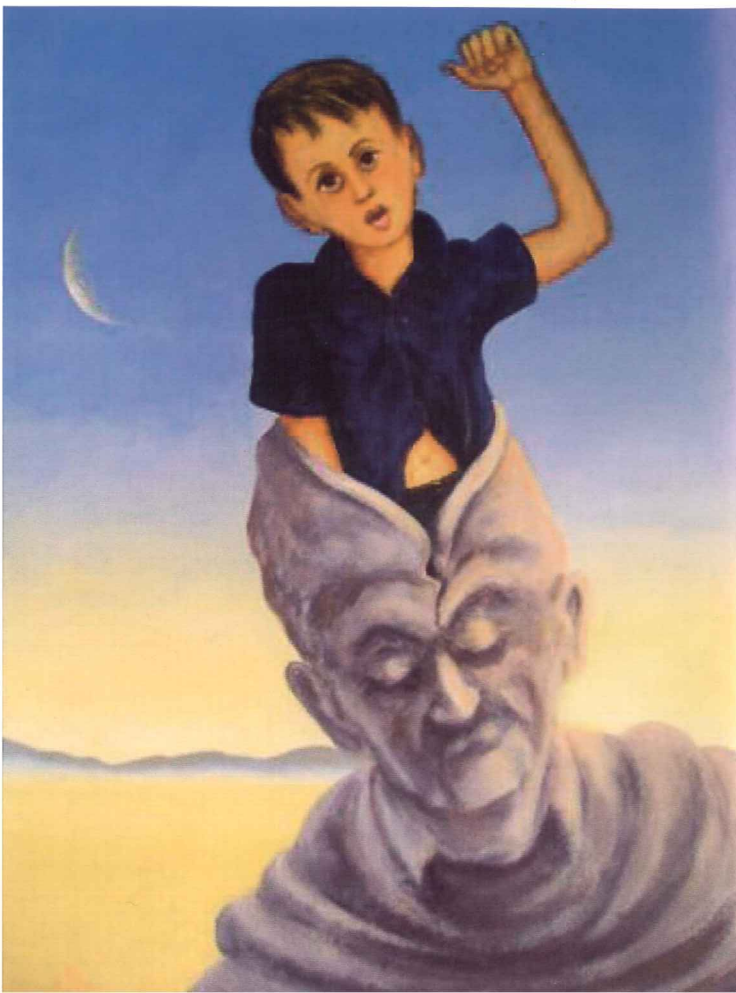


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## Male survivors of sexual abuse trust

**IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU CARE ABOUT WAS SEXUALLY ABUSED DURING CHILDHOOD WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU.**

### **MSSAT can provide**

- One to one support, either in person, by telephone or email contact
- Peersupport, where you are able to meet with another MSSAT client
- Group support, we hold weekly meetings where fellow male survivors of sexual child abuse support each other
- Residential workshops for male survivors are held annually some charges may apply
- Referral to ACC approved Counsellors & Therapists, who have worked effectively with MSSAT clients
- Educational and advocacy resources refer our website at [www.survivor.org.nz](http://www.survivor.org.nz)

### **Some common myths about victims of sexual child abuse discounted**

- MSSAT does not believe survivors of sexual child abuse are weak individuals, quite the reverse. It takes tremendous courage to disclose the abuse break the silence.
- There is no "Vampire Syndrome", only a few survivors grow up to be offenders. But most offenders have many victims.
- Boys sexually abused by older males become confused about their sexual orientation but it does not define their sexual identity.

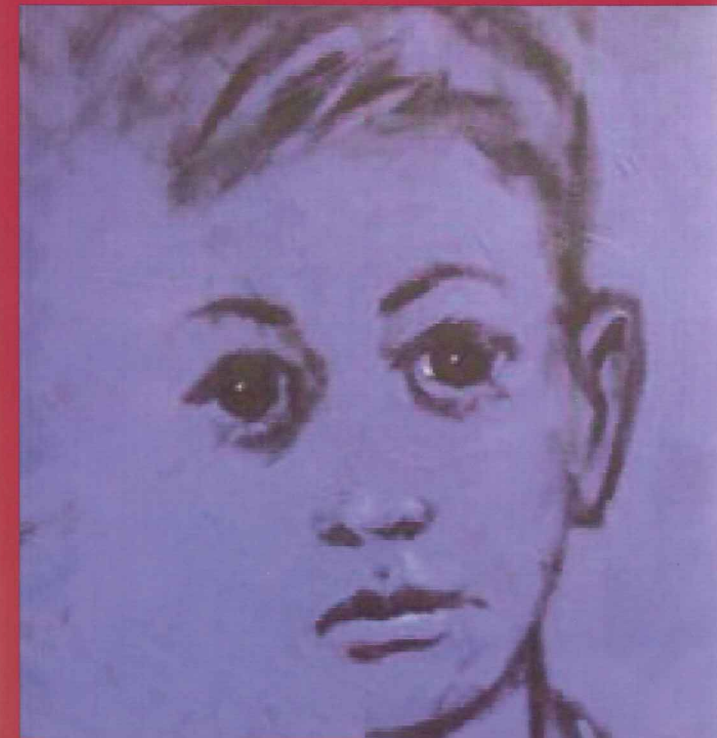
### **Is recovery possible?**

- Recovery is possible but it is a process not an event. With safe support the past can be explored and the truth uncovered.
- Group work complements individual therapy. As abuse often takes place in isolation, recovery works well with others.

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