

# *Donna Rice Hughes*

***Internet Safety Expert, Advocate, Author, Speaker, Commentator, Filmmaker***



**Employment-** CEO and President, Enough Is Enough<sup>®</sup> (EIE), a national non-partisan, secular, non-profit organization whose mission is to make the Internet safer for children and families.

**Works-** In 1994, she pioneered the Internet safety issue and emerged as the national voice for the prevention of Internet-initiated sexual exploitation of children. She led EIE's development of a three-pronged strategy of the public, the technology industry and legal community sharing the responsibility to protect children online, adopted by industry and governments worldwide. She advocated for all key [legislation](#) in the nineties to protect children from Internet dangers; led the 1997 adoption of the Internet industry "ZERO Tolerance" policy against child pornography, endorsed by the White House; Author, *Kids Online, Protecting Your Children In Cyberspace* (Baker Books, 1998); Story co-writer, *Touched By an Angel* TV Series, May 2000 Season Finale and winner of Neilson ratings in its time slot during May sweeps. Under her leadership, EIE developed the *Internet Safety 101*<sup>®</sup> Multimedia Program (DVD series/Workbook & Resource Guide/ Rules 'N Tools<sup>®</sup> booklet) in partnership with U.S. Department of Justice which launched nationally in 2010. She is the Executive Producer and Host of EIE's *Internet Safety 101*<sup>®</sup> DVD series (3 Telly Awards) which was reformatted into a 3 part television series with PBS

and won an Emmy Award in 2012. Most recently she birthed Project Wilberforce to end the Internet-enabled sexual exploitation of children and adults and restore a culture of dignity and respect. In 2014, EIE launched the National Porn Free WiFi Campaign and led the formation of the Porn Free WiFi Coalition of over 75 leading organizations urging Corporate America, beginning with McDonald's and Starbucks to filter child porn and pornography on public WiFi networks. [www.enough.org](http://www.enough.org), [www.internetsafety101.org](http://www.internetsafety101.org), [www.friendlywifi.org](http://www.friendlywifi.org)

**Recent Awards-** The Founder's Award from the National Center on Sexual Exploitation (2015), The Professional Women in Advocacy 2014 Excellence In Advocacy Award for "Veteran Practitioner"; The Women in Technology 2013 Leadership Award for "Social Impact"; 2012 Emmy Award as Executive Producer of The PBS/EIE *Internet Safety 101*<sup>®</sup> Television Series (2012); Emmy nomination in the Program Host/Moderator category. 3 Telly Awards for the Internet Safety 101 videos.

**Special Mention-** Given over 4,500 media interviews as Internet Safety expert on major news outlets including *The Today Show, FOX News Shows, CNN, Headline News, The O'Reilly Factor, Oprah, 20/20, Dateline, BBC, The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, The Washington Post, USA Today, The San Francisco Chronicle, The San Jose Mercury News, People Magazine, McCalls, Time, Newsweek, Today's Christian Woman, World Magazine, and Parenting Magazine.* (Internet Safety Technical Task Force formed with MySpace and the U.S. Attorneys General (2008)), Child Online Protection Act Commissioner (1998), Testified numerous times before various committees of the United States House of Representatives and Senate.

**Education-** B.S. Biology (Pre-med), minor focus in Business Administration *Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Mortar Board, Outstanding Senior*, University of South Carolina (USC), 1980. USC Varsity cheerleader captain 1978-80. Married to Jack Hughes and has 3 grandchildren.

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### **Professional Endorsements**

“By continuing to speak out and partner with the rest of the Internet, Donna Rice Hughes is helping all of us build a medium we can be proud of.” — *Steve Case, former Chairman, American Online, Inc.*

“Donna is one of the leaders in the fight against pornography aimed at children on the Internet.”

— *Oprah Winfrey*

“ Donna continues to fight for the cause.... Speaking out for new laws and diligent enforcement of them.”

— *Barbara Walters, 20/20*

“Donna Rice Hughes has been warning about the dangers for years. *Dateline* first spoke with her 11 years ago. But now, she says the problem has grown with the Internet giving predators accessibility, affordability, and the anonymity to feed their criminal acts.” — *Dateline NBC*

“We feel strongly that the *Internet Safety 101* program is a tailored-made response to the Internet child safety crisis facing our state and the nation” — *President, Virginia PTA*

“Donna Rice Hughes is a strong and effective advocate for children’s online safety.”

— *John Ashcroft, U.S. Attorney General (2001-2005)*

“As parents, we have the responsibility to monitor our children’s use of the Internet. Ms. Hughes has presented us with a resource to ensure that our children’s experience using the Internet is a safe one.”

— *The Honorable Senator John McCain (AZ)*

“Through years of work empowering parents nationwide, EIE has developed highly effective resources and techniques for educating, motivating, and empowering parents to be the first line of defense in their children’s online lives. EIE, headed by Donna Rice Hughes, has been a leading force in raising national recognition of the critically serious problem of Internet child pornography and sexual predation.” — *Andrew G. Oosterbaan, Chief, U.S. Department of Justice, Criminal Division, C.E.O.S.*

"The Enough Is Enough curriculum for parents, teachers, and caring adults is the most thorough information and training of its type available to those who want to protect their families from predators and pornographers."

— *Robert J. Flores, Esq., Former Administrator of the O.J.D.D.P, D.O.J.*

“Enough Is Enough<sup>SM</sup> (EIE) has developed a unique approach to reach parents and adult childcare providers with the best resources and information on Internet safety, and we are aligned with EIE through our partnership for the *Internet Safety 101: Empowering Parents* program, which will ensure that parents receive the best information available about Internet safety concerns, resources and information.” — *Brent M. Olson, Assistant Vice President, Regulatory Policy, AT&T*

"Through the foresight and leadership of EIE, Internet Safety 101SM has established itself as the benchmark for all other Internet safety programs." — *Steve F. Clementi, Director, Verizon External Affairs*