# Southwest Conference Against Trafficking We Have a DREAM...a World Without Trafficking



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#### About the Conference

The National Women's Coalition Against Violence & Exploitation (NWCAVE) is a national volunteer operated national 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. We continue working to inform, educate and prevent violence and exploitation against women and children nationally and internationally.

NWCAVE has a DREAM...a world without violence and exploitation. One division of our organization is our conferences; the Southwest Conference Against Trafficking was held January 17-19, 2014 at the Sheraton Hotel & Conference Center in Pomona, California (Los Angeles County).

Human Trafficking is Modern-Day Slavery where people profit from the control and exploitation of others. As defined under the U. S. Department of State's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, modern slavery may include: sex trafficking, forced labor, bonded labor, forced child labor, involuntary domestic servitude, debt bondage among migrant laborers, child soldiers and child sex trafficking.

NWCAVE's conferences are held during Dr. King's birthday weekend in January to reflect Dr. King's DREAM of living in a world without slavery; today, modern-day slavery is a worldwide epidemic and if you have the DREAM too, come join us at our conferences against trafficking.

#### Goals of SWCAT 2014

- + To bring together an audience wanting to be informed, educated, and inspired by experts and survivors in order to take action in their communities.
- + To bring together experts, law enforcement agencies and survivors together to discuss successful models used to combat trafficking so others may implement similar models to combat issues in their areas.
- + To educate and inform the public about the tools and resources available in order to prevent exploitation and trafficking to future generations.
- + To introduce survivors and families of missing children to conference attendees in order to understand their stories and learn how we could have done better and/or enhance successful tactics used to solve, rescue and restore the victims and their families.
- + To educate members of the media how to research and report stories surrounding exploitation and trafficking cases without re-victimizing victims and their families.
- + To form productive collaborations between agencies, nonprofits and others in order to combat modernday slavery throughout the United States and beyond.

# Southwest Conference Against Trafficking Online Program





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#### Location / Venue Addresses

January 17–19, 2014
Sheraton Hotel & Conference Center

601 West McKinley Avenue Pomona, CA 91768 Tel: (909) 622-2220

http://www.sheratonfairplex.com/



#### **Conference General Information**

**Dress:** Suggested dress for the weekend is Business Casual. January weather typically is warm in the day and cool in the evening. Weather should be 65 -70 degrees in the day and 40's in the evening.

**Meals:** If you purchased the meal package, all meals Friday and Saturday are included and Brunch on Sunday. For those that did not purchase the meal package, the Sheraton has McKinley's Grille and provides breakfast, lunch and dinner menus.

**Transportation:** From Ontario International Airport in Ontario, CA a free hotel shuttle is available. You must call the hotel to book the shuttle (909) 622-2220.

**Parking:** Parking for conference attendees will be free at the Sheraton Hotel & Conference Center.

**Tours and Sightseeing:** For those wishing to see beautiful and warm Southern California please go to Visit California for tour packages and ideas <a href="http://www.visitcalifornia.com/">http://www.visitcalifornia.com/</a>.





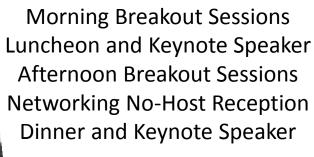
Each year passionate keynote speakers, presenters, journalists, survivors, politicians and friends from Hollywood who all share the same passion and purpose come together to help educate, inspire and encourage action of conference attendees to help End Modern-Day Slavery and Violence in our Society!



#### **Southwest Conference Against Trafficking**

#### Friday, January 17, 2014

Breakfast and Opening Session w/Keynote Speaker





#### Saturday, January 18, 2014

Breakfast and Morning Session w/Keynote Speaker

Morning Breakout Sessions
Luncheon and Keynote Speaker
Meet the Authors
Networking No-Host Reception
Dinner and Keynote Speaker



Sunday, January 19, 2014

Brunch and Closing Session with Survivors



#### Friday, January 17, 2014

#### Conference Opens at Sheraton Hotel & Conference Center

6am 7am-11pm 7:30-11:00am SWCAT Onsite Registration Volunteers Arrive / Set-Up **SWCAT Office Opens** Registration / Check-in

8:00-10:15

Friday Breakfast and Opening Session - California Ballroom 3 Opening the Conference: Michelle Bart (intro to Dawn and Kathy)

Keynote Speaker: Julian Sher, Author and Investigative Journalist

Welcoming: Elliott Rothman, Mayor City of Pomona



Somebody's Daughter: Taking on the Pimp Culture - In Oakland and Los Angeles, prosecutors and police revolutionize the way law enforcement deal with teenage girls on the street. In Missouri, a federal prosecutor gets the nation's first ever convictions against "johns" under federal trafficking statutes. In Las Vegas, a judge sets up a special youth court for victims of prostitution. But how do we fight the "pimp culture" that blames the victims and turns the human traffickers into pop icons? Share the lessons and insights from Julian Sher's latest book, "Somebody's Daughter: The Hidden Story of Americas Prostituted Children."

10:30am-12:15pm

Friday Morning Workshops / Trainings #1 – Choose One



Law Enforcement Training – Room: Sonoma 1 Tracy Webb, City of Los Angeles Senior Trial Attorney Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force





#### Faith Base Community – Room: Sonoma 3

Host Facilitator: Deb Baker, Azusa Pacific University \* Kimberly McOwen Yim, San Clemente Abolitionists \* David S. McCabe, Pasadena City College

\* Peggy Stapleton, KSGN and Christians Actively Demolishing Exploitation



Restoration, Shelter & Aftercare - Room: Napa 1 Presenter(s): James Pond and Tovah Means, Transitions







12:30-2:20

Friday Lunch and General Session #2 - California Ballroom 3
Emcee: Araksya Karapetyan, KTTV Fox Los Angeles
Luncheon Keynote Speaker
Marisa Ugarte, Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition



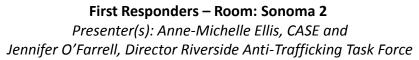




3-4:30pm Friday Afternoon Workshops / Trainings #2 - Choose One



Law Enforcement Training – Room: Sonoma 1
George Crysler, San Diego Sheriff's Office and
Detective Jack Reed, Oceanside Police Department





Crittenton Services – Room: Sonoma 3 
"Identification and Treatment of Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking"

Dr. Barbara Hernandez and Wendy Curtis, Crittenton Services for Children and Families



Restoration, Shelter & Aftercare – Room: Napa 1
Presenter(s): James Pond and Tovah Means, Transitions

Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition – Organized Crime and the Relationship to Human Trafficking - Room: Napa 2 Marisa Ugarte, Bilateral Safety Corridor Executive Director



#### Friday, January 17, 2014 continues

6:00-9:00pm

Friday Dinner and General Session #3 - Ballroom **Keynote Speakers: District Attorney Ramos** Film Screening followed by cast Q & A



Following a screening of **Teenage \$ex 4 \$ale: Human Trafficking in San Bernardino County**—a 45-minute short documentary produced by the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office. From boastful pimps preying on young women to one woman's quest to open a home for female victims, the film highlights a unique coalition of government agencies and how they are reaching deep into the community to eradicate human trafficking.

District Attorney Michael Ramos will discuss his efforts to raise awareness and combat the problem of sexual exploitation in the nation's largest county. District Attorney Ramos will discuss the efforts of the county's Coalition Against Sexual Exploitation (C.A.S.E.), which he helped shape in 2009, his Stop-the-John Project and the creation of a Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit.







#### Saturday, January 18, 2014

SWCAT Onsite Registration Volunteers Arrive / Set-Up 6am 7am-11pm

**SWCAT Office & Registration Opens** 

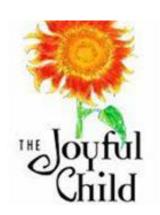
8:00-10:15 Saturday Breakfast and Morning Session #4 - California Ballroom

Keynote Speaker: Erin Runnion, Joyful Child Foundation

Making Child Protection and Empowerment a National Priority - Erin Runnion will discuss lessons learned from the kidnapping and murder of her daughter, Samantha Runnion. Drawing on her experiences advocating for laws to combat child exploitation, Erin will share sobering stories and statistics that give insight into the complex reality of crimes against children in the United States, the legislative process, and the lack of political will to effectively stop the cycle of violence. In spite of aggravations with the slow pace of change, Erin will describe why and how she focuses on what individuals can do to protect and empower children. Ultimately, this presentation will inspire you with specific strategies for better protecting and empowering the children in your community.

Erin Runnion is the Founder and Director of The Joyful Child Foundation - In Memory of Samantha Runnion, (TJCF) a nonprofit organization dedicated to preventing child sexual abuse and abduction. Samantha was kidnapped and murdered in 2002. Erin is dedicated to ensuring Samantha's tragic death continue to be a catalyst to engage adults in our collective responsibility in protecting our nation's children. http://www.thejoyfulchild.org/







The Love Trap" – Room Ramona Room: Napa 2

Opal Singleton, Million Kids

First Responders – Room: Sonoma 2

Anne-Michelle Ellis, CASE and Jennifer O'Farrell, Director Riverside Anti-Trafficking Task Force



Cyber Exploitation in our Schools – Room: Leona Orange County Sheriff's Dept.

Restoration, Shelter & Aftercare – Room: Napa 1
James Pond, Founder of Transitions and Tovah Means

Understand the Mind of a Predator – Room: Sonoma 1
Dr. Kathie Mathis, California Cognitive Behavioral Institute



Faith Based Community – "Predict / Prevent / Protect" for Educators,
Parents & Families - Room: Sonoma 3

Sandra Morgan, Director The Global Center for Women and Justice, Vanguard University

12:30-3pm

Saturday Lunch and Afternoon Session #5 - California Ballroom Keynote Speaker: Melissa Farley, Prostitution Research & Education

Confronting the Roots of Trafficking- This 1.5 hr presentation will enable the conference attendee to 1. Understand the connection between prostitution and trafficking. 2. Understand some common myths about prostitution. 3. Understand the role of research in changing public attitudes, public policy, and laws on prostitution and trafficking. 4. Learn about recent research on sex buyers' attitudes and behaviors. 5. Learn about research on risk factors for prostitution. <a href="http://prostitutionresearch.com/">http://prostitutionresearch.com/</a>



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## Meet the Authors / Resource Tables Afternoon on your own

6:00-7:00pm

7:00-10:00pm



2013 JVM Journalism Award Honoree – Keli Rabon, ABC 7 Denver

No-Host Cocktail Networking Reception (Pre-function area)

Saturday Dinner and General Session #6 – California Ballroom

Emcee: Natalie Brand, KTVK-3TV Arizona

Award Presentation: the Jane Velez-Mitchell Journalism Award

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Performers: UMOJA Step Team, Azusa Pacific University

"Where Do We Go From Here?
Keynote Speaker: James Pond, Transitions



### "Restoring young girls through the power of a dream." - James Pond

James Pond is the Co-Founder and CEO of Transitions Global, an organization restoring the lives of young girls rescued from sex trafficking through the power of a dream. After 8 years in the Marine Corps and 10 years in corporate America, James, Athena and their family gave up their lives in the United States in 2005 and began working to combat sex trafficking in Southeast Asia.

Transitions operate innovative, holistic, results-driven programs for teen survivors that have gained international attention for their professionalism, pioneering spirit, and success. James and Athena have consulted on anti-trafficking projects in Indonesia, Greece, Thailand, India, Moldova, and the United States. Athena is the International Director for the Abolition International Shelter Association, where James serves as an International Consultant. They currently live between Phnom Penh, Cambodia and Cincinnati, Ohio.



Visit Transitions at: <a href="http://transitionsglobal.org">http://transitionsglobal.org</a>

#### Sunday, January 19, 2014 – Closing Brunch

9-11:30am

Sunday Brunch and Closing Session #7 – California Ballroom 3 Emcee: Debra Adams, International Author and D.V. Expert Keynote Speaker: Survivor's Panel - "Runaway Girl" Closing of conference











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#### Over 400 Bras Were Collected at the Conference!

# ANY EXISTENCE DEPRIVED OF FREEDOM IS A KIND OF DEATH.

Michel Aoun



Free the Girls® is a non-profit organization providing job opportunities to women rescued from sex trafficking.

#### DONATE A BRA. GIVE A FORMER SLAVE A JOB.

At Free The Girls® we have a dream that modern-day slavery will be stopped. We have a dream that the average woman can help stop it. We want you to dream with us.

#### THE PROBLEM

Currently 27 million men, women and children are being held as slaves around the world—more today than in any other time in history. 80% of those slaves are women and girls. There are a number of amazing organizations that are helping to rescue these women out of a life of prostitution, but what happens when they are rescued?

#### **OUR SOLUTION**

We provide an opportunity for women who have been rescued from sex trafficking to earn a living selling second-hand clothing while they go back to school. Many of the women we work with were sold into prostitution as children, only 8-10 years old. Because their lives were stolen from them, they missed out on going to school and getting an education. Selling clothes allows them to work as much or as little as their school schedule permits.

#### WHY BRAS?

Let's face it, ladies: the back of your underwear drawer is most likely a graveyard of bras you don't wear anymore or that never fit right in the first place. By contrast, second-hand clothing is a profitable market in many countries around the world. Bras are sought after items. Some of the girls in our program are making 5x the minimum wage in their community by selling bras! And even better, bras provide an opportunity for these women to work with other women, since they have a history of being abused and used by men.









Human trafficking is modern-day slavery, and it's happening right here in the United States.

### National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC)

1-888-3737-888

or email: NHTRC@PolarisProject.org

TOLL-FREE | 24 Hours/day, 7 Days/week Confidential | Interpreters available if needed

#### WHO ARE THE VICTIMS?

Victims are forced to provide labor or commercial sex, and can be:

- U.S. citizens or foreign nationals
- Men, women, or children

#### WHERE DOES HUMAN TRAFFICKING HAPPEN?

Human trafficking can happen in many situations, including in:

- Commercial sex industry (street prostitution, strip clubs, massage parlors, escort services, brothels, internet)
- Factories (industrial, garment, meat-packing)
- · Farms, landscaping, or construction
- Peddling rings, begging rings, or magazine crews
- Private homes (housekeepers, nannies, or servile marriages)
- Restaurants, bars, and other service industries (nail or hair salons)

Call to report a potential case, get information or resources, request training or technical assistance, or receive referrals.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: www.PolarisProject.org/nhtrc

#### We Have a DREAM...a World without Human Trafficking!

We Have a DREAM...and so do the many helping hands that made our conference possible. Thank you to all of the sponsors, speakers, donors, volunteers, media and businesses that helped us bring this conference to Southern California!

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