



WHAT IS YOU HAVE THE POWER?

You Have the Power is a not-for-profit organization founded in 1993, by the current First Lady of Tennessee, Andrea Conte. Our mission is education, collaboration and community involvement to help reduce and prevent violent crime. You Have the Power focuses on raising awareness about crimes such as child sexual abuse, domestic violence, and elder abuse. You Have the Power avoids duplication of services as we focus on prevention and awareness activities through our community programs, documentary videos, and resource guides.

HOW DID YOU HAVE THE POWER BEGIN?

As a survivor of violent crime, Andrea is more than just a victim advocate. Due to her position in the community, she knew that she had the power to respond in a way very few others could, so, in 1993, she called a meeting of victims of crime, government officials, police officials, and private citizens to discuss what could be done about responding to violent crime. Everyone at that first meeting agreed that the right information can reduce your chances of becoming a victim of crime, and the right information about resources can assist in putting the pieces of a shattered life back together.

WHAT IS YOU HAVE THE POWER'S MISSION?

For several years, You Have the Power operated as a grass roots, all-volunteer organization. It has grown into a not-for-profit organization with three full time and one part time staff. We present public programs on topics of elder abuse, domestic violence, child sexual abuse, methamphetamine, Internet dangers, and victim empathy throughout the state to the general community as well as in victim impact classes in local prisons. We produce documentary videos that feature the voice of the victim to raise awareness about crime and victimization. Our documentaries are distributed nation wide, as well as our resource guidebooks on domestic violence, elder abuse, child sexual abuse, methamphetamine and a "Crime Survivor's Guide" to the criminal justice system.

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