

# For a Good C.A.U.S.E.

## *C.A.U.S.E. Book Sale Saturday at Celebrations in Highland Village*

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Lucia Bone is finally able to smile when she talks about her older sister, Sue; but that was not always the case.

Sue Weaver, a successful business woman from Orlando, Fla., had contracted with a major department store to have the air ducts in her home cleaned in February 2001. One of the cleaners was a twice-convicted sex offender on parole. On Aug. 27, he returned to rape and murder Weaver in her home.

Bone said it is difficult to describe the pain she still feels for the loss of her sister, and the anger she feels about the fact that a background check had not been performed by the store. She is determined to do all she can to prevent her family's tragedy from happening to anyone else.

Bone said Weaver was a big part of her life and said a day does not go by where she does not think about her.

"She was great," Bone said. "She was my big sister ... everybody's friend; everybody has a Sue in their lives. She was a very compassionate person. She was a business owner and owned her home, and she was the victim of a horrible, horrible situation that never should have happened."

Bone said the hardest thing for her is knowing that her sister's tragedy could have been prevented and said it is her hope that the C.A.U.S.E. certification become a universal certification system.

As President and Founder of the Flower Mound-based Sue Weaver C.A.U.S.E. organization, Bone travels to a variety of venues to raise awareness about the potential dangers involved in inviting a stranger to work in a home.

"They [the store] sent two convicted felons into my sister's home," Bone said. "The man who killed her was a sex offender and his supervisor had done time for breaking and entering ... what we're trying to do is keep that from happening again."

Founded in 2004, The Sue Weaver C.A.U.S.E. has de-



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Lucia Bone is the founder and president of The Sue Weaver C.A.U.S.E. organization which is named in memory of Weaver who was sexually assaulted and murdered in 2001.

veloped a consumer safety program for consumers and employers to have a better means of hiring safer employees, contractors and subcontractors. C.A.U.S.E. stands for Consumer Awareness of Unsafe Service Employment, and Bone said her organization is trying to get the word out however it can.

The organization will launch nationally on Aug. 27 - the seven-year anniversary of Weaver's death.

"We all trust the people we hire, and we assume that background checks have been performed," Bone said. "We all think we're safe in our home. What we try to do is get the word out any way we can. We have speaking engagements; we do a lot of Rotary, and neighborhood citizen police academies. We exhibit at conferences ... any place that we can get in front of a large group of people and make them aware, we will do it."

The Sue Weaver C.A.U.S.E. is having a gently used book sale from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday at Celebrations, 2380 Justin Road [FM 407] in Highland Village to raise funds for the organization.

There is also a "Meet & Greet" event for those interested in volunteering or learning more about The Sue Weaver C.A.U.S.E. organization. It is scheduled on Thursday, July 31 at 6:30 p.m., at Abuelo's Restaurant, 2520 S. Stemmons Freeway [I-35E] in Lewisville.

Visit the organization's Web site at [www.SueWeaverCAUSE.org](http://www.SueWeaverCAUSE.org) for more information on the program.

The Sue Weaver C.A.U.S.E. campaigns around the country to promote safety and C.A.U.S.E. certification.

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