



Polly Franks

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Polly Franks has served as an advocate for victims of violent crime, particularly childhood sexual abuse since 1995. Her commitment to this cause stems from her experience as the mother of two children who were victimized by a former neighbor and family friend who turned out to be a convicted serial predator from another state. During his crime spree between 1982 to 1998, this predator was linked to a minimum of 286 incidents of sexual crimes. Although she is in a wheelchair, Polly became a licensed private investigator for the sole purpose of bringing this predator to justice.

He is now in prison for life.

Since that time, she has testified before Congress and lobbied on Capitol Hill for tougher sex offender laws, such as the nationwide Amber Alert bill and the Adam Walsh Child Protection Act. Her story was published in Good Housekeeping magazine. Polly has been interviewed by the Today Show, Dateline NBC, 20/20, Court TV, the John Walsh Show, ABC World News Tonight, CNN/HLN, the Montel Williams Show, Nancy Grace and Fox News. In addition, she has given numerous interviews for national radio programs, as well as newspaper and magazine articles. She has shared her story to audiences throughout the country.

In 2006, Polly created the Franks Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting America's children from sexual predators. Since that time, the Franks Foundation has been expanded and renamed "It's Not Your Fault." (www.itsnotyourfault.us)

In 2017, her story was published in a nonfiction book "Devil at My Door." (www.devilatmydoor.com)

Polly is a graduate of Bluefield College. She is the very proud mother of three grown daughters, one grandchild, a menagerie of animals (her four-legged children) and a host of "honorary" sons and daughters.

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