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KEY PERSONNEL

Marla Young, Associate Producer, is a professional writer and producer with a number of produced film projects, including Mac + Ava's PBS award-winning documentary *Beyond Barbed Wire* (Associate Producer) and *Challenge the Wind*, a dramatic feature film (screenwriter). Marla worked for an ABC affiliate in production then as Promotions Manager and was a feature writer for a number of magazines, including ATLANTA Magazine and SOUTHERN HOMES. She was also feature writer and Managing Editor for MONTEREY BAY Magazine. Her writing career has dovetailed with her advocacy efforts crusading against child abuse, writing for various social service agencies, on topics ranging from foster care and adoption to mental health and substance abuse.

Marla brings personal experience to the landmark documentary Boyhood Shadows: married for more than 20 years to a man who was sexually abused as a boy, she's witnessed – and lived – firsthand, the emotional devastation this kind of abuse wreaks on an individual...and those who love them.

Laura Dare, Singer/Songwriter, composed the film's soundtrack. She was "one of many girls strumming a guitar through teenage angst," in her native New York. She followed her interest with formal study, receiving her B.A. in Theater and M.A. in Interdisciplinary Arts from Columbia College.

She's been writing songs for 15 years, and released her first full-length CD Wherever You Go in 2006; it was produced and arranged by well-known musician Roger Eddy. Laura uses her bluesy pop songs as a scaffolding from which she shares her views on relationships and trying to find comfort in the swirl of daily events. She felt a sensitivity to the material because of her own personal experience, and a desire to advocate for children.

Stephen L. Braveman, Consultant, M.A., L.M.F.T., D.S.T., the facilitator of the Monterey County Rape Crisis Center's Men's Group featured in the film, is a Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist AASECT (American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors and Therapists) Certified Diplomate in Sex Therapy and Gender Specialist with a private practice in Monterey, California. Stephen has over 32 years of experience treating a wide variety of psychological and sexual disorders and issues. He has been especially recognized for his innovative methods and projects working with male survivors of sexual abuse and/or rape and was awarded by MaleSurvivor for his leadership in treating Male Survivors of Sexual Abuse and Assault. Contact Stephen and find out more about the vast services he and his affiliates provide by visiting www.bravemantherapy.com.

Clare Munteer, Consultant, has been the Executive Director of the Monterey County Rape Crisis Center since 1986. Her commitment to helping victims of abuse and ground-breaking work in prevention led to the Center sponsoring the Men's Group featured in the film. Clare's past and current professional training and affiliations include: Certified Sexual Assault Victim Counselor; Past Chairperson and member - Child Abuse Prevention Council; member - Domestic Violence Coordinating Council; member - Sexual Assault Response Team Steering Committee; Board of Directors and member - Personal Empowerment Center; Board of Directors and member - United Way of Monterey County. She received the Talcott Bates Award from the Child Abuse Prevention Council in 2007.

Following study at London University, England, she moved to the States and received her B.S. in Organizational Behavior, 1987, University of San Francisco. Clare can be reached at www.mtyrapecrisis.org.