



"We have a vision to end child abuse"

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Champions of The Fight to Stop Child Abuse

In our nation, 1 in 5 children will be sexually assaulted before their 18th birthday and in most child abuse crimes, the victim knows their abuser. Following the crimes committed by an infamous football coach, Pennsylvania Task force on Child Protection was charged to review the definition of child abuse, require harsher penalties when mandated reporters fail to do so and broaden the definition of 'perpetrators' under state law. During October; Domestic Violence Awareness month, Northampton, Lehigh and Monroe County experts in domestic violence prevention, child protection, prosecution and 'champs' partnered for the fight to stop child abuse through outreach, prevention and education programs. The 'knock-out' or last event was shared between **F.A.C.E.S.** and the World Heavyweight Fighter, Larry Holmes.

It takes partnerships and champions to work together on crimes against children and the vulnerable. Jennifer Grube, Founder of **F.A.C.E.S.** notes, "We respect the awesome work of prosecutors of child abuse and our commitment is to focus on prevention and education - one child and one community at a time." She notes, "We are honored to have a dialogue with Larry Holmes on the topic of child abuse. He is a good man with a great heart." Larry Holmes hosted the group for a private photo opportunity complete with a signed boxing glove to Charlie Fornaro, the highest auction bidder. "I encourage **F.A.C.E.S.** to continue their prevention work to keep kids safe and I stand behind them as each of us has a responsibility to our kids and our community." states Larry Holmes.



Pictured (L to R) Charlie Fornaro, Jennifer Grube and Larry Holmes



Pictured (L to R) Larry Holmes and Jennifer Grube. Photos by Valli Photographers

F.A.C.E.S. Faith, Accountability, Community, Education and Services is a community benefit organization with a vision to end child abuse. They toward this vision through an Educational Institute, outreach, prevention and counseling services. For over a decade, advocates with over 125 years of experience in human services have been driven toward a vision to end child abuse. Uniquely, **F.A.C.E.S.** is not dependent on federal or state funding thus private support enables the organization to provide quality, client-driven services impacting dozens of children and families in Northeastern USA. To get involved call 855-53-FACES (855-533-2237) or go to www.f-a-c-e-s.org today.