Imagine this…

Human Trafficking
The Issue & The Hope

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The Issue
Together We See

"Human trafficking is the illegal trade of human beings for the purposes of commercial sexual exploitation or forced labor: a modern-day form of slavery."


27 Million Slaves in the World Today
80% are Sexually Exploited


Human Trafficking is the Largest Global Organized Crime, Generating $150.2 BILLION PER YEAR

Source: UN Office on Drugs and Crime
An Estimated 199,000 Incidents of Sexual Exploitation of Minors Occurs Each Year in the United States.

That’s One Incident Every 3 Minutes
The Average Age of Entry into Prostitution in the United States is Between 11-14 Years of Age

How People Really End Up In Exploitation and Prostitution

- Age
- Access to Internet/Social Media
- Exposure to Pop Culture Media
- Abuse/Paternalism
- Poverty/Social Insecurities
- Substance Abuse
- Mental Illness
- Prior Sexual Abuse
- Runaways/Runaways
- Child Head of Household
- Prior Experiences of Trauma/ACES
- Abuse and Neglect in the Home
- Family in the Sex Industry
- Social/Disadvantages
- LGBTQIA+ Youth
- Other Disadvantages

3.5 Million Buyers of Sex Every Day in America
The American Culture Grooms Us for Trafficking

- Pornography
- Media
- Hyper Sexualization

Who?
- Females
- Children
- Men
- Foreign Nationals
- U.S. Citizens

Where?
- Strip Clubs
- Brothels
- Internet
- Spas
- Nail Salons
- Hotels
- Homes
- Truck Stops

Iowa

Logistical
Virtual

Familial

Stats

State Victim Service Hotline Data
- 118 HT Unduplicated Calls July-December 2017
- 415 HT Calls since inception in 2015

National Human Trafficking Hotline Iowa Data
- 5 Iowa Admissions
- 3 admissions from another state/trafficking experience happened in Iowa
- 38 Iowa Inquires
- 16 declines of Iowa admissions due to no vacancy since November 2017

Wings of Refuge - Iowa Data
- 6 Iowa Admissions
- 3 admissions from another state/trafficking experience happened in Iowa
- 12 Iowa Inquires
- 10 declines of Iowa admissions due to no vacancy since November 2017

Source: National - Polaris Project, Statevictimline Victim Service Center, and Wings of Refuge
• 2006-2013: 16 Iowa children were charged with the crime of prostitution
• 2006-2014: 1,096 charges of prostitution/adults
• 2006-2014: 998 convictions of prostitution/adults
• 2010-2014: 10 state cases of human trafficking charges and convictions
• 2010-2014: 41 HT victims utilized the Crime Victim Assistance with the AG
• 2010-2014: 1 known federal case of human trafficking
  (only 24 of 99 county attorneys responded to survey)

• 2013-2015 Survey of Iowa Service Providers
  • 125 Adult victims served
  • 117 Minor victims served

Trauma Bonding

- Physical beating/torture/threats - Gorilla Pimp
- Psychological manipulation/threats - Finesse/Romeo Pimp
- Spiritual abuse
- Satanic Ritual Abuse
- Exploits weakness by meeting need of vulnerability
- Competition with other victims
- Places blame on victim's shame
- Uses known information against victim
- Creates physical/emotional/psychological isolation
- Constant monitoring/voice and choice taken
- Forcibly substance use and abuse
- Abuse instills equal amounts of fear of death and gratitude for being allowed to live
- Abuser keeps a "hook promise" that one day things will be different
- Distrust of law enforcement
- Distrust of the justice system
- Distrust of humanity
- The bond of trauma grows with the relationship
- Stockholm Syndrome

Complex Trauma

Repeated or prolonged instances or multiple forms of interpersonal trauma, often occurring under circumstances where escape is not possible due to physical, psychological, maturational, family/environmental, or social constraints.

The Average Life Expectancy

7 Years

Sexually Transmitted Diseases
- Suicide
- Drug Overdose
- Malnutrition/Starvation
- Murder
I HOPE...

The Hope

Together We Support Her
Survivor Commonalities

• Diagnoses
  - PTSD
  - Borderline Personality Disorder
  - Dissociative
  - Dissociative Identity Disorder
  - Major Depression

• Addictions
  - Drugs
  - Alcohol
  - Nicotine
  - Sex

• Other
  - Educational deficiencies
  - Feelings of hopelessness
  - Shame, anger, grief, fear, paranoia
  - Loss of Personhood
  - Days and nights confused
  - Lack of basic necessities
  - Untreated medical conditions
  - Unsafe family/community systems
  - Stolen Identification/documentation

"A good program in reality provides the opportunity to experience being safe, establishes a foundation of understanding around the shame, guilt and confusion, addresses the upfront medical and psychological needs and provides an opportunity to detox and learn healthy life and coping skills. Most are 12-18 months. No one walks out all better. Instead, if you choose to be serious and not miss the opportunity, you will walk out with a solid foundation, the experience of healthy relationships, and some good, trusted friends. It's the chance to break free and begin to experience healthy choices in a safe environment, but only if you do the work.

-Survivors desperately need local church bodies, individuals and service providers who love well and are willing to learn with to become a long term community, providing the mentoring and support needed as they continue their journey to restoration.

-Hope Manasseh, Survivor of Human Trafficking and Ritual Abuse
KNOW THE WARNING SIGNS

- Poor work and living conditions
  - Multiple people living in a constant space
  - Living with unreasonable security measures
  - Living with employer/teacher
  - Living in unsafe or unhealthy conditions
  - Unpaid or paid very little for work

- Poor physical health
  - Lack of medical care, food, sleep
  - Bruising on body at various stages
  - Signs of sexual abuse/restraint/torture/confinement
  - Signs of physical abuse

- Lack of control
  - Few or no personal possessions
  - Not in control of money or access to finances
  - Is not able to speak for themselves
  - Has scripted/rehearsed answers

- Living in poverty and suddenly having expensive items
  - Having large sums of cash
  - Sudden dramatic change in behavior
  - History of multiple abortions/adoptions
  - Substance abuse
  - Under 18 and in prostitution

- Works in the "sex industry"
  - Family member works in the "sex industry"
  - Tattoos and/or branding
  - Refers to "Daddy" of someone other than her father

- Under 18 and in prostitution
  - Claims of visiting/inability to clarify address/home
  - Lack of knowledge of whereabouts or what city she is in
  - Truancy
  - Teenager with no cell phone

LOOK FOR THE ABSENCE OF NORMAL

ASK THE RIGHT QUESTIONS

GENERAL:
- What got you to the point where ________ was your best option?
- If you woke up tomorrow and a miracle had happened what would be different?
- What made you think this was the best choice?
- Tell me more.

SPECIFIC:
- Are you able to leave your job if you want to?
- Can you come and go as you please?
- Have you been hurt or threatened if you tried to leave?
- Does your family live with you?
- Do you live with your employer/boss?
- What do you need to make your life better?
- What are the most difficult past of your life right now?
- Tell me how you came to the decision to meet with me today?
- Where do you feel controlled?
- How do you feel different from others?
- What do you need to make life better?
- In what ways have you helped?
- What barriers stand in your way?
- How do you take care of yourself when you left home?
- How did you feel you could take care of yourself when you left home?
- Where did you stay last night?
- Where do you live now?
- Where do you perform your work?
- Where do you sleep and eat?
- Are you in debt to your employer/boss?
- How much does your boss keep?
- How much of your money do you keep?
- Do you have your passport/identification? Who has it?
- Where is home for you?

Source: Shared Hope International, Courtney's House, US Dept. of State

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YOU

Recover

Through Networking
Imagine This

YOU Do What Love

PRAY GIVE VOLUNTEER HOST FOLLOW EDUCATE PREVENT SHARE

TOGETHER we will make a difference

Thank You