## CANADIAN STATISTICS ON CHILD ABUSE

**A child dies every week in Canada at the hands of a caregiver.**
(Statistics Canada)

**70% of children who are victims of homicide are killed before the age of 5.**
(Statistics Canada)

**80% of abusers are known to their child victims.**
(Dr. Harriett MacMillan et al., McMaster University, J.A.M.A.)

**More than 90% of child abuse cases are unreported.**
(The Gallup Organization)

**1 out of every 3 female children and 1 out of every 6 male children in Canada will experience an unwanted sexual act before they reach adulthood.**
(The National Clearinghouse on Family Violence)

**It is estimated that children with disabilities are 4 to 10 times more vulnerable to sexual abuse than their non-disabled peers**. (National Resource Center on Child Sexual Abuse)

**The tragedy inflicted on these children demands and deserves a public response of acknowledgement and validation. The "Reaching Out" Child Abuse Survivor Monument provides a place for social connection, personal and shared grief, a place of celebration of survival -- and witness for those who did not make it.**

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