Heritage$



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