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Raising Awareness

The need to protect Pennsylvania's children from abuse has never been greater! As we come to grips with the Penn State scandals, we band together to raise awareness and find solutions.

Learn more about statewide prevention initiatives and receive your blue ribbon pins, the national symbol for child abuse prevention for over 20 years.

Keynote Speaker

REGINA BRETT

Best-selling author, columnist and speaker

Regina Brett is author of the *New York Times* best-seller *God Never Blinks: 50 Lessons for Life's Little Detours*; the inspirational book has been published in 18 countries. As a two-time finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in Commentary, Regina has reached the hearts of readers across the country. She'll share the lessons she learned as a child growing up in a family with 11 children, as a single parent and as a cancer survivor. Be among the first to hear about her new book, *Be The Miracle*, to be released in early January 2012.

Award Presentation

The Michael A. O'Pake Memorial Award for Media Public Service is given annually by PFSA to the media outlet in Pennsylvania that serves the public with excellence in the coverage and reporting of issues involving child abuse/neglect and family support during the previous year.

The award for 2011 media coverage will be presented at the this event.

Protecting PA Kids, Preventing Abuse

Please join Pennsylvania Family Support Alliance, legislators, state officials, child advocates, family support and child welfare workers for our annual

Child Abuse Prevention Month Opening Event

Tuesday, April 3, 2012
8:00 AM
Harrisburg Hilton
2nd and Market Street
Harrisburg, PA 17104

\$25.00 per person
Breakfast and Program
Included

Tickets available online at
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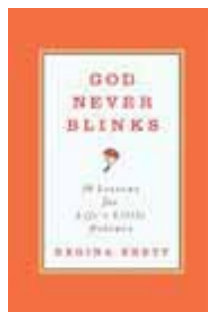
About Our Speaker

Regina Brett, author of the *New York Times* best-seller *God Never Blinks: 50 Lessons for Life's Little Detours*, will be the keynote speaker at "Protecting PA Kids, Preventing Abuse" on April 3 in Harrisburg. This annual event marks the beginning of Child Abuse Prevention Month in Pennsylvania. The inspirational book has been published in 18 countries. As a two-time finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in Commentary, Regina has reached the hearts of readers across the country. As a columnist for *The Cleveland Plain Dealer* her columns are posted on refrigerators, tucked into wallets, quoted from pulpits, clipped, tweeted, snail-mailed and emailed around the world.

She also hosts "The Regina Brett Show," a live call-in radio show weekly on NPR affiliate WKSU, which is also podcast at www.wksu.org. She's also been a guest on Oprah & Friends Radio. Regina's most popular column, *50 Life Lessons*, is about faith and family, about the lessons cancer taught her and the ones she learned growing up in a family of 11 children and as a single parent for 18 years. That column became a viral Internet sensation, attracting international attention and leading to the publication of *God Never Blinks: 50 Lessons for Life's Little Detours*.

An accomplished speaker, one of her most memorable talks was a commencement address at Case Western Reserve University to graduating social workers; a transcript of that talk went into wide circulation, inspiring others who've chosen to practice in this important helping profession. Regina has an M.A. in Religious Studies from John Carroll University and a journalism degree from Kent State University.

Her new book, *Be the Miracle: 50 Lessons for Making the Impossible Possible* will be released in January 2012.



Lessons for Life's Little Detours

When in doubt, just take the next small step.

You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.

Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.

It's OK to let your children see you cry.

Don't compare your life to others'. You have no idea what their journey is all about.

Everything can change in the blink of an eye. But don't worry; God never blinks.

Life is too short for long pity parties.

Get busy living, or get busy dying.

It's never too late to have a happy childhood. But the second one is up to you and no one else.

Frame every so-called disaster with these words: "In five years, will this matter?"

What other people think of you is none of your business.

Time heals almost everything. Give time time.

However good or bad a situation is, it will change.

Believe in miracles.

Your children get only one childhood. Make it memorable.

From the book "God Never Blink: 50 Lessons for Life's Little Detours"



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