

INTRODUCTION

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My name is _____. I am (leadership position or organization), and it’s my pleasure to welcome you.

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Our speaker today is Angela Rose. At the age of 17, Angela was abducted at knifepoint outside a suburban shopping mall. She was assaulted by a repeat sex-offender on parole for murder. Eventually released by her attacker, she then suffered at the hands of authorities who subjected her to scrutiny, blame and additional victimization.

From this tragic story emerged one of the nation’s most passionate and impactful advocates for the prevention of sexual violence. Angela has lobbied for vital laws for victims and has promoted the importance of education on the issues surrounding sexual violence.

Angela is the Founder and Executive Director of the national nonprofit organization PAVE: Promoting Awareness, Victim Empowerment, an organization that shatters the silence of sexual violence. PAVE celebrated their eight year anniversary in February 2009.

Her work has been covered on many national media outlets including CNN, The Today Show and The Montel Williams Show.

Please join me in welcoming Angela Rose!