I have enjoyed a satisfying and productive life, primarily working in the natural foods industry. I ran four marathons and enjoy the outdoors. My wife and I built a log home, as well as a church. I hope to make the world a safer place for children by helping people with pedophilia get therapy before they abuse a child.

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Yes, my real name is Gary. I have been sexually attracted to little girls for more than fifty years, but choose not to act on it.

My grandmother, grandfather, father, and many other friends and family members did sexually abuse children. I was raised by my mother and four older sisters, but was never sexually abused. I have a son and two daughters, whom I have never had any sexual interaction with. I enjoy spending time with my ten grandchildren, without thoughts of sexually abusing them. I have been around children most of my life, serving as a teacher and foster parent. I really do love children and connect with them in appropriate ways.

But through all those years, I struggled alone with the fear that someday I would sexually interact with a little girl and cause her great harm. I internalized the phobia common in our society that such abuse is inevitable for a person with pedophilia, although I did not think of myself as a pedophile until recent years. In 1999, I begged a counselor for help, but she promptly abandoned me without a referral. I thought that if people really knew me, they would hate me. My spiritual heritage provided the only hope, but also induced a lot of guilt because the attraction to little girls did not go away.

After I was interrogated by the police for false allegations in 2010, I came out to my wife, sisters, and children. Fortunately my family and friends understand that I did not choose a pedophilic sexual orientation, but can choose to not act on the attraction. I participated with two other minor attracted persons in a documentary on pedophilia and have come out in many public venues.

My wife encouraged me to become a counselor in order to provide therapy to other people with pedophilia who have not acted on their attraction to children. After I had almost completed a master's degree in mental health counseling, I was dismissed from Walden University based solely on my sexual orientation. I am a member of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA), where I learned the common methods that are used to treat individuals who have been convicted of child sexual abuse. I am an active member in the Virtuous Pedophiles support group. Since 2014, I have conducted groups based on the material prepared by the Prevention Project Dunkelfeld in Germany.

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