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West Palm Beach, Florida, USA (October 4th, 2013) – International author and abuse prevention advocate Gregg Milligan delivered a groundbreaking keynote speech to a crowd of 400 at the 7th annual Children's Day Luncheon for the Families First of Palm Beach County nonprofit organization. The audience included law enforcement, as well as medical, legal and social work professionals, in addition to local West Palm Beach residents and donors supporting the Families First organization and its programs.

Milligan was introduced by the Mistress of Ceremonies Suzanne Boyd, television anchor of CBS Channel 12 news. Boyd heralded Milligan's author and advocacy work in the field of abuse awareness, prevention and treatment as the truest form of philanthropy.

During his keynote speech, Milligan recounted his personal experiences, detailed in his most recent book, *God Must Be Sleeping* and tied them into the latest empirical research on the medical, social, and economical effects of abuse – drawing the conclusion of intervention from organizations like Families First as a catalyst to the betterment of society and holistic cost avoidance. Milligan also lauded the efforts of Families First of West Palm Beach and underscored their significance in ensuring that abuse survivors have the chance to become functional members of our world.

Milligan received a standing ovation after his keynote speech.

Chief Deputy Michael E. Gauger of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office presented Milligan with an honorary Palm Beach County Sheriff's medallion for his years of work in the field of abuse prevention and treatment.

Milligan was also awarded an elegant trophy by the Families First Organization of Palm Beach County, reflecting his transformation from the darkness to the light as an abuse survivor and his international writing, speaking and advocacy, making a major global impact in the fight for abuse prevention and treatment.



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The luncheon attracted its largest crowd in the history of the event, raising significant funds to support the Families First of Palm Beach County nonprofit programs.

Milligan also donated copies of his latest book, *God Must Be Sleeping* that were sold at the event to help raise funds for the Families First organization.

After the keynote speech, Milligan signed copies of the book and met with audience members.

Families First assists more than 1,000 Palm Beach County families who are struggling to provide the best possible environment for raising their children. In some cases, these families are dealing with issues of chronic illness, learning and physical disabilities, domestic violence, and substance abuse. An increasing number of the clients are adults over 40 who have unexpectedly had to assume care for a relative's child. Additionally, Families First is conducting an extensive countywide outreach program to find and assist pregnant women who are likely at risk of HIV infection.

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Families First – <http://www.familiesfirstpbc.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=pages.aboutus&>

God Must Be Sleeping – www.godmustbesleeping.com



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About Families First of West Palm Beach County

Families First of Palm Beach County (a.k.a. Children's Case Management Organization) is a 501(c)3 charitable organization which has been in existence since 1990 serving children and families of this community. Families First is seen as an ethical, competent and responsive organization in the community by clients, community partners, and funders alike. Families First of Palm Beach County is a private nonprofit county-wide family service agency whose vision is to build stronger families-stronger communities. Our mission is to create a safe, healthy and sustainable environment for children and their families through innovative practices. For more information, visit <http://www.familiesfirstpbcc.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=pages.aboutus&>

About Gregg Tyler Milligan, Author of God Must Be Sleeping

Gregg Tyler Milligan is an internationally-renowned, award-winning author and abuse prevention advocate. His first book, *A Beautiful World*, details his childhood and the horrific suffering Milligan endured at the hands of his mother and strangers. Milligan later completed the continuation to *A Beautiful World*, describing his next eleven years. Both books are published under the same volume, titled *God Must be Sleeping*, and together describe an emergence from darkness into the light. Since 2009, Milligan's message and story have been shared internationally with over 100 million people through various mediums. He has been featured in newspaper and magazines such as *ABC News* and *Glamour*, international talk show and television appearances, and professional speaking engagements. Milligan is a member of the RAINN Speaker's Bureau, the United States' largest anti-sexual assault organization. For more information, visit www.godmustbesleeping.com.