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Safe Neighborhoods Newsletter

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Making Neighborhoods Safe for Kids & Families!

We share information to empower and keep children, families, and neighbors safe. We provide steps to make neighborhoods, communities, and cities safe, healthy places to work and live.



Parents, click [here](#) for a free consultation!





Together We Can Stop Terrorism!

By Stephanie Mann

In 2003, a Marine member of our family took a job in Israel as a guard escorting American diplomats into Gaza, which was considered dangerous. Three cars escorted the diplomat, who was scheduled to present scholarships to Palestinian students at U.S. Universities. That morning, I received a call that an underground bomb blew up and killed our young Marine. The diplomat was safe as he was in the third car. Through our tears, we watched television as young children danced, cheered, and shouted, "God is Great" around the bodies of three dead Marines. It was shocking!

Over the years, funds from Iran allowed Hamas to grow; on October 7, 2023, terrorists attacked Israel. They are the children who grew up with the drumbeat of hate. Terrorism isn't just about Jews; it's about power and control over free nations. We are all at risk!

American borders are open, with seven or eight million people streaming in. It would be naive to assume the Terrorists are not in the U.S. and planning to kill U.S. citizens.

Hamas was founded by Palestinian politician Ahmed Yassin in 1973. It has become an angry culture of men trained and controlled by Hamas. They are militant cult-following extremists who seek to destroy all infidels. It is in their charter for their purpose for existing. They never learned that God is Love and Satan seeks control and death!

Hamas follows Satan, who seeks carnage. All humans are spiritual beings who can be deceived by false teachers, making it easier for a false "religion" to control followers and spread hate. University students are demonstrating on U.S. campuses, and they are showing confusion. It is essential to discuss the difference between a religion and a cult. We have had many cults over the years, and in 1978, Rev. Jim Jones controlled his followers, and 900 Americans died.

Chaos is easy; peace takes a network of committed citizens working together!

We can't kill every terrorist to create peace. Hate will continue until FREE people speak up about the power of a loving God. Americans must go back to basics! Early settlers in America suffered persecution and death. The writers of the U.S. Constitution were seeking freedom for all, based on Christian values: "Love thy Neighbor" and "In God We Trust."

The free world is in a battle for survival. When a "religion" of hate is used to indoctrinate young minds, changing their behavior will take a spiritual awakening. We can defeat the national and international enemy, but it will take commitment and dedication.

American church attendance has declined as civility, crime, and violence have increased. When young people lack a spiritual understanding of inner power, they can be easily manipulated and lack emotional guidance. People of faith need to speak up and discuss the power of love to heal and strengthen families. Let's work together and start discussions in our 350,000 churches and 4000 synagogues.

The time is **now**! We can live in peace if we acknowledge a loving God who can heal and empower all human beings. Let's have open discussions to help stop terrorism, which can strengthen America's future. Will that happen? You decide!

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"It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men" - Frederick Douglass



Developing Parent Leadership at Home

By Sher Graham

The Beginning of Parent Leadership

Parent Leadership starts with influencing yourself. Your energy begins to vibrate and sparkles for everyone who appears in your circle of influence – your partner, your children, your neighbors, your friends, etc. They see what positive energy you exude; they are excited to learn how you exude that energy! They want what you have. That is the process of parent influence.

Parent Leadership understands what is needed and essential for success.

Recognizing Empathetic Parent Leadership

An empathetic parent leader envisions and creates an environment where your family members feel heard, valued, and understood. When this environment is created, this leads to increased trust, collaboration, and effective communication on all levels within the family structure.

Empathetic parent leaders focus on identifying with themselves first, then the partner, then the children, neighbors, family members and others, and learning to understand their points of view.

Parent leadership take a genuine interest in the people around them – what makes them happy, what inspires them, why they feel the way they do, their aspirations, what they do like to do – getting to know them on a deeper and more personal level. The communication and active listening skills between the members of the internal and external family and parent leadership increase the ability of the home environment to be less toxic, happier, and healthier, more productive in work performance, ability to maintain boundaries exhibited by family behaviors, and guide both to develop and implement strategies and tactics that may sustain the family environment for generations.

There are three types of empathy in parent leadership that will help you determine if you are an empathetic leader and what type of empathy you choose: 1) Cognitive empathy is being aware of the emotional state of another person; 2) Emotional empathy is engaging with and sharing those emotions; 3) Compassionate empathy involves taking action to support other people.

Which type of empathetic leader are you?

However, empathetic parent leadership in the home environment may have a negative influence and impact on the family. When parent leadership is arrogant, self-centered, and egotistical, the communication dynamics between parents and every member of the 'family' becomes almost non-existent. Non-empathetic parent leaders are more focused on the success of the unique gifts and talents of each family member and how decisions are chosen to impact the individual and the entire family. Or... leaders may become too empathetic. Parent leadership loses focus on everything else important. Successful parent leaders are empathetic, and they may motivate vision and purpose, hold people accountable and teach them to accept responsibility for their choices and behaviors.

Last year, I was a featured author in an anthology, "The Red Power Suit Influential Leader – in "Red Power Suit: Leading through Influence", an anthology by Sheila Farr, focusing on leadership and the ability to influence or guide others and how we choose to use our influence.

Although this was a general free-flowing poem on leadership, the elements of leadership also apply to parent leadership.

Kindness, unconditional love, acceptance, respect, and positivity create a happier and more mentally healthy mindset for everyone in the family. Words are powerful. Stop your lips from moving even though your brain wants to speak. Consider the impact of what you say and how you say it to someone. The person's emotions you hurt may end up coming back to hurt your heart's emotions.

Attributes of Influential Leadership

Leaders influence. Leaders inspire.

Leaders have different heights, ethnicities, physical abilities, ages, gender, intellectual abilities, educational levels, business acumen, productivity, and performance levels, individual self-motivators, skills, gifts, and talents.

Leaders encourage. Leaders empower.

Leaders coach. Leaders communicate.

Leaders motivate. Leaders manage.

Leaders collaborate. Leaders create.

Leaders innovate. Leaders include others.

Leaders lead. Leaders led change.

Leaders network. Leaders focus.

Leaders connect. Leaders train.

Leaders organize. Leaders plan.

Leaders maintain morale. Leaders help.

Leaders delegate. Leaders direct.

Leaders pave the way. Leaders guide.

Leaders initiate. Leaders envision.

Leaders set intentions. Leaders encourage cooperation.

Leaders plan. Leaders promote.

Leaders lead by example.

Leaders emulate company values and ethics.

Leaders make decisions.

Leaders give feedback.

Leaders are in the present moment.

Leaders create policies to follow.

Leaders write everything down – thoughts, ideas, comments, quotes – everything!

Leaders are confident to share their new ideas.

Leaders learn. Leaders read. Leaders are knowledgeable.

Leaders encourage others to share their ideas.

Leaders focus on developing others.

Leaders encourage strategic thinking, innovation, and action.

Leaders are civic-minded and philanthropic. Leaders exhibit humility.

Leaders practice effective cross-cultural communication.

Leaders are Strategists.

Leaders are talent advocates.

Leaders possess self-awareness, Leaders garner credibility.

Leaders nurture growth. Leaders are adaptable and flexible to change.

Leaders like people and maintain positive interpersonal relationships.

Leaders are authentic. Leaders are transparent.

Leaders are accountable. Leaders are responsible.

Leaders are resilient.

Leaders are negotiators – first with themselves and then with others.

Leaders reward positive behavior and performance.

Leaders step back to take responsibility for their commitments.

Leaders ask for assistance, guidance, and mentorship. And....

Leaders are human. Leaders make poor choices.

Leaders are not always good leaders.

Leaders are not always authentic.

Leaders are not always responsible.

Leaders sometimes forget to lead.

Leaders take personal time to recharge their lives.

Leaders become resilient.

Leaders ask for forgiveness.

Leaders are human.

Leaders have feelings.

Leaders lead with mind, body, and spirit.

The question I put before you – what type of empathetic parent leader are you?

Editor's Note: *The preceding contains only a truncated excerpt of the full article by Sher Graham. A full transcript, which includes references to leadership in the business or corporate environment, can be accessed by sending an email request to djamzon@gmail.com*

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“THERE IS NO KEENER REVELATION OF A SOCIETY’S SOUL THAN THE WAY IN WHICH WE TREAT ITS CHILDREN.” - Nelson Mandela

Action Items...

From the Editor: In previous editions, we offered an announcement via a “Call to Action” to let our readers know that Safe Kids Now News was on [LinkedIn](#). Since that time other readers approached Safe Kids Now to place relevant announcements about important events aligned with our efforts to shed light on the problems that kids, their families, and America’s neighborhoods face in the midst of the confusion today, largely brought about by the toxic rhetoric and propaganda. So, we continue with the action items with this section of the newsletter...

Call to Action: Get “Magical You” -- it is out on Amazon!

If readers want a copy of Stephanie Mann’s new book, note that there are at least two books on the page with the same title.

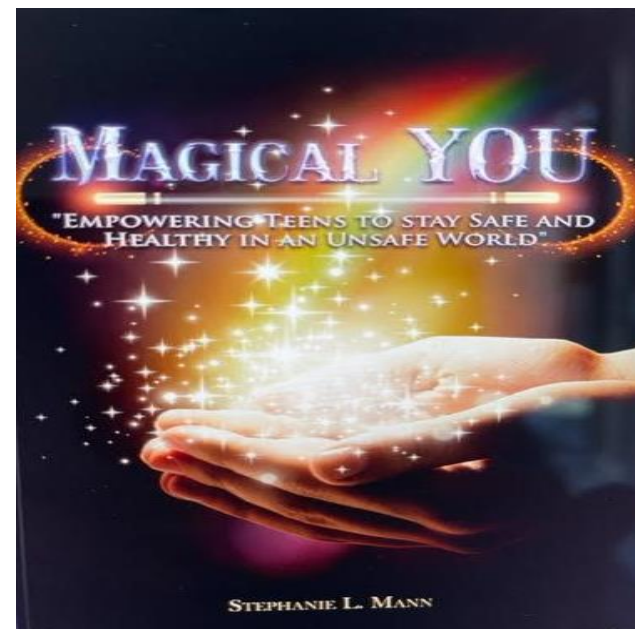
Get Stephanie Mann’s book with the complete title: "Magical YOU: Empowering Teens to Stay Safe and Healthy in an Unsafe World!"

Also, please write a few lines on Amazon (after at least three days since they do not readily accept rapid reviews within hours of the purchase. It is important to help spread this message, and readers’ views help to promote the message, too!

This book is an inner journey to help teens stay safe and healthy no matter what has happened in their life. I was a victim of abuse in my home, abandoned in Mexico City at age 15, and didn’t speak the language. I learned how to survive and thrive; teens can do it too.

Order (Kindle version is only 99 cents right now) below via the link...

[Magical YOU! Empowering Teens to stay Safe and Healthy in an Unsafe World](#)



Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old, he will not depart from it. - Proverbs 22:6



Compelling Videos...

From CBN News: [Former Hezbollah Fighter Recalls Encounter with Jesus: 'God Didn't Design Us to Hate'](#)

FOX 13 Tampa Bay: [Six men arrested in sexual predator sting in Polk County: Sheriff Grady Judd](#)

From The Good News Network (w/ video): [Toddler Is Reunited with Brother Who Revived Her After Drowning in Family Pool \(Watch\)](#)

Podcast > From The Christian Post: [What Does Scripture Say? Transgender Ideology, Sexuality, and the Biblical Worldview](#)



TIP TOONS

Added new information on "free downloads".

 Crime Frighting Granny "Where Did She Go?" Child Trafficking ©Ginge Gritter 2019 ARR	 "Why was Casey's mother crying?" "I heard Casey was kidnapped." "I'm scared!" BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS!	CHILD TRAFFICKING: Be aware of your surroundings. Together we can stop child trafficking! Child trafficking is a crime against a person, and child smuggling is a crime against the state.	 "Stop Child Trafficking!"
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Important Reading...

From Huffington Post: [How To Talk To Kids About Scary News](#)

From The Defender - Children's Health Defense: [Chronic Poisoning of Children Is One of 'Greatest Crimes' of Our Times](#) – 10/11/23

From The Epoch Times: [10 Top Rules Parents Need to Pay Attention to for Their Child's Online Safety—Com Experts Now Tell](#) – 10/15/23

From LifeSite News: [There is no room for pornography in a society that cares about its children](#) – 10/13/23

From The Epoch Times: [3 Things a Child Crimes Investigator Won't Let Her Own Kids Do—Tips to Avoid Groomers, Sex Predators](#) – 1/10/23

Inspiring & Transforming Stories...

From the Aoki Family Journal (a family series): [The Family Huddle | Aoki Family - Episode 11](#)

From The Good News Network: [Cops Jump a Fence to Catch Suicidal Woman's Arms Just in Time on Indiana Overpass](#)

From The Good News Network: [Trapped on Tiny Ledge, Fallen Hiker with Mangled Legs Rescued by Off-Duty Air Force Hero](#)

From The Epoch Times: ['Stay With Me, Buddy!': Heroic Officer Performs Life-Saving CPR on Baby Who Stopped Breathing](#)

From For Kids And Country: [Bitsy Galaska](#) - While Bitsy Galaska would never try to stop anyone from belonging to her local union, the Pennsylvania State Education Association (PSEA) was never a good fit for her. But, since she believed her membership was compulsory, she followed her training as a certified school librarian and set about to learn more about the union, figuring more knowledge would help her make sense of her forced association.

Sadly, learning about her union only made things worse. She sat in meetings listening to what, to her, sounded a lot like political propaganda as she and others were “told” how they should vote in elections. She never heard anyone speak to her own fiscally conservative views. “What did this have to do with educating our students?”

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Check out [Stephanie Mann](#)'s books here:

[Read SKNN Guide Books to Instill Hope and Build Trustful Relationships.](#)

Submit a Review of Empowerment Parenting by Stephanie L. Mann

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Guide to Additional Good Books –

[Why America Matters: Dr Ben Carson, Valerie Pfundstein, Liz Ball: 9781737868415: Amazon.com: Books](#)

[Election Day: Choosing our President Mike Huckabee's Learn Our History](#)

Fun, educational shows, magazines, and books for every grade: [Kids](#) | [PragerU](#)

From The Gospel Coalition: [5 Surprising Books to Help Navigate the Gender Debates Can't Wait Till Christmas by Mike Huckabee](#)

Rudy's Christmas Wish! On Amazon – [Rudy's Christmas Wish Kindle Edition](#)



Recommended Resources - [follow the links...](#)

Safe Family and Neighborhood Resource: [Safe Kids Now](#) - Plus SKN binder...

– [Safe Neighborhoods Program for Community Leaders](#)

CRT information for parents, which they can download: [Moms for America](#)

Operation Underground Railroad: [Operation Underground Railroad official site](#)

The National Center for Life and Liberty: [Parental Liberties](#)

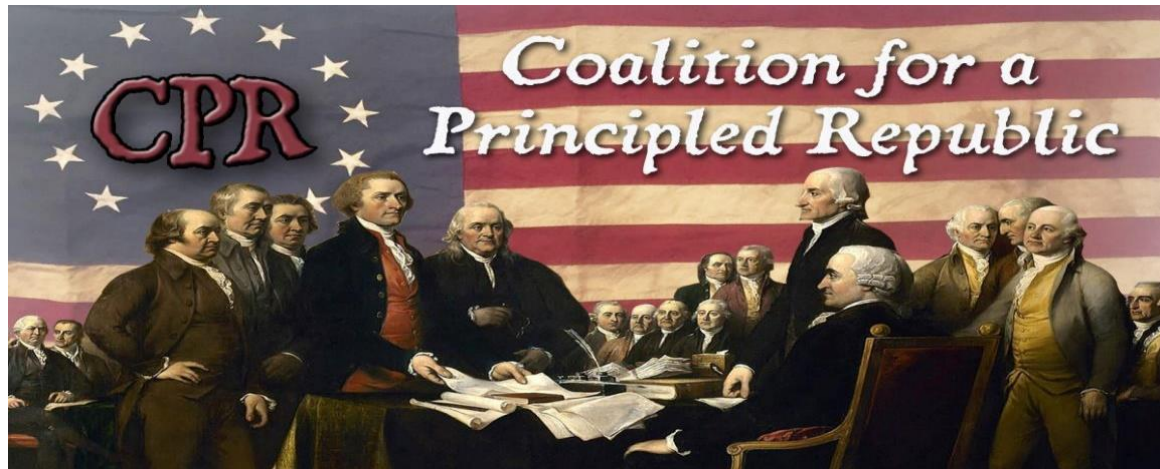
Dr. Ben Carson's site for KIDS: [Little Patriots Learning](#)

To Restore our educational system to the excellence, morality and patriotism envisioned by our American Founders: [For Kids And Country](#)

Public School Exit Resource: [Public School Exit - Online Education Impact Program](#)

Christian Homeschool Resources: [Ed-Exit](#)

Liberty Tree Constitution Education Resource: [LIBERTY TREE ONLINE UNIVERSITY](#)



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