

I was a victim, but now a survivor of child sexual abuse and sexual abuse imagery that has traveled the world via the internet. Abuse that began when I was an infant until I was 4 years old. I was abused by my ex-father and one of his friends.

My mom never saw him hurt me. It took 3 years for him to be caught by an undercover detective in a computer chat room for baby swappers and the sexual abuse came to an end. The imagery of me is still being shared on the internet. To date, I have received over 35,000 notifications from the U.S DOJ regarding those who are in receipt of my abusive images.

It's not fair. No child should have to endure the pain, the hardships, the loss of innocence or a normal life because of the hands of an abuser and those who take pleasure from the suffering of children.

It took a lot of work, love and guidance to get me to where I am today. Things could have turned out so badly if not for the support I received and continue to receive from my mother and brother in addition to my new found friends, the Phoenix 11, the C3P, and NCMEC.

The world needs to recognize that child sexual abuse and its imagery is not just a singular crime like a gunshot wound. The abuse may have occurred one time or a hundred, but once that imagery is posted online the abuse is infinite and the mental scars created do not fade as easily as those made by stitches healing.

We need the government and the tech industries not just to listen to what we are saying but to act on it too. And to make changes to make the internet safer for everyone.

I am extremely grateful for the creation of Project Arachnid and its ability to reduce the amount of my and other victims' images being viewed online which further harm us by re victimizing us all over again.

Thank you for taking the time to hear our words and to help us in making a change in protecting children from this heinous crime.