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S THE ARMY
OF SURVIVORS

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



To our community:

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your support of our organization. Whether that be through sharing our resources, sharing about our organization on social media, or financially supporting our mission -- your contributions have made us who we are today.

We create awareness, accountability, and transparency around the issue of abuse in sports through our pillars: advocacy, education, and resources. This year we've accomplished so much because of your support:

We worked to support multiple federal bills, and helped to pass two state laws in Michigan that increased mandatory reporting requirements for abuse of youth, and increased access to justice for survivors.

We held multiple survivor speak outs, attended by over 50 survivors.

We created ground-breaking resources available on our website regarding abuse of athletes.

As a survivor-founded, survivor-led and survivor-centered organization we will continue to bring about great public awareness, strengthen accountability, and increase transparency.

We look forward to your continued support, in whatever capacity and form that may be, as we continue to create positive cultural change. It's an honor to be a part of your army.

Grace French

Founder and President

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends of TAOS,

2022 was another year of significant growth as The Army of Survivors continued to build its reputation as the international leader in the work to end abuse in sports from an athlete's perspective and from a trauma-informed lens.

Before I launch into the progress that TAOS has made, I must first acknowledge the work that is yet to be done. Worldwide, more athletes than ever spoke out against abuse in sports as investigative reports were issued detailing abuse and its systemic nature spanning decades. When we share our impact, we do so with the acknowledgement that our work exists because of a global issue that harms millions of athletes each year. We have a responsibility to each and every athlete to do everything we can to eliminate abuse in sports while shifting the culture from one that honors medals and money to one that centers athletes and their wellbeing.

As I reflect on The Army of Survivors impact in 2022, I am immediately transported to our inaugural Awareness & Education Day on The Hill in November. Co-hosted by Representative Debbie Dingell (D-MI) and Representative Elissa Slotkin (D-MI), the Athlete Survivor Round Table & Listening Session offered athlete survivors and their allies an opportunity to share their personal experiences with abuse in sports as well as the vulnerabilities facing athletes who experience sexual violence through participation in sports. I was privileged to facilitate the conversation which brought to

light both system failures and possible solutions to better protect athletes in the future. I was profoundly moved by the strength and courage of the athlete survivors who shared their stories that day, with the hopes of building awareness and long-term systems change. Their truth remains an inspiration and is a driving force of our work!

This event was the culmination of TAOS' four-part Trauma-Informed Athlete Survivor Advocacy training that we launched earlier this year as a result of generous funding from The Tides and Oak Foundations. Athlete survivors and allies interested in advocating for systems change were encouraged to attend to learn about the U.S. legislative process from seasoned advocates while testing out sharing their story publicly in a space that is supportive and trauma-informed.

To athletes with and without lived experience of abuse: we thank you for your trust in The Army of Survivors to advocate on your behalf, to increase accountability of a sports governing body when a report of abuse is released, and to create trauma-informed systems of reporting abuse. Your voice matters in everything we do and we commit to championing your voice until true systemic change in sports occurs – where athletes and their wellbeing are centered and their safety prioritized. Thank you for the opportunity to do this work, we are forever humbled to serve.

With deep gratitude and resolve,

Julie Ann Rivers-Cochran

The Army of Survivors, Executive Director

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



GRACE FRENCH (SHE/HER)

PRESIDENT AND FOUNDER

Grace French is a dance teacher and coach at two nationally recognized studios in Canton and Fenton, Michigan. A nationally recognized advocate for athlete rights, Grace is one of the recipients of the Arthur Ashe Courage Award at the 2018 ESPYs, as well as a 2018 Glamour Women of the Year awardee. In 2021, she received the Liberty Bell award from the Ingham County Bar Association and in 2022, she received the Liberty Bell award from the State Bar of Michigan. Grace received her BBA at University of Michigan's Ross School of Business.

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Dr. Danielle Moore (she/her)
Secretary

Dr. Danielle Moore is an adjunct professor at the Chicago School of Professional Psychology. She currently teaches in the Criminology B.A./ Forensic Psychology M.A. programs. She completed her Doctorate in Clinical and Forensic Psychology at the Illinois School of Professional Psychology, Master's degrees in Clinical Psychology at ISPP, Master's degree in forensic psychology at the University of North Dakota, and undergraduate degree in psychology at Central Michigan University. Dr. Moore has received The Foundation for Global Sports Development's 2018 Humanitarian Award, 2018 Arthur Ashe Courage, and 2018 Glamour Women of the Year Award.



Mary Cain (she/her)
Board Director

Mary Cain is the founder of the nonprofit and professional running team, Atalanta NYC. Along with focusing on her training in the triathlon, Mary works at New York Road Runners as a Virtual Coach. After sharing her story with the world in a 2019 New York Times Op-Ed, she has dedicated her career to driving change in sport with an emphasis on athlete well-being and gender equity.



Dwight Hicks (he/him)
Board Director

Dwight Hicks is a former professional football player, winning two Super Bowls (1981, 1984) with the San Francisco 49ers and appearing in four consecutive Pro Bowls (1981-84). Hicks also competed at the University of Michigan where he received All-Big Ten Conference recognition and All-American Honors. Dwight now works in the entertainment industry and does motivational speaking engagements.

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Desire Vincent Levy (she/her)
Board Director

Desire Vincent Levy is a communications strategist specializing in advocacy and impact litigation, and the co-founder of Detroit Kitchen Terminal. She is currently Executive Producer of the Detroit Free Press documentary, Coldwater Kitchen. She is an alumni of the Michigan Political Leadership Program with the Institute for Public Policy and Social Research at Michigan State University.



John-Michael Lander (he/him)
Board Director

As a 15-year-old Olympic-bound athlete, John-Michael Lander endured sexual abuse from the adults entrusted with his training. Through writing, speaking, and consulting, John-Michael helps individuals and organizations identify the signs of grooming, manipulating, and stigma of sexual abuse and how to help survivors face the past and find their voice. He was a voice for the #WeAreNotAlone campaign and on the discussion panel for the Netflix film, Athlete A. He has published four books, including Surface Tension and Cracked Surface. He is the founder of An Athlete's Silence.



Alexander S. Rusek (he/him)
Board Director

Alexander S. Rusek is an attorney with Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith, PC in Lansing, Michigan. The practice focuses on complex mass action and class action civil litigation, business law & litigation, criminal law, and appellate law. He has represented established businesses, new businesses, non-profits, professionals, and individuals involved in multi-party, mass action, and class action litigation. Alex is a graduate of Oakland University and Michigan State University College of Law, cum laude.

THE ARMY OF SURVIVORS STAFF



Julie Ann Rivers-Cochran (she/her)
Executive Director

Julie Ann Rivers-Cochran, MSW, is in her second year with the Army of Survivors. She is a national leader in the field of the prevention and intervention of gender-based violence with more than 20 years of experience in the nonprofit sector. Rivers-Cochran holds a Master's Degree in Social Work from Florida State University and a Bachelor's Degree in Journalism from St. John Fisher College.



Alyssa Girardi (she/her)
Director of Marketing and Communications

Alyssa Girardi oversees The Army of Survivors' marketing and communications strategies, as well as helps to develop and implement initiatives that increase the organization's visibility. She is a graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in journalism. Girardi is in her second year with The Army of Survivors.



Kacey Long, MSW (she/her)
Director of Programs

Kacey Long, MSW, has worked in the field of sexual violence since 2012 at sexual assault centers, research institutions, state agencies, and within the child welfare system. Long, who is in her first year with The Army of Survivors, develops and implements programming that aligns with TAOS's strategic priorities.

INTRODUCTION

THE ARMY OF SURVIVORS IS THE ONLY NATIONAL ORGANIZATION ADVOCATING FOR AND SUPPORTING ATHLETE SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN SPORTS.

However, a recent study indicated how many athletes experience this type of abuse — 13% (1) of student athletes are survivors of sexual abuse through participation in sports, and that number is believed to actually be much higher due to underreporting. These athletes deserve to have their voices heard, and athletes deserve to participate in sports without fear of harm.

We were founded in 2018 by survivors of sexual abuse enabled by Michigan State University, USA Gymnastics, the U.S. Olympic Committee and the F.B.I. In 2022, we remain athlete survivor-led and-centered. We are a group of athletes and athlete survivors from a diverse range of sports. We are gymnasts, dancers, football players, swimmers, runners, and more; this unique history allows The Army of Survivors to put lived experiences at the forefront of our work to bring awareness and change.

We work to bring greater public awareness about sexual violence against athletes at all levels, to strengthen accountability by addressing not only perpetrators but organizations and institutions that enable them, and to increase transparency by creating a culture where survivors and whistleblowers feel comfortable reporting abuse if they choose to do so.

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MISSION

**THE ARMY OF SURVIVORS'
MISSION IS TO BRING AWARENESS,
ACCOUNTABILITY, AND TRANSPARENCY
TO SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGAINST ATHLETES
AT ALL LEVELS.**

**THE ARMY OF SURVIVORS SUPPORTS
SEXUAL VIOLENCE SURVIVORS IN SPORTS
BY WORKING TO CHANGE SOCIETY
THROUGH RESOURCE CREATION,
ADVOCACY, AND EDUCATION.**

ADVOCACY

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Policy Agenda

One of the goals of The Army of Survivors is to advocate for inclusive, diverse, and trauma-informed national and international laws and policies that support survivors of sexual abuse in sports. Preventing and addressing sexual violence in connection to educational systems and student-athletes requires institutional and national policy change. In 2022, The Army of Survivors released a [Policy Agenda](#) that outlines how we hope to address the deficiencies in our system and how it is failing athletes.

Campaign Support

The Army of Survivors worked on and supported the following campaigns led by partner organizations:

- [YWCA Week Without Violence](#)
- [November 18 World Day](#)
- [Keep Kids Safe Power to Protect campaign](#)
- [Safe Sport Day](#)
- [Be Brave's G7 Petition](#)
- [Call on Meta to better protect children online from sexual violence](#)

ADVOCACY

Legislative Action

The Army of Survivors saw significant progress with its policy efforts in 2022 both on the federal and state level. Joining forces with coalition partners, TAOS endorsed and saw the passage into law of several important bills to support survivors.

On January 5, 2023, the President signed into law the Respect for Child Survivors Act, designed to improve the way the FBI interacts with underage victims and witnesses in sexual abuse and trafficking cases in direct response to the handling of the Larry Nassar investigation. The legislation requires the FBI to use multidisciplinary teams with trauma expertise when investigating child sexual abuse and trafficking cases, including in situations where the victim being interviewed is no longer a child. It also includes new case review provisions designed to ensure that cases are not dropped or stalled. TAOS was an early and lead supporter of the bill.

In September, the President signed into law the Eliminating Limits to Justice for Child Sex Abuse Victims Act of 2022 (P.L. 117-176) to eliminate the statute of limitations for people who were sexually abused as minors to file civil claims.

In March, the Ending Forced Arbitration of Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Act (P.L. 117-90) was signed into law to bar employers and businesses from forcing employees and customers to arbitrate sexual harassment and assault claims. Then, in December, the President signed the Speak Out Act (P.L. 117-224) into law to create a new national standard to limit the enforceability of non-disclosure agreements and non-disparagement agreements for sexual harassment and sexual assault disputes. These long-awaited changes will hold abusers accountable and help change workplace culture.

A seminal achievement was the passage of the Violence Against Women Act of 2022 (P.L. 117-12) which created an Interagency Task Force on Sexual Violence in Education (Task Force), a significant increase in allowable funding for prevention of sexual violence, and training and funding for campus health providers to support a trauma-informed approach, in addition to other important changes for underrepresented survivors. The Task Force's first report, released on November 30, 2022, focused on gaps in federal resources and how to advance trauma-informed health care and advocacy services for survivors. The Army of Survivors is in active communication with the U.S. Department of Education, who chairs the Task Force, on how to better center survivors' voices in this work.

Lastly, on the federal level, The Army of Survivors supported legislation to reform Title IX, including the ALERT Act (Accountability of Leaders in Education to Report Title IX Investigations Act) to hold universities accountable for sexual abuse by requiring university leaders to certify if they have received any reports of sexual abuse perpetrated by university employees. Additionally, TAOS provided feedback and recommendations to the White House Task Force on Online Harassment and Abuse.

On the state level, The Army of Survivors supported a Michigan law making physical and occupational therapists mandatory reporters in cases of suspected child abuse (H.B. 4880).

ADVOCACY

AS A LEADING VOICE
ON ABUSE CASES IN
SPORTS, THE ARMY OF
SURVIVORS ISSUED THE
FOLLOWING STATEMENTS
ON CASES RECEIVING
MEDIA ATTENTION:

01/16/2022

Michigan president
Mark Schlissel's firing
and survivor settlement

02/04/2022

Reports of abuse within
the dance community

04/21/2022

Survivors' lawsuits against
the FBI for its failure to properly
investigate Larry Nassar

05/27/2022

Justice Department's
announcement related to
Larry Nassar investigation

09/22/2022

Michigan Court of Appeals
ruling regarding Kathie Klages

10/04/2022

Investigative report
into sexual abuse in the NWSL

ADVOCACY: SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

THE ARMY OF SURVIVORS PARTICIPATED IN NUMEROUS EVENTS AS KEYNOTE SPEAKERS, PANELISTS, PRESENTERS AND MODERATORS INCLUDING:



Keynote speech at Sport Ireland Institute’s workshop on trauma-informed practices in sports and the impacts trauma can have on survivors

Discussion on why trauma-informed language is important to adopt at the ENDEAVOR Conference hosted by Darkness2Light

Keynote address at Victory Over Violence hosted by UN Women, Grace Farms and NO MORE addressing violence against girls and women in sports

Panelists and moderators at the Safe Sport International conference, including sessions on institutional courage and how organizations can be survivor-centered, and child athlete safeguarding

Keynote address at the World Players’ Development Conference titled “The Trauma-Informed Response Through the Lens of the Athlete”

ADVOCACY: INTERNATIONAL WORK

International Work

The Army of Survivors work has an international reach. We serve on the Safeguarding Officers in Sport Academic Advisory Board for the International Olympic Committee helping to equip those involved in the safeguarding of athletes. Additionally, The Army of Survivors advised on a certification course and helped to provide input on the skills, knowledge and behaviors necessary by safeguarding officials to keep athletes safe from abuse. The Army of Survivors developed multiple modules that were used in this virtual course.

As active members of the Sport & Rights Alliance, The Army of Survivors has advocated for a variety of human rights at the intersection of sports including: LGBTQ+ and migrant worker safety concerns at the FIFA World Cup in Qatar; discriminatory bans against female football fans in Iran; IOC failings around the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympic Games; the IOC's mishandling of the abuse allegations by tennis player Peng Shuai; and more.

The Army of Survivors is on the steering committee of the Brave Movement, a global network bringing together survivors and allies to engage in powerful and coordinated advocacy and campaigning to end childhood sexual violence. In May, the Brave Movement introduced the G7 Call to Action which called on G7 leaders to take bold and transformative action regarding prevention, healing, and justice to end childhood sexual violence.

The Army of Survivors is also on the Advisory Board and the Annual Conference Committee for Safe Sport International, a global entity focused on developing and establishing athlete safeguarding practices and safe sport frameworks.

In 2022, The Army of Survivors joined the WeProtect Global Alliance to build a digital world designed to protect children from sexual exploitation and abuse.

TAOS serves on the Advisory Committee for the International Safeguards for Children in Sport. As an Advisory Committee member, The Army of Survivors helps to guide the strategic visioning and center the voices of athlete survivors with lived experience in the work of the organization. The International Safeguards for Children in Sport focuses on creating a network of organizations globally that prioritize the safeguarding of athletes. They provide a foundational framework to help organizations create a safe sporting environment, offer guidance and resources to help organizations on their safeguarding journey, and raise awareness of safeguarding practices, as well as the need for those practices.

EDUCATION + RESOURCES

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Abuse in Sports Resources

The culture of sports has unique elements that make it different than any other environment, especially at the elite level. Because of these differences, it's important to understand the dynamics that allow for abuse to occur. With that in mind, The Army of Survivors developed a host of resources regarding abuse in sports covering topics such as signs that abuse might be occurring, grooming behaviors, trauma-informed environments and guidance on reporting.

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Power & Control Wheel: Abuse in Sports

The Army of Survivors created a Power and Control Wheel, adapted from the original version by the Domestic Abuse Intervention Project, that focuses on power dynamics of abuse specific to sports. The wheel is designed to help athletes and institutions recognize the ways abuse can occur, and how abusers in sports use control tactics to take advantage of athletes.

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Media Training for Survivors

The Army of Survivors held a media training for survivors and athlete survivors. The goal of the session was to equip survivors with the tools to feel more comfortable going into interviews. Topics covered in the training included interview preparation, boundary setting and the current media landscape.

Strategic Plan

The Army of Survivors released its 2022-24 Strategic Plan detailing objectives in the areas of advocacy, educational, and resource development. The strategy guides the organization in generating greater momentum for social change and creating a safer environment for athletes of all ages. Centered around the organization's vision of ending sexual violence in sports, the plan follows a three-pronged approach: advocacy; inclusive, diverse, and trauma-informed education on sexual abuse in sports; and resources.

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Survivor Advocacy

The Army of Survivors hosted legislative advocacy training sessions for survivors, which was attended by board members, volunteers and staff. Following the four-part training, The Army of Survivors hosted its first-ever Awareness and Education Day on the Hill in Washington D.C. to bring attention to the topic of abuse in sports by connecting Congress with TAOS and upholding survivor voices at the center of the work. Survivors met with Senators' offices from California, Colorado, Georgia, Hawaii, Ohio, Michigan and Nebraska.

Representatives Debbie Dingell (D-MI 12th District) and Elissa Slotkin (D-MI 8th District) hosted a Survivor Round Table session where survivors and allies had the opportunity to share their stories and information about trauma-informed practices and principles. Lastly, survivors participated in department meetings with the U.S. Department of Education and the White House Gender Policy Council.

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Press Briefings

As members of the Sport & Rights Alliance, The Army of Survivors took part in two press briefings for members of the media: one ahead of the Beijing Olympics and one prior to the FIFA World Cup. The briefings brought journalists up to speed on the various human rights issues surrounding the events, and also provided safety advice before travel.

Survivor Speak Out

During Sexual Assault Awareness Month, The Army of Survivors hosted a Survivor Speak Out in partnership with SNAP and Keep Kids Safe. Speak outs provide a safe space for survivors to share their stories of trauma and healing if they choose to do so.

Detroit Pistons Game

In April for Sexual Assault Awareness Month, The Army of Survivors had a series of activations at the Detroit Pistons game. A portion of ticket sales were donated to our group, and we hosted a silent auction on the concourse along with resources on sexual abuse in sports. The proceeds of the 50/50 raffle that night were also given to The Army of Survivors.

Philanthropic Partner for Elevate the Stage

Elevate The Stage, a youth and college gymnastics meet in Huntsville, Alabama and Toledo, Ohio, named The Army of Survivors as its philanthropic partner for 2022. Resources for athletes, parents and coaches were shared throughout the event and venue, in addition to our mission. The Army of Survivors also received a donation from Elevate The Stage that was presented during a meet.

Financial Literacy Event for Survivors

The Army of Survivors and SNAP hosted a “Finding Financial Well-Being” event for sexual abuse survivors. In the free, virtual event sponsored by Michigan State University Federal Credit Union, survivors learned about the intersection of financial well-being and overall well-being, as well as the research behind windfalls. Survivors also learned the best ways to achieve financial well-being, and explored underlying beliefs around money.

Collaboration with Universities

In 2022, The Army of Survivors worked with college students at two different universities. Students in Willamette University’s MBA program worked with staff members on semester-long projects for The Army of Survivors to adopt, and three MSW students at the University of Georgia were placed with the organization for their field credit during the fall semester.

Safe Sport Entity Guide

In collaboration with World Players Association and Sport & Rights Alliance, The Army of Survivors created a Safe Sport Entity Guide. Its goal is to guide organizations that are creating new safeguarding and reporting systems with the principles and key functions to create transparent and survivor-centered tools.

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EDUCATION + RESOURCES



Trauma-Informed Sessions for Physical Therapists

The Army of Survivors partnered with APTA Michigan to create sessions titled “Trauma-Informed Best Practices when Working with Athlete Survivors” tailored toward current physical therapists and physical therapy students. These sessions provided participants with an understanding of the prevalence of trauma and abuse of athletes, the impacts of abuse on athletes, trauma-informed best practices when working with athlete survivors, and how to center consent-based touch correction within daily work.

U.S. Center for SafeSport

Over the last few years, The Army of Survivors has been in contact with survivors of sexual abuse who have had re-traumatizing experiences with the entities charged with investigating reports of sexual abuse in sports. Given these widespread trends, in May, The Army of Survivors conducted a series of interviews with a diverse group of athletes across several different sports, genders, ages, and levels of competition regarding their experiences with reporting sexual violence. Through these discussions with athlete survivors and witnesses of sexual abuse in sports regarding how their cases were handled, it is clear more reforms and guidance are needed to ensure accountability of individuals and institutions, best practices on trauma-informed training and support, and more transparency.

TAOS provided several recommendations on how governing bodies, organizations conducting independent investigations and other entities engaged in the reporting of abuse in sport can better improve safety, promote wellness, and prevent sexual violence and harassment in the future.

This feedback was provided directly to the U.S. Center for SafeSport, and The Army of Survivors partnered with five bipartisan Senators to provide recommendations for reform.

SOCIAL + WEB PRESENCE

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INSTAGRAM

3,159

FOLLOWERS

10.9%

ENGAGEMENT RATE

100,283

POST IMPRESSIONS



FACEBOOK

1,222

FOLLOWERS

4.8%

ENGAGEMENT RATE

16,023

POST IMPRESSIONS



TWITTER

1,502

FOLLOWERS

4.8%

ENGAGEMENT RATE

139,169

POST IMPRESSIONS

MEDIA + MENTIONS

THE ARMY OF SURVIVORS RECEIVED LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MEDIA COVERAGE IN 2022, AS BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF ESTABLISHED THEMSELVES AS LEADING VOICES ON THE TOPIC OF SEXUAL ABUSE IN SPORTS.



[13 survivors of Larry Nassar's abuse seek FBI accountability and \\$130 million \(NBC\)](#)

['They left us at the disposal of a predator': How the FBI failed US gymnasts \(USA Today\)](#)

[Group of Larry Nassar survivors seeks \\$130m from FBI over bungled probe \(The Guardian\)](#)

[Larry Nassar victims seek \\$130 million from FBI for mishandling case \(Washington Post\)](#)

[Why aren't we treating child sexual abuse like the crisis it is? \(The Hill\)](#)

[Victims seek \\$1B from FBI for not acting on Larry Nassar sex abuse allegations \(CBC\)](#)

[Women abused by Larry Nassar file negligence claims against FBI over botched investigation \(Detroit Free Press\)](#)

[Sexual assault survivors of Larry Nassar request \\$130 million from FBI over delayed investigation \(CBS Sports\)](#)

[Survivors of abuse by Larry Nassar target FBI for mishandling their case \(NPR\)](#)

[Thirteen Larry Nassar survivors seeking \\$130 million from FBI over bungled investigation \(ESPN\)](#)

[Human rights groups urge FIFA to match World Cup prize money for Qatar migrant workers \(The Athletic\)](#)

MEDIA + MENTIONS



[What is 'grooming'? Why misusing the term could help sexual predators and hurt victims \(TODAY\)](#)

[Investigation finds NHLPA not responsible for wrongdoing in handling of Kyle Beach report \(CBC\)](#)

[I Survived Larry Nassar \(The Cut\)](#)

[IOC warned against "inappropriate" Peng Shuai meeting during Beijing 2022 \(Inside the Games\)](#)

[What We Know About the Disappearance of Peng Shuai \(The Cut\)](#)

[University of Michigan President Mark Schlissel firing stuns students \(Detroit Free Press\)](#)

[Spurred by USA Gymnastics scandal, senators roll out bill to reform the FBI's handling of child abuse victims \(NBC\)](#)

[Why aren't we treating child sexual abuse like the crisis it is? \(The Hill\)](#)

SUSTAINABILITY
+ GROWTH

SUSTAINABILITY + GROWTH

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN HELPING US CONTINUE OUR WORK TO END SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN SPORTS. THE ARMY OF SURVIVORS WORK HAS BEEN MADE POSSIBLE BY OUR ORGANIZATIONAL DONORS, INDIVIDUAL DONORS, PARTNERS, AND SUPPORTERS.

The Army of Survivors grew its full-time staff this year by adding a Director of Programs who oversees all programmatic activities for us.

With your support, The Army of Survivors is able to stay focused on our pillars of advocacy, education and resources to end sexual abuse against athletes, change the systems that enable abuse in sports, and stand with survivors as they pursue accountability and justice.

*100% of donations given by private individuals to TAOS were used for mission-related work

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428 W. Lenawee St. Lansing, MI 48933

THANK YOU



Photo Credit: Bre'Ann White

With each passing year, we see more athlete survivors coming forward with the truth about their experience with sexual assault. And each time, our Army grows. While we hate that this lived experience peppers the life of so many athletes, we're grateful they can find community and solace in The Army of Survivors. We've been here for four years now, and in many ways, we're just getting started.

This year, TAOS lifted its voice in a way that was different than before by taking meetings with elected officials from Michigan, California, Georgia and New York to discuss the TAOS policy agenda. Members of the TAOS team were prepared for meetings with a series of policy-informed advocacy training. We're focused on advocating for inclusive, diverse, and trauma-informed national and international laws and policies that support survivors of sexual abuse in sports. It's necessary for us to make the impact at the depth and breadth that athletes deserve.

I've witnessed and benefitted firsthand from the fruit of athletic labor with my father and husband both playing football as professional athletes. Like them, many athletes use sport and their athletic genius to advance the economic mobility of their families. That endeavor is in itself challenging. Add in the layer of being sexually assaulted for any unnamed, unknown athlete and it gets more complicated and potentially out of reach with the emotional and psychological harm of assault.

The Army of Survivors is needed now more than ever. Preventing and addressing sexual violence in connection to educational systems and student-athletes requires institutional and national policy change.

I'm grateful TAOS is not only committed to working hard, but working smart from supporting individuals to informing the development of much-needed law and policy changes – for a better future for athletes, and people like me, a person that loves them.

Desire Vincent-Levy

The Army of Survivors Board Member

