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Keeping Promises to Kids

Dave Pelzer, author of six inspirational books, including the bestseller, “A Child Called ‘It’: One Child’s Courage to Survive,” was the guest speaker at a benefit for [Promises2Kids](#) on Oct. 11 at the Jewish Community Center. After the program, he posed with Promises2Kids board members Deborah Marengo, Romy Selati Loseke and Mia Babson Goldklang.

Pelzer was subject to one of the worst child-abuse cases in California history at the hands of this mother. Teachers never contacted the police until he was 12 years old. Once police were notified, Pelzer was removed from his home and sent to live in foster homes until age 18. During this time, he was able to overcome some of his anguish and he became determined to educate the world. Pelzer is the first American to ever win the “Outstanding Young Persons of the World Award.” Learn more at [promises2kids.com](#)