



Stand by Me

We are survivors helping survivors



When the night has come
And the land is dark

And the moon is the only light we'll see

**No I won't be afraid
Oh I won't be afraid**
Just as long as you stand
Stand by me



Landmines blow up innocent people every day.

In one violent instant, victims lose limbs, livelihood and hope.

Landmine Survivors Network helps the injured in war-torn countries pick up the pieces and rebuild their lives.

We are survivors and friends whose Nobel Prize-winning work is getting mines out of the ground, and helping victims get legs, get jobs, and get on with their lives.

We are proving that with the right support everyone can recover and thrive.

Dear Friends,

When you detonate a mine, you are suddenly very alone. When I laid in a mass of dirt and rock and pain, I was cut off from the life I had known the moment before I stepped on that mine.

With that one fateful step, I became someone in need.

I needed the doctors and nurses who took care of me. I needed the social workers who told me I could do whatever I set my mind to. I needed my family and friends to support me like never before. And, I needed the example of other survivors. Luckily, I had all of that. I had people who stood by me and with me, and I found my life again.

Sadly, most landmine victims have no one to help them recover. Their physical wounds may heal, but the vast majority of them are simply left to their isolation and grief.



At LSN, we believe that with help, everyone can recover and thrive. And because we're survivors ourselves, we know what it takes to end the isolation and hopelessness. It takes a wide circle of people willing to connect, and stay connected, to each person trying to reclaim his or her life. It takes partnerships between and among health workers, job trainers, small business loan providers, educators, and human rights advocates. LSN staff make it their business to walk alongside each victim until that person is strong enough to walk for him or herself. Until that victim is a survivor.

It's not enough to watch from afar as these people struggle to recover. We must step into their lives, into their hospital rooms, into their homes, and into their work. We must stand with and by each victim until they can, like me, walk into a future rich with possibilities.


Jerry White
Executive Director

Stand by Me

In one violent instant, landmines take away legs, arms, sight, and hope. Shattered lives become defined by pain, hardship, and discrimination. These victims not only need prosthetic limbs and job training, they need compassion, empathy, and support from others who have been through the same experiences. They need someone who can help them face the challenges ahead.

Landmine Survivors Network works on the ground in mine-affected countries around the world to help mine victims. We believe in the power of peer support. We connect landmine survivors to others needing help and guidance. By linking survivors to survivors, LSN helps victims recover and thrive.

In truth, most landmine victims die—particularly children. Their bodies simply cannot withstand the explosive impact. For those who live, LSN can be the difference between finding life and wanting death.

This is why we employ survivors as LSN Outreach Workers. Their job? To educate, inspire, and counsel other victims who have yet to escape the hopelessness and despair that often accompany traumatic limb loss.

Every day, LSN Outreach Workers improve the lives of survivors and their families. Outreach Workers know where to find the right doctors and the right job opportunities. But more importantly, they are survivors who know firsthand what it takes to rebuild lives.



YOUTH MOVEMENT

Over 30% of all landmine survivors are women and children. LSN-Ethiopia operates several clubs for children injured by landmines. "It was great to learn that there were more kids like me," said one young participant. "No one was staring or pointing. We were just laughing and playing like we did before our accidents."

As part of connecting U.S. youth with survivors abroad, LSN runs "That Landmine Thing," a curriculum of service projects that high school students can organize to raise money for demining and survivor assistance. See www.landminesurvivors.org for more information.



In 2005, LSN Outreach Workers connected with nearly 3,600 survivors. Some needed prosthetic limbs. Some needed jobs. Some needed companionship or counseling. Others were isolated and did not know how to reconnect with their families and communities. In every case, LSN worked with survivors individually to find out what they needed to help rebuild their lives.

"Children are brought up to feel ashamed because they have lost a limb. This is not right."

— ENQUAYEHU ASRES, LSN-Ethiopia Outreach Worker

Standing Tall for Others

Because they are amputees themselves, LSN Outreach Workers offer living proof of just how promising the future can be.

In the spring of 2005, LSN-Ethiopia Outreach Worker Yonas Fekadu met 10-year-old Alayu in a local hospital. Alayu had recently lost his arm to a landmine. His family had lost all hope for his future. Fekadu sat on Alayu's bed, removed his prosthetic arm, and handed it to the boy.

"They stopped crying and listened to me. I showed them

Alayu would be alright, just as I was." Fekadu connected Alayu to other children with disabilities, and encouraged him throughout his recovery and rehabilitation. "Today, Alayu has a prosthetic arm and is a very active, happy young boy."

Following his amputation, Omar Mohammed of Jordan had far more questions than answers. "How could I live on one leg? Or feed my kids? I was overwhelmed by despair. I felt ashamed."

Mohammed was referred to LSN. "I told them of my accident," he said. "My voice was low, my hands were shaking, and tears filled my eyes. But they welcomed me. They asked me what I needed."

Mohammed needed a new leg and a job.

"One of them told me, 'You have lost one leg. I have lost two legs! Yet, my life is beautiful.' His support was a gift to my soul." Omar got his prosthetic leg and, thanks to the Outreach Worker's example, a renewed outlook on life as well.





REHABILITATION PARTNER STANDS TALL FOR SURVIVORS

In 2005, LSN marked the third year of its partnership with CIREC, the leading rehabilitation center in Colombia that facilitates peer support to help victims recover. This partnership has provided assistance to nearly 400 people. "I lost my right leg and the use of my left arm to a landmine in 2003," said José Alberto Rondón of Colombia. "Each day in rehab I saw people missing an arm, an eye...and yet they were happy. This inspired me."

Rondón learned to walk with his prosthesis, and recovered mobility in his left arm. The center also connected Rondón to the LSN-sponsored "Seeds of Hope" program, which stands by landmine survivors and their families as they rebuild their lives. "It opened a new door to my future," said Rondón.

Standing Together

In May 2005, LSN sponsored a groundbreaking conference, *Approaches to Recovery and Reintegration of Survivors of War-Related Injuries*.

For the first time, over 250 people from 38 countries, including survivors and experts in trauma recovery, came together to discuss how best to help individuals overcoming war-related injuries.

It was a chance for a survivor from a small Ethiopian village to share his story with an amputee from Vietnam. U.S. soldiers recovering at Walter Reed Army Medical Center could make a connection with wounded soldiers from El Salvador and Bosnia.

The conference demonstrated what LSN has learned through experience: that the journey from trauma to recovery transcends culture, race, social class and ideology. Practitioners and survivors shared their challenges and experiences. They confirmed LSN's core belief: The formula for recovery must include a supportive social network, and a peer-to-peer relationship.

During the conference, LSN introduced the first annual Stavros S. Niarchos Foundation Prize for Survivorship, created through the generosity of one of LSN's donor families. Each year, the ceremony and prize will honor individuals, organizations and artists that demonstrate courage and contribute to the recovery of others.

LSN Patron, Her Majesty Queen Noor of Jordan, presented the awards. The individual who received the award was Prasanna Rajiv Kuruppu, a double amputee who works as a counselor and advocates for disability rights in Sri Lanka. CIREC, a Bogotá-based rehabilitation center that helps victims of war-related violence, received the organization award. The special artist prize went to the Grammy Award-winning *Blind Boys of Alabama*, whose music and performances embody the resilience of the human spirit.

During the awards ceremony, LSN co-founder and Executive Director Jerry White, urged all landmine and war-injured survivors to stand and share their name along with the date and location of their accident. Over 70 survivors from more than 30 countries, including many U.S. soldiers injured in Iraq and Afghanistan, participated in this "Celebration of Survival." The Blind Boys ended the evening with a moving rendition of "Deep River."





Stand with Me

Recovery from a landmine explosion is painful, long, and costly. Fewer than 10% of amputees in developing countries have access to proper medical and prosthetic care, psychological help, or social support. And most survivor families live on less than \$1 a day, severely limiting their options for care.

LSN visits thousands of survivors in hospitals every year. We assess physical needs, offer psychological support, and educate families about limb loss. Our Outreach Workers listen carefully to concerns and tailor recovery plans that address each survivor's unique needs.

To date, we have conducted over 72,000 visits with survivors. And many more need our help. We work with all of them personally and, as we did with Zikrija Covic, stand by them throughout their recovery.

Covic was a 48-year-old Bosnian metal worker with a good income, a nice home and a large family. The war in Bosnia changed everything. Covic stepped on a

landmine while fighting for his homeland in 1992. The landmine took his leg, while the war destroyed his workplace and his home. The war-ravaged economy left him unemployed with no job prospects. Amidst his despair, Covic met Nusret Pleho, an LSN-Bosnia Outreach Worker.

Pleho observed that Covic had more than unemployment and housing issues. His ill-fitted prosthesis caused him great pain, and his family was going hungry. The two men developed a plan to address Covic's needs.

LSN knows that recovery begins when survivors realize they are not alone—there are others standing by them to offer help, guidance, and support.



After alleviating Covic's pain with a new prosthesis, LSN linked him to a company that provided materials to help rebuild his home. Since much of his country was in need of repair, Covic decided to become a carpenter. A grant from LSN enabled him to purchase woodworking tools. "Everything before seemed completely overwhelming," Covic says. "But since I've received help, things have gone very well."

"I am 'me' again. LSN was definitely the positive turning point in my life." — ZIKRIJA COVIC, Survivor, Bosnia-Herzegovina

Partners—On Stand-By for Swift Response

There are many phases of recovery. Often, medical assistance immediately following a landmine explosion is the most vital. LSN partners with hospitals in several regions to ensure that mine victims have access to support, specialized care, and vital services.

In Ethiopia, LSN solidified a relationship with Addis Ababa, Menelik II Hospital—the country's primary facility for amputation and rehabilitation. Recognizing the importance of peer support in the physical recovery of survivors, the Menelik staff now refers all limb loss patients to LSN.

Healthy Competition

LSN believes sports not only promote physical health, but also provide a venue for survivors to meet and support each other.

In 2005, LSN Bosnia-Herzegovina held its 7th Annual Princess Diana Memorial Sitting Volleyball Tournament. This tradition far transcends wins and losses. Many competitors on the court were once enemies on the battlefield. Today, their similarities as survivors greatly overshadow their past differences. And their common interest in sports has forged a tight-knit community of peers.

In Ethiopia, LSN worked with the Addis Ababa Sports Federation to organize a day of athletic events for people with disabilities. The competition featured participants from 28 organizations. Many of the athletes are now training for the 2008 Paralympics in Beijing. LSN-Vietnam also organized sporting events in cooperation with other organizations to commemorate their National Day of People with Disabilities.

The courage and ability demonstrated by these survivors prove just how much is possible with people standing in your corner.



**Every hour of every day,
somebody steps on a landmine.**

Most are innocent civilians.
Over 30% are women and children.
And 80% live in poverty.



Help Me Stand on My Own

“Who will hire me now?” “Where will my family live?” “How will we eat?” Landmines leave behind many unanswered questions. Often the poorest of the world’s poor, amputee survivors live in war-ravaged economies. They are often subjected to discrimination and exclusion from society. Without a strong support network, their escape from poverty is nearly impossible.

Our Economic Opportunity (EO) Program opens doors for survivors in heavily-mined regions. In 2005, LSN EO Coordinators helped 490 survivors receive vocational training, find jobs, or start their own small businesses.

Each LSN field office employs an EO Coordinator to help survivors develop personal plans for success. This may include using existing skills, training for a new trade, finding jobs with local businesses, or obtaining micro-credit business loans.

Partnerships with local institutions help to make these plans become reality. And EO Coordinators continue to provide guidance even after survivors find employment or begin a new venture.



LSN’s Economic Opportunity Program is distinct in its focus on individual capability, not disability. Our approach focuses on the simple forces of market supply and demand. We create matches between survivors’ skills, the needs of employers, and the marketplace in their region.



EXHIBITING TALENT

In the spring of 2005, LSN hosted its third annual art exhibition for survivors in Sarajevo. Thirty-five survivors from all regions of Bosnia-Herzegovina gathered to showcase their paintings, sculptures, metalwork, and woodwork.

Artists with and without disabilities also came together this past summer in central Bosnia for the first-ever painting and sculpture workshop. Participants spent five days together making paintings and sculptures, with materials provided by LSN.

Substantial media coverage for both events, as well as prominent attention from local authorities, helped to promote the capabilities, talents, and artistic potential of people with disabilities. The events also raised awareness about economic opportunities and human rights for survivors.



In 2005, LSN partnered with the Vocational Training Center and ResCare, Inc., in Amman, Jordan, for a pilot training program. It was the first center in the

region that welcomed people with disabilities to train alongside those without disabilities. Participants learned skills in auto mechanics, plastering, and computer software.

“I was feeling hopeless. After I met my LSN Outreach Worker, I felt optimistic again.”

— PHAN VAN TRUNG, Survivor, Vietnam

Standing by a Dream

Phan Van Trung of Vietnam could not find work in the years after he lost his leg to a landmine. He struggled to provide food and shelter for his wife and two children. He had nobody to stand by him. He was the only person in his community with a disability.

When Trung met with LSN-Vietnam, he asked for help in starting his own fish farming business. LSN provided Trung with a grant to build and stock his own pond. Today, his fish farm is thriving. Trung is able to provide for his family, and may soon hire help to expand his business.

Working Connections

As our list of partners grows, so does our ability to link survivors to the most promising job opportunities. LSN develops regional directories that list the interests and skills of survivors and businesses looking to hire.

For example, in Bosnia, the post-war unemployment rate for people with disabilities is more than 80%. Esmir Redzic, who lost his leg to a landmine during the war, could no longer help his parents farm their land. Through LSN’s EO Program, he was hired on a trial basis to work at a shoe factory. His skeptical employer doubted Redzic’s capabilities. But Redzic’s skills and work ethic quickly earned him a promotion. The factory staff now works with LSN to employ other survivors.

By providing access to gainful employment and economic stability, LSN brings survivors one step closer to standing on their own and enjoying full, productive lives.



Stand Up for Human Rights

What good is a wheelchair for a young landmine survivor if local schools do not have a ramp to accommodate it? How will job training help an amputee when an employer refuses to hire someone who is missing limbs?

Landmine survivors, like all people, are entitled to enjoy their fundamental human rights, including access to adequate healthcare, employment, accessibility, and education.

Survivors' basic human rights are often ignored or abused. Through education, LSN empowers survivors with the tools, skills and resources they need to stand up and claim what is rightfully theirs.

In 2005, over 500 people participated in LSN-organized advocacy and human rights trainings, including workshops and conferences designed to build a coalition of organizations that will work together to expand opportunities for people with disabilities.

Held in the regions where LSN works, the training sessions taught survivors how to advocate for positive change in their own lives and for other people with disabilities. These advocacy efforts are targeted toward local and national governments, employers, and service providers.

LSN works closely with local disability organizations to promote changes in unfavorable disability laws at the national, regional and international levels.

LSN's work in human rights is crucial to helping survivors rebuild their lives. Efforts focused on improving healthcare and jobs must also press governments to protect people who are in the most vulnerable situations.



MINE BAN TREATY

Survivors participated in the sixth annual meeting of the States Parties to the Mine Ban Treaty (MBT) in Zagreb, Croatia. The meeting highlighted progress made in the eight years since the Mine Ban Treaty was first signed:

- The number of victims has dropped from about 26,000 per year to 18,000.
- As of September 30, 2005, 147 countries had signed the treaty. There is no evidence of the use of antipersonnel landmines by any of the Mine Ban Treaty signatory countries.
- At least 38 countries have ceased production of antipersonnel landmines, including 33 States Parties, and five Non-States Parties (Egypt, Finland, Iraq, Israel, and Poland).
- About 400,000 stockpiled mines have been destroyed by states parties.
- In 2004, over 135 square kilometers of mine-affected land were cleared in 37 countries.

LSN has been part of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL) since 1995.



Global Leadership

In 2005, LSN continued its leadership role in the negotiations for an International Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Currently, less than 50 of the UN's 191 Member States have disability-based anti-discrimination laws. Even in countries with such laws, much work remains to improve implementation and enforcement.

central Afghanistan. Omara Khan is a landmine survivor and 2003 graduate of LSN's "Raising the Voices" program—a leadership and human rights advocacy course for survivors worldwide. "We are promoting the goals of an inclusive, barrier-free, and rights-based society for people with disabilities in Afghanistan," says Khan.

By training community leaders in their home countries, LSN is able to create lasting change in the conditions facing survivors, enabling them to stand up for their rights.

“LSN training helped us to understand how we can improve our conditions. It is inspiring to see what other amputees are accomplishing.”

— QARIYAR MOHD SALIM, Survivor, Afghanistan

Learning to Take a Stand

In April, participants from 11 Arab countries attended a disability and human rights training workshop in Amman, Jordan. They gained information and skills for improving survivors' rights in their home countries via advocacy, network building, and leadership on local, regional, and international levels.

Also in April, the Afghan Disability Union hosted a series of workshops throughout



Stand by Us



LSN-CENTRAL AMERICA

In El Salvador, it costs \$669 to launch and manage a bakery business.

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It costs \$133 to send a team of physical therapists to a village in Colombia.



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In Bosnia-Herzegovina, it costs \$461 to enroll survivors in a computer training class.

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MIDDLE EAST



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In Jordan, the cost of a child's prosthesis starts at \$348.

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LSN-HORN OF AFRICA

It costs \$242 to run children's groups for one year in Ethiopia.

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LSN-SOUTHERN AFRICA

It costs \$51 for mobility devices, such as crutches and an adapted bicycle, in Mozambique.

LSN
SOUTHEAST ASIA



LSN-SOUTHEAST ASIA

It costs \$280 to launch a hat-making business in Vietnam.

There are tens of millions of mines and explosive remnants of war buried around the world. The human toll is devastating. We must help the victims rebuild their lives. **Our programs have reached survivors in 47 of the world's most mine-affected countries. We stand by survivors.**



Dear Friends,

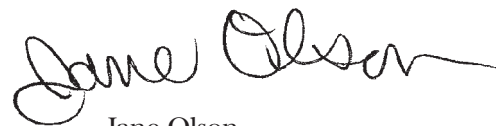
In the past year, I have traveled in the Middle East and North and Sub-Saharan Africa. Again and again, I was reminded that no matter where or what the cause, war and conflict bring devastation and suffering, and landmines are a constant threat to innocent civilians. Landmines prevent much needed economic growth and development. Land cannot be farmed, and it is often unsafe for children to walk to school, or mothers to get water or firewood.

When a landmine explodes, a difficult life becomes impossible for thousands who are injured each year. Post-war healthcare systems are often inadequate. Devastated economies struggle to absorb disabled survivors. In many cultures, landmine survivors are outcasts who are denied a place in their societies.

Tragedy and desperation are everywhere. However, Landmine Survivors Network is a beacon of help and hope. From the moment a victim is carried from the minefield to begin the long journey to recovery, LSN delivers much needed support. LSN stands with survivors as they pick up the pieces of their lives.

Your generosity has provided the resources for peer support, health, economic opportunity and rights training to thousands in the past years. The LSN Outreach Worker is on the frontline with survivors because you make their work possible. When parents tell LSN thank you for giving their child a chance, they are thanking you for your contribution. When the survivor entrepreneur is grateful for the new start in one of the many businesses LSN made possible last year, she is thanking you for your investment. And that investment not only offers dignity to each survivor, but also has a positive impact on the economic development of the community.

LSN will stand with survivors until that wonderful day when there are no longer landmines. On behalf of survivors, our networks, staff and Board, please accept our thanks for your generosity and support. You have made it possible for us to Stand Up and Deliver.



Jane Olson
Chair, Board of Directors

Financial Summary 2005

In 2005, LSN completed an extensive review of its global programs and network management. With support from the Centers for Disease Control and technical assistance from an international consultant group, Abt Associates, LSN was able to assess the strength of its peer support services, working in some of the most heavily mined regions of the world. 2005 was an important year to build a strong foundation for growth in 2006 and beyond.

LSN continues to regionalize management of its community-based networks by establishing office “hubs” based in six regions. In 2005, LSN recruited several new staff experts in public health, counseling, and business development—all dedicated to teaching Outreach Workers skills in health screening, caseload management and community networking. Regional networks are expected to manage and grow their capacity to reach a growing number of survivors with an increasing demand for services such as prosthetics, job training and small business management.

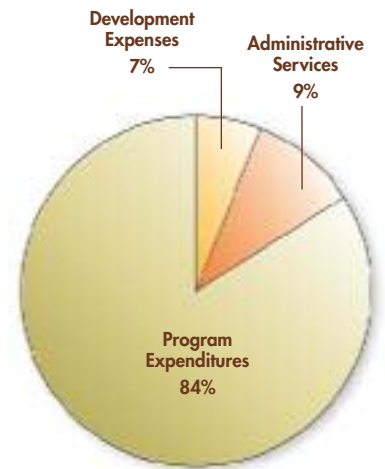
LSN’s revenue totaled \$7.8 million in 2005. LSN received the first-year grant of a major three-year funding commitment from The Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund, accounting for a 50% increase in private revenue sources. LSN continued to receive funds from long-term government partners such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the governments of Canada and Norway, and the International Trust Fund. LSN received new public funding from the U.S. State Department’s Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI). Additional new public funding was secured from the governments of Australia, Switzerland, and New Zealand in 2005.

Expenditures totaled \$7.5 million in 2005, covering network program costs, including employment of over 160 staff internationally, most of whom are survivors with disabilities. Program activities represented 84% of total expenses for 2005. The Board of Directors, staff and our supporters proudly report the vast majority of LSN resources go directly to programs supporting survivors. General and

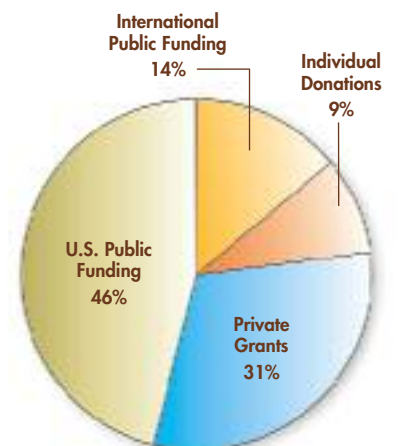
administrative costs were only 9% in 2005, and development costs were only 7% of annual expenditures. LSN’s resources in 2005 were dedicated primarily to:

- Economic Sector:** LSN recruited local “Economic Opportunity Coordinators” to expand a global initiative to help mine victims gain access to vocational training, jobs, and self-employment.
- Health Sector:** LSN developed health-related protocols, training curricula and tools to strengthen the ability of amputee Outreach Workers to provide quality peer support and healthcare referrals to a growing number of survivors and their families.
- Social Sector:** LSN advocated to remove barriers to survivor participation in society, and conducted several trainings for survivors and disability leaders in human rights and mine action advocacy. Networks in the Middle East and Southeast Europe made considerable progress negotiating a draft U.N. Disability Rights Convention.
- Partnership:** LSN grew its “Seeds of Hope” partnership in Colombia with CIREC, a rehabilitation center, offering artificial limbs and peer support to hundreds of recent amputees from heavily mined regions of conflict.
- Monitoring and Evaluation:** LSN revised its data-collection and reporting requirements to build a comprehensive Monitoring and Evaluation System that will provide detailed cost analyses and track program outcomes.
- Strategic Planning:** With Board participation and oversight, LSN continued its strategic planning process, yielding three-year operational plans and budgets from all regional hubs and network offices.

LSN is audited annually by the accounting firm Raffa & Associates, P.C. Since its inception, LSN has received audits without any findings or qualifications. Copies of audited financial statements and Federal Form 990 are available upon request.



LSN 2005 Expenses	
EXPENSE	2005
LSN Program Expenditures	\$6.3M
Administrative Services	.7M
Development Expenses	.5M
Total Expenses	\$7.5M



LSN 2005 Revenue	
REVENUE	2005
Individual Donations	\$.8M
Private Grants	2.4M
International Public Funding	1.1M
U.S. Public Funding	3.5M
Total Revenue	\$ 7.8M

LSN directs 84 cents of every donated dollar toward programs designed to assist people recovering from landmine injuries.

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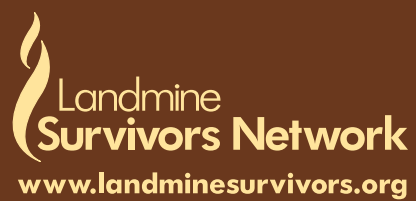
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