



Uniting to End
Human Trafficking

ABOLITION NOW



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We find our purpose in

together
connect
join forces
partner

UNIFYING & MOBILIZING THE CHURCH TO SERVE

empower
prepare
move
inspire

body family bride beloved

love help compassion
care for display Christ
meet the needs

"I in them and you in me —so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."

John 17:23

GREETINGS FRIENDS,

Thank you so much for your heart and passion to mobilize your church in anti-trafficking efforts. Human trafficking is a reality in every community and sadly the fastest growing criminal enterprise in the world. Much of why this evil exists is a result of what is broken in our society today—the family structure, our culture, loop holes in our laws, and of course greed.

Fortunately the Church has the answer: Jesus! As sad as human trafficking is, our loving Heavenly Father has chosen and prepared us, His Church, to respond to this atrocity. We have the power of Christ to significantly impact those affected by human trafficking and the potential to end it by educating the body of Christ and providing resources and a platform with opportunities to get involved.

Church members are eager to serve and Christ is honored when we serve as One. This material is designed specifically for the Church with input from local pastors and those engaged in anti-trafficking efforts. Our prayer is that this material will be a powerful resource to mobilize your church.

Together we can make a difference to the vulnerable and exploited in our communities.

God bless,
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ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

TERMINOLOGY

Human Trafficking is modern day slavery that exploits men, women and children by means of forced labor or sexual exploitation against their will.

Sex trafficking is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision or obtaining of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act, which is induced by force, fraud, or coercion or when someone is deceived into prostitution.

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) is a commercial transaction (an exchange of money or services) that involves the sexual exploitation of a child, such as the prostitution of children and child pornography.

Prostitution: A person commits the crime of prostitution if they offer or agree to engage in sexual conduct in exchange for a fee.

Trafficker/Pimp: A trafficker or pimp is one who gains or profits from exploiting another person for forced labor or commercial sex.

Tricks, johns, dates: Buyers of commercial sex.

Survivor: One who has been sex-trafficked.

“The Game” or “The Life”: Slang for prostitution.



WORLDWIDE SCOPE OF THE PROBLEM

- » Human trafficking has become the fast growing criminal enterprise in the world.
- » Victims can be sold over and over while guns and drugs have to be replenished once sold.
- » Pornography, social media, chat lines, online escort service websites, massage parlors, strip clubs, and brothels/homes are all means by which victims are being exploited and trafficked.
- » Estimates of victims being trafficked worldwide are unknown because human trafficking is largely an underground operation. Victims don't self-identify or often escape their captors, and therefore confirming numbers is difficult.
- » Human trafficking exists in nearly every city in the world and crosses all social and economic borders.
- » Poverty creates situations where many parents traffic their own children to survive—especially in third world countries.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN THE U.S.

Much of why this evil exists is a result of what is broken in our society today:

- » Disregard for biblical, moral and ethical standards and principles.
- » Break down of our families.
- » An over-sexualized culture and what is acceptable or “normal.”
- » Commercialism and unrestrained individualism.
- » Loop holes in our laws and courts that prevent decency laws.
- » Drug dependency leads traffickers and relatives of victims to supply their addiction by means of selling family members.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN THE PACIFIC NW

- » Portland’s abundant sex industry, largest number of strip clubs per capita (at least 50 are all-nude), and the location of Portland on the main 1-5 corridor, all create a magnet for sex trafficking.
- » Local law enforcement estimates approximately 150-200 under-aged girls may be trafficked at any given time in the Portland area. Numbers are much higher when including adults and victims who have not been identified.
- » Portland has a large population of homeless youth. Teen runaways become high risk of being lured into trafficking as means of surviving on the streets.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN THE PACIFIC NW

- » Over the last 5 years, local law enforcement has seen a steady decrease of known or suspected trafficked victims in the Portland area. This is a result of the great work of the anti-trafficking task force, changes in laws, and heavier sanctions for buyers.
- » Number of human trafficking victims: There is no way to track unidentified victims, therefore, the number of trafficked victims in the Northwest is unknown.
- » According to a 2013 PSU study, the average age of sexually exploited being trafficked in Portland was 15.5 yrs old.

CONTRIBUTING FACTORS

- » **Greed:** Traffickers can easily make \$1,000 a day per girl and are usually trafficking several at a time, resulting in an extremely profitable “business.” It’s estimated that pimps make several hundred thousand dollars per year.
- » **Vulnerability:**
 - » Over 80% percent of sexually exploited children have a history of being sexually abused.
 - » Many runaways or missing children end up being lured into sex-trafficking within 72 hours of being reported missing.
 - » A large percent of trafficked victims have been through the foster care system.
 - » The internet and social media make children vulnerable to predators.
 - » Every child is at risk. Education and prevention measures can help avoid a victim from being lured into a trafficking situation.
- » **Culture:** Acceptance of pornography, the sex industry, the sexist fashion & beauty industry, and the way capitalism makes women’s bodies a commodity and a method of selling products.

WHERE DOES SEX TRAFFICKING TAKE PLACE?

- » Sex trafficking happens in venues including massage businesses, escort services, residential brothels, in public on city streets or cars, at truck stops, strip clubs, hostess clubs, hotels and motels, private homes, and elsewhere.
- » Anywhere there is a demand.
- » In every community.

HOW ARE VICTIMS RECRUITED?

- » Pimps and recruiters hang around schools, malls, bus stops, the Max, coffee shops, parties and other places teens frequent.
- » Traffickers use traps to lure girls into “the life.” The most common tactic is to befriend her, give her compliments and attention, date her for a period of time and eventually exploit her. It’s entrapment by deception.
- » Kids seeking love and affection, or with other unfulfilled emotional needs are the most vulnerable to pimps and the promises of the “better life” they offer, but ALL kids are at risk.
- » Girls trapped in sex-trafficking are often used to recruit other teens.
- » Kids are recruited online.
- » “Gorilla” pimp tactics are used to quickly coerce girls into sex trafficking by intimidation, threats, drugs, gang rape, torture and other violent methods.
- » Pimps tattoo or “brand” girls to become the “property” of the trafficker.

COMMON MYTHS

MYTH: Portland is the worst in the nation for sex-trafficking.

TRUTH: Portland does not have the highest rate of sex-trafficking in the United States. Recent reports indicated Portland was not even listed in the top ten cities.

MYTH: Teenage girls are “prostitutes.”

TRUTH: Sexually exploited youth are *victims*, not prostitutes or criminals.

- » All minors engaging in commercial sex are considered victims of sex-trafficking according to federal and state laws.
- » Victims of commercial sexual exploitation are seduced, coerced, tricked or forced into prostitution.
- » Pimps seek out youths’ vulnerabilities and exploit their hope for love, desire for security/protection, and need to obtain basic needs (i.e. food, shelter, and clothing).
- » Children don’t have the mental capacity to make adult decisions because their brains are not fully developed until age 25.

MYTH: The average age a youth is first exploited or trafficked is 12-14 years old.

TRUTH: This is a widely used statistic by many official government agencies and anti-trafficking organizations and has no sound research and is therefore unreliable. While we do know girls younger and older than that age range are being recruited and exploited, the truth is, no one knows what the “average” age is.

MYTH: Statistics are accurate.

TRUTH: There are a lot of facts and statistics about sex trafficking. Because the nature of this dark industry is not only subversive, but constantly changing, such numbers are difficult to confirm and become outdated quickly. Because children do not self-identify, numbers only reflect those who have been identified as exploited or trafficked. No one really knows the true numbers, but we do know that there are more girls being trafficked than people to rescue them.

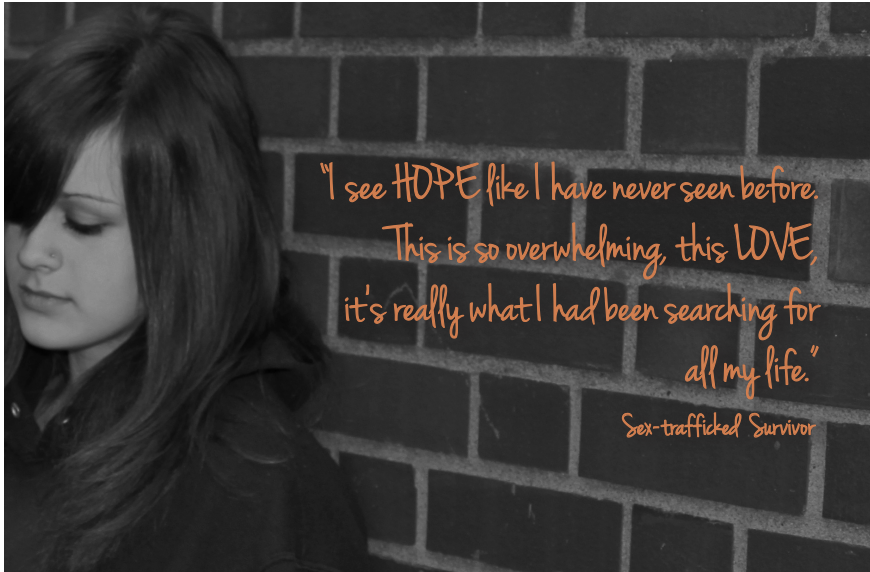
COMMON MYTHS

MYTH: Human trafficking is a crime and therefore it's the Justice system's problem.

TRUTH: It's everyone's problem. These are God's children and He loves and cares for each one so we have a biblical obligation to care for the poor, vulnerable, and oppressed. This is our next generation.

MYTH: There is nothing "I" can do.

TRUTH: Everyone can pray. Everyone can spread awareness. Everyone has something to offer--God will use every gift, time, and talent as a fragrant offering to accomplish His will to rescue the oppressed and vulnerable from the grasp of evil. Everyone must "Do Something" if we are going to END human trafficking.



BIBLICAL MANDATE FOR INVOLVEMENT

There are at least four biblical concepts directing the church to involve themselves in efforts to stop human trafficking.

1. The sovereignty of God, the will of God and justice in Scripture. We already know that God has the sovereignty and power to do whatever He wishes. He is not limited in his ability or authority to end human trafficking immediately. We do struggle, however, with whether or not God will. We know He can but question his will. To know whether or not God will, we can ask the Scripture, "Is sexual exploitation God's will?" Is it God's will that a 45-year old man rape a 14 year old girl in a sleazy motel? Let's look at scripture. One reoccurring theme in the Scripture is the indignation of God for injustice to orphans. He cares about their welfare and expects us to care for them as well (Deut. 10:18, 24:17, 27:19; Isa. 1:17; Jer. 5:28; Mal. 3:5; James 1:27.) It is the will of God that we protect widows, orphans, and children, not abuse them. Therefore we can assume that God will bring deliverance from sex-trafficking and is waiting for people to do their part in stopping it.
2. The mission of Jesus. Jesus read his mission statement from Isaiah, chapter 61:1 (ESV): *"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound."* Jesus's clear mission was to preach the good news, bind up the brokenhearted, liberate the captive and release those who are bound. His redemption on earth was to bring people out of slavery and sexual sin and to release those who are trapped in it. The church is to take that mission and carry it to the ends of the earth.

BIBLICAL MANDATE FOR INVOLVEMENT

3. The commission of the church. The church is God's plan for bringing all nations to an understanding and practice of Jesus' commandments, as said in Matthew 28:18-20 (ESV): *And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."* It is the church's role to carry out Jesus's mission to set captives free and proclaim good news to the poor. This is accomplished through prevention, awareness and aftercare.
4. The empowerment from God through the filling of the Spirit of God. God has given his Spirit to empower every believer to fulfill the mission of the church (Acts 1:7-8, 2:4, 2 Cor. 10:3-5; Eph. 6-10). We believe that it is God's desire to end trafficking through the work of the church empowered by the Spirit of God and acting in faith.

"Thanks for understanding and listening to me yesterday, it really cheered me up knowing you care and you reminded me I have worth."



COLLABORATION AND WHY IT'S ESSENTIAL

- » Civic and church collaboration:
 - » Portland's anti-trafficking task force is a very dedicated and successful team but one entity cannot solve the issue of human trafficking.
 - » Portland civic leaders, law enforcement, Department of Human Services, Sexual Assault Resource Center, and other advocates have invited the Church to partner with them to support and engage in anti-trafficking efforts.
- » There are numerous organizations in the Northwest committed to anti-trafficking efforts, creating a need to work together. (See list of Northwest organizations)
- » Current cooperatives:
 - » FREE PDX: A common anti-trafficking vision for the church led by key pastors in Portland - www.freePDX.org.
 - » Bridging the Gap: An intranet based network for the church and non-profit organizations to collaboratively support and supply resources for sexually exploited victims. Ministries and organizations with a 501c3 status can check it out at www.btgpx.com.

ENGAGING THE CHURCH

Church members are eager to serve and Christ is honored when we serve as One. Human trafficking is a reality in every community and exists as a result of much that is broken in our society – our families, our culture, our systems, and our laws. We have the power of Christ to significantly impact those affected by human trafficking and the potential to end it by educating the body of Christ and providing a platform with opportunities to get involved. Here's how you can make a difference:

PREVENTION:

Start a prayer ministry

1. Identify and assign a leader.
2. Connect with prayer partners in the anti-trafficking movement.
3. Gather regularly – at least once a month.

Educate your church

1. Educate youth pastors and group leaders to know the signs of a youth at risk or possibly being trafficked.
2. Educate your youth—the target of traffickers.
 - a. Host a human trafficking awareness event such as a movie night or play.
 - b. Incorporate human trafficking education in existing youth Bible studies.
 - c. Invite a speaker, officer or anti-trafficking presentation team to speak.

Mentor, foster or adopt. Encourage members to join a mentoring program to positively impact youth in your community and volunteer with organizations that serve impoverished, at-risk, homeless and runaway youth.



Outreach: Reach out to vulnerable populations in your community:

1. Provide a safe place for kids to come after school.
2. Offer an open gym for sports, ping pong table, or other fun activities.
3. Offer a tutoring program.
4. Open your coffee shop or other designated area for students to hang out.
5. Offer classes such as ESL for minority groups to lessen their vulnerability factor.
6. Host a human trafficking awareness event or class.
7. Pass out materials at community events hosted by Neighborhood Associations or other Community Development Centers, churches, or other non-profits.

Resource Materials: Make educational and reporting information readily available to your congregation:

1. Posters or fliers on bulletin boards, website, weekly bulletin, newsletter.
2. Post information in bathrooms.
3. Wallet-sized HT information cards for your church members to carry.
4. Put HT awareness brochures in foyer, office and information desk.

Address Demand and what fuels it:

1. Offer programs that strengthen families in crisis in your church and in your community.
2. Promote healthy fatherhood, integrity and accountability programs.
3. Provide forums for discussions of healthy sexuality and relationships with your congregation.
4. Recognize how our culture sexualizes and commodifies women's bodies and explore ways to advocate for a culture that values - not degrades - human life.
5. Understand the relationship between pornography and human trafficking.

6. Offer counseling for those who may be addicted to or affected by pornography.
7. Start a Men's purity group.
8. Encourage and challenge men to be protectors and defenders of women and children.

Collaboration:

Build relationships with your local law enforcement to understand what goes on in your community and how you can support their efforts.

1. Research and build relationships with those already serving in civic and non-profit anti-trafficking efforts.
2. Attend anti-trafficking meetings and events.
3. Engage your church, co-workers, neighbors, etc.
4. Encourage other pastors and churches to unite in anti-trafficking efforts.

AWARENESS:

1. Host a movie night.
2. Host an awareness event.
3. Host or support an event such as a concert, dinner, walk, etc.
4. Utilize social media to spread awareness and volunteer opportunities.
5. Teach from the pulpit and in growth groups:
 - a. The reality of human trafficking.
 - b. Sexual addiction and pornography--it's affect on relationships and connection to prostitution and sex trafficking.
 - c. What healthy relationships look like.
 - d. God's love for the oppressed, poor and destitute and His plan is for us to reach them.



ADVOCACY:

1. Become educated about the laws in your state and support the efforts of your government representatives concerning this issue – at your local, state and federal levels.
2. Attend rallies and hearings at the state capitol and other forums.
3. Sign petitions and support other campaign drives for changes in HT laws to close loop holes.
4. Write your state representatives.
5. Attend city and county budget meetings to support funding services for those affected by sex-trafficking.
6. Use & support social media to spread the word & promote legislation.
7. Provide written materials about the current laws regarding human-trafficking, strip clubs, and prosecution of pimps and buyers.
8. Support legislation and ballot measures that advocate for better laws, sanctions on buyers and services for victims.
9. Speak out against websites like backpage.com that allow advertising of under-aged girls to be trafficked. Boycott the advertisers of Village Voice Media (the owner of backpage.com) and other websites until it can ensure that girls aren't being trafficked on their sites.

RESCUE/OUTREACH:

1. Build relationships with local law enforcement.
2. Offer your church as a “rest stop” for law enforcement who are on the front lines of rescue.
3. Mobilize professionals within your congregation who are equipped to offer critical post-rescue and clinical services such as medical, dental, translation, legal, counseling and transportation.
4. Support the anti-trafficking task forces with donations of gift cards or resources.
5. Volunteer with SARC (Sexual Assault Resource Center) who accompany and assist law enforcement with rescues.

AFTERCARE:

1. Become a trained mentor to work with those who have been sexually exploited or working in the sex industry.
2. Host a Church Resource Drive.
3. Volunteer with organizations providing aftercare.
4. Offer a sex-abuse healing group at your church.
5. Donate gift cards, clothing, and hygiene products to organizations providing services to survivors.
6. Sponsor activities or field trips for organizations who work to restore the broken lives of sex trafficked victims.
7. Donate encouraging books and other healing materials.
8. Make care packages or gift baskets for victims exiting the hospital or in safe houses or shelters.
9. Financially support responsible organizations.

SHELTER:

1. Become a DHS certified foster care home for sexually exploited youth who need temporary or emergency shelter. (See Door to Grace under Organizations section)
2. Collaborate and volunteer with local shelters or safe houses.
3. Collect and donate resources to shelters.



ENGAGING MEN

Men are part of the solution:

1. Pray for the victims, DHS, the police, those on the frontlines of outreach, caregivers, and for God to change the hearts of the “johns” and traffickers.
2. Make a personal pledge today to honor, protect, care for and defend young girls. Become a model to your family, church, workplace and community of how men should treat and respect women as God’s gift.
3. Speak up to your coworkers and educate them about the need to protect young girls, daughters of friends and girls who have no family or positive role models.
4. Mentor your son or guys you coach in the ways true men should respect and treat girls and women. This includes addressing casual comments, jokes, actions, magazines, online pornography, topless bars, etc. and how these things are negatively affecting the lives of boys, men and women alike.
5. Get help: If you are having trouble in your own life in these areas, please seek help so you can be healed and become one of God’s agents for change in this work. See the resource section for a list of organizations.

NORTHWEST ORGANIZATIONS

The following organizations are doing great work in the Pacific Northwest and are committed to collaborating with the Church on anti-trafficking efforts to make a difference in our communities. We encourage you to build relationships with these organizations and see how you could support or serve in their efforts.

ABOLITION NOW

Abolition Now, under the supervision and board of directors of Compassion Connect, Inc., unites churches and collaborates with governmental and non-profit organizations to aid in the fight against sex-trafficking through advocacy, awareness, prevention and restoration. Vision: We see communities where people are SAFE from sexual exploitation and experiencing ABUNDANT life in Jesus through the UNIFIED service of the Church.

Get Involved:

- » Prayer: Join the Abolition Now prayer team to pray for our team, those working on the front lines of rescue and restoration, and for healing of victims affected by sex-trafficking.
- » Communications: Table at an event, write a story, participate in project or grant writing, research organizations for our database, or help with social media.
- » Hands of Hope Mentoring: The Hands of Hope Mentoring program provides support and hope for at-risk youth and sexually exploited women, guiding them towards an abundant life in Jesus.
- » Attend the mentor training to become a mentor.
- » Hands of Hope Resource Team: Organize a Resource Drive at your church, business or in your community. Volunteer to collect, wash, sort or deliver clothes and hygiene products or stock one of our resource closets.
- » Administrative and special projects.

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ADORNED IN GRACE

Adorned in Grace, under the supervision and board of directors of Compassion Connect Inc., raises awareness, prevention and support for victims of human trafficking and at-risk teens.

The Bridal and Formalwear Shop is a nonprofit retail shop in SW Portland. The retail space is donated and the shop workers are volunteers. Proceeds from shop sales fund all other Abolition Now and Adorned in Grace Ministries.

Adorned in Grace Design Studio is an outreach to teens in SE Portland. Our mission is to link arms and fabric with others who desire to provide a safe place for girls to express themselves by showing Christ's unconditional love and inspire these young ladies to become advocates on behalf of their at-risk sisters and friends for the prevention of sexual exploitation and trafficking.

Adorned in Grace Dress for Freedom is an annual Spring event for teenage girls living in foster care homes. It's a day of pampering and serves as an outreach to connect with girls at perhaps the most vulnerable time of their lives. We show them how deeply loved and valuable they are--created in the image of God. Sexual exploitation awareness is taught through personal testimonies.

ADORNED IN GRACE

Get Involved:

- » Donate wedding gowns, formal wear, jewelry, wedding supplies and décor to the Adorned in Grace Bridal and Formal Wear Shop.
- » Volunteer as a sales associate, facilities caregiver, or promotional representative at the shop or fashion shows.
- » Provide transportation to/from the Design Studio.
- » Make snacks for the weekly events at the Design studio.
- » Volunteer as a mentor at the Design Studio.
- » Teach design, sewing, or craft skills at the Design Studio.
- » Teach a life skill class such as parenting, cooking, budgeting, etc...
- » Volunteer at the annual Spring Dress for Freedom event.
- » Donate formal dresses or shoes for the Dress for Freedom event.
- » Donate gifts and supplies for the Dress for Freedom event.
- » Provide professional services as a hair dresser, make-up artist, nail tech, photographer, caterer or other services.

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COMPASSION FIRST

COMPASSION FIRST is dedicated to serving adult survivors of sex trafficking in Oregon. In collaboration with the Portland Police Bureau, we have developed the first three phases of local engagement:

PHASE ONE: Our first phase of engagement involves the formation of Compassion First Survivor Resource Teams. Teams are volunteer driven and provide immediate assistance and resources for sexually exploited victims through partnership with local agencies and law enforcement direct service providers.

PHASE TWO: Our second phase of engagement involves the screening and networking of U.S. Care Facilities for the purpose of creating a Care Directory. The directory will serve our existing and active Compassion First Survivor Referral Program, which case-manages the placement of survivors in care facilities across the U.S.

FUTURE PHASES: These may include funded referral, pre-intake, stabilization support, and long-term recovery services.

Get Involved:

- » Pray.
- » Become a mentor.
- » Coordinate a resource drive for food, clothing, toiletries & gift cards.
- » Join our data research team.
- » Coordinate awareness and fundraising activities.

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DEFENDERS

The Defenders USA is a coalition of men across the United States who fight the commercial sex industry. We're guys who take a pledge and take action. We educate, equip, and empower other men to fight against the sex industry and protect their families. As Defenders, we believe that pornography, prostitution, escort services, and strip clubs all contribute to the commercial sex industry. This market produces over 100,000 exploited victims a year - the majority of which are women and children.

Our goal is to mobilize 100,000 men to stand as Defenders, and commit their hearts, minds and resources to defend exploited women and children.

Get Involved:

- » Take the Defenders pledge and encourage 5 friends to join you.
- » Host an awareness event in your community.
- » Start a Defenders Men's Group in your area.

Contact Information:

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DOOR TO GRACE

Door to Grace ensures that sexually exploited youth find necessary, vital resources to sustain their progression from surviving to thriving. These resources will be interwoven with our commitment to demonstrate Christ's love and redemptive healing in our actions. Our mission is to bring freedom and family to Portland's sexually trafficked children. As part of this mission, Door to Grace:

Certifies host homes for minor victims of sex-trafficking, provides support services including medical, educational, recreational, relational and faith development through host homes and the REACH (Restore, Educate, Activity, Community, Home) daytime program, trains and equips churches and communities to provide safe, healthy relationships and long term support to sex-trafficked survivors, and collaborates with local service agencies who are also working with these youth.

Get Involved:

- » Homes: become a host home, either short term or long term, to minor girls who have been trafficked.
- » Volunteer to help with the REACH daytime program.
- » Administrative: Provide administrative support.
- » Donate funds, food, snacks or supplies for the day home.

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EMBRACE

Embrace Oregon seeks to connect caring people with vulnerable children through partnership with Department of Human Services Child Welfare for the thriving of our communities. As the faith community, we desire to be the ones who can offer Differential Response and wrap around these vulnerable families and children in our community and walk alongside to provide support before children are taken into DHS custody, recognizing that being removed from your home and placed in foster care is often very traumatic for children.

Get Involved:

- » Make Welcome Boxes for children entering foster care.
- » Help spruce up your local child welfare office where vulnerable children in state custody spend time.
- » Provide encouragement to local DHS Child Welfare staff.
- » Invite the Heart Gallery to come and put photographs (of legally free adoptable children lingering in foster care) in your church lobby to raise awareness that children in our community are waiting for families.
- » Host orientation meetings. Foster parents from your church along with local DHS contacts can host an information session about becoming a foster parent.
- » Host a movie night about foster care followed by a panel of those who were foster children themselves.
- » Offer space within your faith community for kids in foster care to get more time with their siblings or birth parents.
- » Offer space for hosting Foundations Training for prospective foster parents.
- » Start a Foster Parents' Night Out (Once a month churches and volunteers partner with DHS Child Welfare to provide a night of respite for foster parents while kids have a safe and fun experience). Please visit www.fpno.org for more details.



EMBRACE

- » Provide opportunities for people within your congregation to understand God's heart for vulnerable children and the theology of foster care as a ministry.
- » Create Hygiene Kits: Hygiene kits are given out by DHS to vulnerable families in your county.
- » Create Apartment Starter Kits: Children in the foster care system "age out" of the system regularly without the support of family that so many of us count on. Apartment Starter Kits are an encouragement to kids that someone is thinking about them in this time of transition.

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EPIK

The EPIK Project is a mobilization strategy designed to engage men in the fight to end the demand for prostituted children in America by calling men to commit to champion the front-line work of victim restoration and to understand the cultural, economic, political, and spiritual causes that fuel a society that makes victims out of children. The EPIK Project provides education, training, and engagement opportunities aimed specifically at helping men learn how to leverage their influence to change the culture. Their mission is to engage 100,000 men and end the demand for prostituted kids in America by 2020.

Get Involved:

- » Join EPIK and help educate, equip, and engage.
- » Join a Demand Disruption event directly confronting sex buyers at the point of sale.

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Website: www.epikproject.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/pages/The-EPIK-Project/175299539165106

FREEWAY 418

FreeWay418 is part of International Teams. Our purpose is to help end slavery in the greater Portland area and beyond. In our efforts to fight child sex trafficking, our work is raising awareness AND working toward prevention. We've come to realize that so many of the underlying causes of sex trafficking are issues of broken community, broken families, and broken individuals (the same fundamental issues addressed in community transformation). We have the goal of seeing every student and every community member educated about child sex trafficking and then encouraged and equipped to do something to help end it. We teach prevention education in schools, churches and civic clubs, and assist and partner with other organizations in the work of restoration for survivors of sex trafficking. Our primary focus is in the Rockwood area.

Get Involved:

- » Volunteer to help our FreeWay418 team plan events in conjunction with the Rockwood Community Development Corporation.
- » Become a volunteer donation coordinator for our team.
- » Volunteer on an as-needed basis to help with IT needs and software updates.
- » Volunteer to help with website and communication updates.

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LIFEWORKS NORTHWEST NEW OPTIONS FOR WOMEN

Lifeworks Northwest's New Options for Women (NOW) program is funded by federal grant funds to help decrease the street prostitution on 82nd Ave. in Portland. The NOW program provides services to women and girls who have been commercially sexually exploited. Lifeworks NW supports people who are working towards a better life through recognized, culturally responsive prevention, mental health and addiction services.

Get Involved:

- » Donations of all kinds are needed to provide care for these women and girls, including hygiene supplies, clothing, flip flops, and other basic needs.

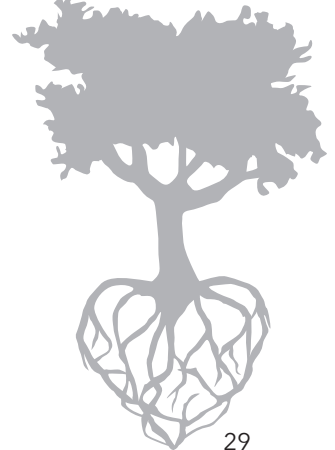
Contact information:

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Phone: 503-761-5272 ext. 6935

Website: www.lifeworksnw.org



MENDING THE SOUL

Mending the Soul Ministries, Inc. (MTS) is dedicated to equipping and providing resources to the community and church leaders so there can be an informed and compassionate response to those impacted by abuse. MTS resources are psychologically informed, culturally relevant, and theologically precise – integrating scientific and social science research with biblical and theological truth.

Get Involved:

- » Access the resources and trainings provided by MTS to support and advocate for survivors of abuse.
- » Complete training to become a Mending the Soul group facilitator.
- » Volunteer to help with the 1st annual fundraising event in May.
- » Writing, editing, graphic design, Spanish and other translators.
- » Spanish trainers.
- » Princess Lost/Princess Found trained mentors.
- » Administrative assistance.

Contact information:

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Website: www.mendingthesoul.org

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Twitter: @MendingTheSoul

Instagram: www.instagram.com/mending.the.soul

RAHAB'S SISTERS

Rahab's Sisters' mission is to offer radical hospitality to vulnerable and exploited women in the Portland metro area, especially those who are impacted by the sex industry, substance abuse, domestic violence, and homelessness. Our sisters are welcomed without judgment, just as they are, no strings attached, no questions asked. Our mission is to respond to our sisters in a servant spirit and to improve their lives even if it is for just a few hours on Friday evenings.

Get Involved:

- » Prayer – join us in praying for the women we serve.
- » Donate funds to cover the costs of security, food and hygiene supplies.
- » Provide a monthly or quarterly high-protein hot meal.
- » Donate items such as laundry soap, toilet tissue, feminine products, toothbrushes, toothpaste, new underwear, warm clothing.
- » Volunteer your time to serve on a Friday evening.

Contact information:

Address: Rahab's Sisters, P.O. Box 90234, Portland, OR 97290

Email: rahabs.sisters@gmail.com

Website: www.rahabs-sisters.org

SEXUAL ASSAULT RESOURCE CENTER

The mission of **SARC (Sexual Assault Resource Center)** is to provide immediate response and support to sexually assaulted survivors and empower them to heal and regain control of their lives, minimize the aftermath by providing advocacy, information, and referrals to the survivors and their families. We also educate and create awareness surrounding sexual assault to members of the community.

Get Involved:

- » Support Line Advocate
- » Community Outreach and Tabling
- » Education Program Volunteer
- » Case Management
- » Office Support and Small Projects
- » Spanish and other translators
- » Employment opportunities

Contact information:

Address: SARC, 4900 SW Griffith Drive, Suite 100, Beaverton, Oregon 97005 or 1302 SE Ankeny Street, Portland, OR 97214

Phone: 503-626-9100

Email for Volunteering: volunteer@sarcoregon.org

Email for Employment: rachell@sarcoregon.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/pages/SARC-Oregon/110779348965328

SHARED HOPE INTERNATIONAL

Shared Hope International strives to prevent the conditions that foster sex trafficking, restore victims of sex slavery and bring justice to vulnerable women and children. We envision a world passionately opposed to sex trafficking and a committed community restoring survivors to lives of purpose, value, and choice. We advance the prioritization of ending child sex slavery by initiating campaigns that raise alarm in communities. We equip first responders and community members to identify warning signs of trafficking and employ intervention techniques to rescue child trafficking victims. We share our expertise and resources to accelerate solutions to combat sexual exploitation. We support safe homes, medical care, education, vocational training, therapy, and outreach and intervention services for survivors.

Get Involved:

- » Become an Ambassador of Hope to educate and equip your community to end sex trafficking.
- » Contact your Representative and encourage them to continue to combat domestic minor sex trafficking.
- » Host an awareness event about sex trafficking.
- » Volunteer at the Vancouver office to help with mailings, data entry, phone calls, general office support, and special events.
- » Find a rewarding career where you can apply your skills and experience to an issue you're passionate about.
- » Hope Fellowships - Fellowships are designed for law students, graduate students and professionals seeking to commit three months to a year to advance the protection of women and children through research-intensive projects.
- » Women's Investment Network Internships - This nine-month training program is available to women who have overcome difficult life experiences and are seeking to develop skills and gain practical job experience.

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- » Internships - Internships allow students or recent graduates to apply their knowledge and skills in a professional, non-profit environment to make a difference and expand their understanding of sex trafficking, sex tourism, grassroots activism and policy change.

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Twitter: @sharedhope

Vimeo: www.vimeo.com/sharedhope

YOUTH ENDING SLAVERY

Youth Ending Slavery (YES) is a Portland-based nonprofit led by students. Our mission is to combat modern-day slavery by raising awareness about its prevalence in our world and empowering youth to be advocates for change. We do this through speaking engagements, facilitating YES Chapters, fundraising events and monthly newsletters. We believe that educating youth about the existence of slavery is especially crucial, due to the fact that the rising generation has both the opportunity and the responsibility to create a world where unjust practices in the name of profit are not tolerated.

Get Involved:

- » Start a YES chapter at your high school or college with like-minded students. Chapters operate as individual bodies of Youth Ending Slavery under the leadership of the Board of Directors. Visit our website for the official application.
- » Support and attend the YES Annual Walk to End Slavery event.

Contact Information:

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1615 SW 5th Ave, Portland, OR 97201

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Website: www.youthendingslavery.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/endtraffickingtoday

EXAMPLES OF GOD USING EVERY GIFT



BEFORE



AFTER

A local church high school Bible study group volunteers their time to hand build a much-needed resource closet for Lifeworks NOW program who serves sex-trafficked victims.



Church Resource Drives provide Resource bags for the Portland Police Bureau human trafficking task force.

FOR THOSE WHO STRUGGLE WITH SEX-RELATED ISSUES:

- » **Pure Life Alliance** is an intra-church ministry linking resources between and within churches to work together for purity. We seek to assist men and women in their pursuit of healthy sexuality. We want to restore marriages and to deepen their relationship with Christ. Many churches partner with us, providing meeting space, hosting seminars, and offering financial and other resources. Pure Life Alliance facilitates the networking of churches, For Men Only and Hidden Hurt support groups, counselors, and other special services in the area of purity. Together, this network works more effectively to bring healing and restoration to families and individuals impacted by sexual brokenness.

Contact information:

Address: 8105 SW Nimbus Ave, Beaverton, OR 97008

Email: info@purelifealliance.org

Website: www.purelifealliance.org

- » **Celebrate Recovery**, a Christ-Centered Recovery program. Ask your local church or visit www.celebraterecovery.com for host churches.
- » **Pure Desire Ministries** www.puredesire.org
- » **Behavioral Healthcare NW**, PC Professional Christian Counselors www.bhnamc.com • 503-252-9690
- » **Sundstrom Clinical Services**, LLC; Professional Christian Counselors www.sundstromclinic.com • 503-653-0631
- » **Alan Wheatley Counseling**, Certified Sexual Addiction Therapist www.awheatleycounseling.com • 971-231-4611

DOCUMENTARIES AND DVDS:

In Plain Sight: Stories of Hope and Freedom' journeys to six US cities to open the viewer's eyes to crimes occurring 'in plain sight.' Through engaging interviews with survivors, the documentary brings to light the force, fraud, and coercion used against women and children victims. Despite the darkness, stories of hope and freedom emerge as each survivor shares how she was impacted through the work of an aftercare home. www.inplainsightfilm.com/#sthash.ULxYi8H.dpbs

Waiting for the Light exposes the scope and impact of sex trafficking and the commercial sexual exploitation of children in Portland, Oregon. Available to watch online at www.vimeo.com/84125940.

CHOSEN tells the true stories of two 'All-American' teenage girls who were tricked by traffickers. Brianna, 18, was a star student, cheerleader and waitress. Lacy, 13, enjoyed church and volunteering in her community. Both were skillfully targeted by traffickers and manipulated into the dangerous commercial sex market. www.sharedhope.org

CHOSEN - Gang Edition: Lured by promises of love and protection Maria was recruited by a gang at 12 years old. For five years, she was forced to sacrifice her body to Mexican drug runs, prostitution, and violence. Trapped in a world she never expected, she was forced to make the ultimate decision: surrender her life to the gang or risk escape? www.sharedhope.org

Not For Sale...the Documentary and Not For Sale II: Join the Fight This film is based on the book of the same name and covers the modern-day abolitionist movement. The film both exposes the terrors of human trafficking and inspires hope through the stories and work of contemporary activists. To see a clip and buy the DVD, go to notforsalefilm.com.

DOCUMENTARIES AND DVDS:

A Dance for Bethany: This award winning fictional movie was an Official Selection at the International Christian Film Festival. The film is about a 12-year-old girl who runs away from home to fulfill her dream of becoming a dancer only to be lured into the world of sex trafficking. After enduring six years of exploitation, her prayers are answered when she has a chance meeting with a local youth pastor who invites her to his church. Through the help of others, Bethany gains the courage to change her life and pursue her long lost dream. Visit the official website at Adanceforbethany.com.

Nefarious: Merchant of Souls is a hard-hitting documentary that exposes the disturbing trends of modern day sex slavery. From the first scene, Nefarious gives an in-depth look at the human trafficking industry, showing where slaves are sold (often in developed, affluent countries), where they work, and where they are confined. With footage shot in over nineteen different countries, Nefarious exposes the nightmare of sex slavery as experienced by hundreds of thousands daily, through the eyes of both the enslaved and their traffickers. Nefarious features expert analysis from international humanitarian leaders, and captures the gripping and triumphant testimonies of survivors in order to galvanize hope and vision. Visit nefariousdocumentary.com for more information.

Very Young Girls - documentary based on the work of the GEMS program. Available on Netflix.

Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide is a four-hour television series for PBS and international broadcast, shot in 10 countries. 2012. Nicholas Kristof, Somaly Mam, America Ferrera, Diane Lane, Eva Mendes, Meg Ryan, Gabrielle Union and Olivia Wilde.

BOOKS:

In Our Backyard: A Christian Perspective on Human Trafficking in the United States - Nita Belles, 2011.

God in a Brothel: An Undercover Journey into Sex trafficking and Rescue - Daniel Walker, 2011.

Renting Lacy: A Story of America's Prostituted Children - Linda Smith, 2009.

Not for Sale: The Return of the Global Slave Trade—and How We Can Fight It - David Batstone, 2010.

Girls Like Us: Fighting for a World Where Girls are Not for Sale, an Activist Finds Her Calling and Heals Herself - Rachel Lloyd, 2011.

Somebody's Daughter: The Hidden Story of America's Prostituted Children and the Battle to Save Them - Julian Sher, 2011.

The Berlin Turnpike: A True Story of Human Trafficking in America - Raymond Bechard, Andrea Barton and David Moretti, 2011.

Runaway Girl: Escaping Life on the Streets, One Helping Hand at a Time - Carissa Phelps with Larkin Warren, 2012.

Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide - Nicholas Kristof and Cheryl WuDunn, 2010.

Killing Us Softly 4: Advertising's Image of Women

Breaking down a staggering range of more than 160 print and television ads, Jean Kilbourne uncovers a steady stream of sexist and misogynistic images and messages, laying bare a world of frighteningly thin women in positions of passivity, and a restrictive code of femininity that works to devalue girls and women in the real world. Both provocative and inspiring, *Killing Us Softly 4* stands to challenge yet another generation... to take advertising seriously, and to think critically about its relationship to gender violence and exploitation, sexism, eating disorders, and contemporary politics.

SPEAKERS:

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND CONSULTING MICHAEL GEIGER

Mike Geiger has over two decades of experience working with criminal justice, governmental, private sector and faith based groups to identify and correct organizational and structural deficits that limit growth and success. With over 20 years as a Portland Police officer—the last 13 years in Sex Crimes, Homicide and Human Trafficking, Mike is a recognized leader in the field of anti-trafficking collaboration efforts in the U.S. and worldwide. He is also a speaker of numerous conferences and events.

In 2008, as supervisor of the Sex Crimes and Human Trafficking Division, Sergeant Mike Geiger (now retired), initiated a significant change within the Portland Police Bureau by shifting the investigations of Human Trafficking from the Drug Unit to the Detective Division's Sex Crimes Unit. This strategy was part of an overall effort to redefine the way the Portland Police respond to some of the most vulnerable in our society. The move was built on strong relationships and one guiding principle: the restoration of victims without causing them further harm. Organizations, that were historically at odds with each other, were successfully brought together to work collaboratively on anti-trafficking efforts. Excellent relationships with faith based groups were built to help them navigate the difficult waters of government, private sector and Faith based organizations. This also guided and restructured organizations that needed course correction and a new development plan.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OFFERED:

- » Provides comprehensive organizational and community assessments, personalized training, mentoring, leadership development, management consulting to develop messaging strategies, and broad based networking based on the organization's strengths.



PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OFFERED (continued):

- » Training of law enforcement, medical professionals, governmental and non-profit organizations.
- » Develop employee training modules for Best-Practices.
- » Consulting with a strategic and proven objective-driven model.
- » Speaking engagements on the topic of human trafficking and its effect on victims and communities.
- » Advise churches and faith based organizations how to navigate public and private sector relationships.
- » Assist churches or ministries to identify and achieve goals and best practice models in anti-trafficking efforts for volunteers and professionals working in the field.

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RECOGNIZING THE SIGNS

Are you or someone you know being trafficked? Knowing the signs and red flags of human trafficking is key to identifying victims and helping them find the assistance they need. Here are some signs that may indicate a trafficking situation.

Teenage Signs

- » Missing or skipping classes regularly. Teens are often trafficked during school hours and return to school after “working.”
- » Makes up stories about where she is, who she is with, or what she has been doing.
- » Says things like “I’m stuck in something and I don’t know how to get out of it.”
- » Has an older boyfriend or talks about “Dates.”
- » Has a large amount of money at various times.
- » Begins drinking or smoking.
- » Talks about being paid for “services” or “sex acts.”
- » Suddenly has new clothes, jewelry, or accessories without the means to pay for them.

Common Work and Living Conditions

- » Is not free to leave or come and go as he/she wishes.
- » Is under 18 and is providing commercial sex acts.
- » Is in the commercial sex industry and has a pimp or “manager.”
- » Is unpaid or paid very little.
- » Works excessively long and/or unusual hours.
- » Owes a large debt and is unable to pay it off.
- » Was recruited through false promises concerning the nature and conditions of his/her work.
- » High security measures exist in the work and/or living locations (e.g. opaque windows, boarded up windows, bars on windows, barbed wire, security cameras, etc.).

Poor Mental Health or Abnormal Behavior

- » Is fearful, anxious, depressed, submissive, tense, nervous/paranoid.
- » Exhibits unusually fearful or anxious behavior with law enforcement.
- » Avoids eye contact.
- » Sudden change in normal behavior or habits.
- » Easily frightened or afraid to do normal tasks.

Poor Physical Health

- » Lacks basic health care and/or hygiene.
- » Appears malnourished.
- » Shows signs of physical and/or sexual abuse, physical restraint, confinement, or torture.
- » Visible bruising, burn marks, scars, or other unusual physical abrasions.
- » Tattoos that appear to be “branding” marks indicating they are “owned” by someone. Examples are: bar codes, \$ signs, words such as “belongs to,” “property of,” or a man’s name.

Lack of Control

- » Has few or no personal possessions.
- » Is not in control of his/her own money, no financial records, or bank account.
- » Is not in control of his/her own identification documents (ID or passport).
- » Is not allowed or able to speak for themselves (a third party may insist on being present and/or translating).

Other

- » Inability to clarify where he/she is staying.
- » Lack of knowledge of whereabouts or does not know what city he/she is in.
- » Loss of sense of time, holidays, etc.
- » Has numerous inconsistencies in his/her story.



REPORTING

Where do I report a victim or suspected trafficking?

Emergency, Immediate Danger: CALL 911

Non-Emergency - Portland Police: 503-823-3333

Sexual Assault Resource Center: 503-640-5311

Child Abuse Hotlines:

Clackamas County: 971-673-7112

Multnomah County: 503-731-3100

Washington County: 800-275-8952

Yamhill County: 800-822-3903

Oregon Human Trafficking Hotline: 503-251-2479

National Human Trafficking Resource Center: 1-888-3737-888

The National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC) is a national, toll-free hotline, available to answer calls from anywhere in the country, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, every day of the year in more than 200 languages. The NHTRC is operated by Polaris, a non-profit, non-governmental organization working exclusively on the issue of human trafficking. Polaris is not a government entity, law enforcement or an immigration authority. In March 2013, Polaris launched a texting shortcode to help victims of human trafficking find safety. When victims text to BeFree (233733) they reach one of our call specialists, who assist them in planning their escape and/or connecting them to services in the area.

Email: nhtrc@polarisproject.org

Website: www.traffickingresourcecenter.org

Phone: 1-888-373-7888

Text BeFree: Text HELP or INFO to BeFree (233733)

Never approach a suspected victim or trafficker on your own. You may put the victim or yourself in danger.




our vision

We see communities where people are **SAFE**
from sexual exploitation and experiencing
ABUNDANT life in Jesus through
the **UNIFIED** service of the Church.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND UP-TO-DATE
LOCAL ANTI-TRAFFICKING EFFORTS, VISIT:

ABOLITIONNOW.COM



from a sex-trafficked survivor
"I needed to learn more about Jesus and how much He loves me and teach me how to love myself and be forgiven. I needed a mentor, someone like you, a new group of friends in Christ to guide me through my new walk with The Lord. I needed counseling to dig deep and tools to live a healthy life to heal deep rooted issues that were left unresolved for years."





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