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### **Building Hope Today Community Outreach Conference**

*Bringing the Idaho Falls community together to protect children from sexual abuse*

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho – June 21, 2017 – Building Hope Today presented a Community Outreach Conference on Wednesday, June 21, 2017, at the Melaleuca Global Headquarters Conference Center in Idaho Falls. The conference was the official launch of Building Hope Today as a non-profit and is the first conference in Idaho Falls to bring 800 community members together around the issue of child sexual abuse.

The conference included ten speakers that presented on topics such as the national statistics behind sexual abuse, victim advocacy and how to support victims. Matt Morgan, co-founder of Building Hope Today, spoke about the courage to take the first steps to healing.

“I have my own demons and issues to overcome from my past,” said Morgan. “It’s a long and daunting process for survivors to overcome. But we want survivors to know that they are not alone on their journey. Building Hope Today is there to help in every step of the process, and to bring understanding of the grooming techniques that took place to help remove the shame that comes along with sexual abuse.”

Idaho non-profits Boise Rescue Mission and Faces of Hope along with 16 sponsors contributed to the conference success. Their support of Building Hope Today has been vital to bringing the community together and moving the mission of this nonprofit forward.

The 2018 conference will be at the Boise Centre on April 9. For more information about Building Hope Today, visit the website at [www.buildinghopetoday.org](http://www.buildinghopetoday.org).

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#### **About Building Hope Today**

Building Hope Today is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 2017. Building Hope Today works to raise awareness of the prevalence of childhood sexual abuse, reveal its lasting effects, and safeguard those at risk on the path toward a hope-filled tomorrow. If you or someone you know needs help, please visit [www.buildinghopetoday.org](http://www.buildinghopetoday.org) or call 208-524-0400.