

CAJ Retreat Announcement

About this event and who can come:

Per the recommendation of the Review Panel, Telios Law was commissioned by CAJ and the cooperating missions to organize a retreat for alumni survivors. Plans are in the final stages and Telios Law would now like to announce arrangements for the CAJ Survivors' Retreat.

All CAJ survivors and their support persons are welcome. "Survivor" is defined broadly to include any CAJ alumni who experienced trauma during their CAJ experience. A "support person" is anyone a survivor feels would enhance their experience of the retreat by providing comfort and safety.

Timing and location:

The Retreat is a dual track. Missions/CAJ representatives will meet in a separate location from survivors and their support persons. The Retreat for Alumni will be held November 2-3 at the Great Wolf Lodge, 9494 Federal Drive, Colorado Springs CO 80921.

Alumni will arrive on November 1 and leave on November 4 and can fly into and out of either Denver or Colorado Springs. The area surrounding the hotel offers opportunities for meeting informally with other attendees.

Costs, lodging, food, and amenities:

Lodging is free of charge to all participants and is being provided by CAJ and the missions. Meals and snacks are being provided as follows: Nov 2, Breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks; Nov. 3, Breakfast, lunch, snacks

Content:

Presenters to both tracks will discuss issues such as childhood trauma, the Third Culture Kid experience, and multiple modalities of therapy. The CAJ/Missions Track and the Alumni Track will meet together the afternoon of November 2 for a Restorative Session hosted by Ruth van Reken, the well-known MK Advocate and Tim Sanford, a psychologist with specialties in trauma and attachment issues. This will provide an opportunity for those survivors and support persons who wish to meet with and make impact statements to CAJ/Missions representatives. Attendance at this session, as at all sessions, is optional.

There will be no formal religious content or prayers during the alumni track. A person/s will be

available for those who wish to speak with or pray with someone individually, according to their choice.

Registration:

While food and lodging are free, space is limited. Reservations will close by September 30. Please reserve your spot at the retreat at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/391231392627>

If anyone has financial issues with travel, please reach out to Debbie Rhoads at (509)834-5400, niletarip@yahoo.com or Brenda Seat at (301)257-3980, brenda.seat@gmail.com. You are also welcome to DM them from the Abuse Survivors Support Group Facebook page. If anyone would like to donate to a scholarship fund to help with transportation costs, please use the “donation” option in tickets sales.