

# SWCAT 2016™

SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE AGAINST TRAFFICKING

Agenda and  
Event Schedule

**January 15-17, 2016**

Ontario Airport Hotel and Conference Center - Ontario, CA



Jane Velez-Mitchell | Journalist / Keynote Speaker • Lisa Guerrero | Investigative Journalist / SWCAT 2016 Emcee  
Michael Ramos | San Bernardino County DA / Keynote Speaker

*Schedule subject to change*

## SWCAT Sponsors:



**Also Join our 6th Annual Walk!**

**6th Annual**

**Anti-Human Trafficking Awareness Walk**

**Sponsored by San Bernardino County's Coalition Against Sexual Exploitation (CASE)**





# NWCAVE.org

**National Women's Coalition Against Violence & Exploitation**

## About Us

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

Whether human trafficking, domestic violence, sexual assault, sexual violence, stalking, bullying, hate crimes and all other forms of violence and exploitation against women and children, NWCAVE strives to keep the public informed and educated on how we can live in a more civilized society free of violence.

In order to achieve our mission and objectives we collaborate with other organizations, businesses, the public and media to continue to inform, educate and help prevent violence and exploitation in our local communities and throughout the world.

Two of these organizations are Crittenton Services for Children and Families in Fullerton, CA and San Bernardino County Coalition Against Sexual Exploitation in San Bernardino, CA. Together, with their support, NWCAVE welcomes you to the 2016 Southwest Conference Against Trafficking and the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk Against Trafficking!

## Co-Host Partners





## About the Conference

The Southwest Conference Against Trafficking will be held January 15-17, 2016 at the Ontario Airport Hotel & Conference Center in Ontario, CA. The conference, since 2009, brings together hundreds of people wanting to end modern-day slavery in our society.

Law enforcement agencies, healthcare professionals, attorneys, social workers, nonprofit organizations, survivors, families of missing children, journalists, politicians, clergy, educators and anyone in the public wanting to learn more continue to gather in January to be educated, inspired and moved to take action against human trafficking and violence in our society.

Before anyone is trafficked, other issues may be a factor and the conference explores these issues. So, although the conference title reflects “trafficking” the conference weekend encompasses the past, present and future of Human Trafficking and what everyone can do to help prevent it and what we can do to fix it.

In order to accomplish this, over 25 speakers/presentations, networking receptions, media award presentation, survivor stories, CASE’s Walk Against Trafficking and people wanting to make a difference on this epidemic plaguing our society will come together in January in Southern California.

## About our Partners

**Crittenton Services** for Children and Families of Southern California (CSCF) is a non-profit social services agency whose mission is to heal the wounds of abuse and neglect; strengthen families; and help troubled adolescents reach their full potential. Established and incorporated in 1966 Crittenton has a highly trained workforce operating 24 hours a day / 7 days a week providing comprehensive counseling, medical, and other support services to the clients in our care. We provide a full array of residential, in-home, community based, wraparound, mental health, foster care, and transitional age youth services with a service planning area throughout Southern California that covers Orange, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside and San Diego Counties.



**The San Bernardino County Coalition Against Sexual Exploitation (C.A.S.E.)** is a partnership of public and private entities who have joined together to develop resources in the county to educate, prevent, intervene and treat victims of sexual exploitation.



## **SWCAT 2016 General Information**

### **Ontario Airport Hotel & Conference Center**

**Hotel Information:** The hotel is located at 700 North Haven Avenue, Ontario, CA 91764. Hotel guests can enjoy a complimentary fitness center, onsite business center and outdoor heated pool and spa.

**Parking:** Parking is complimentary for conference attendees.

**Airport Shuttle:** Complimentary airport shuttle operates 4:30am to 11:30pm and runs every ½ hour.

**Dress:** Suggested dress for the conference is business casual, dinner attire on Saturday evening and comfortable walking/running attire for CASE's Annual Anti-Trafficking Walk Sunday morning.

**Meals:** Coffee will be served in the mornings beginning at 7:30a.m. The conference registration includes: coffee networking social and lunch on both Friday and Saturday and dinner on Saturday. Friday dinner is on your own.

The hotel offers onsite dining at Blu Bar and Grill which is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. There is an onsite lounge with daily happy hour. The onsite Cyber Café serves Starbucks with food to go and is open daily.

**Things to do:** For hotel guests, there is a complimentary hotel shuttle service to local area within a 5 mile radius between 4:30am – 11:30pm (based on availability). This can include Ontario Mills Fashion District and many other shopping and entertainment activities.

**We will accept credit cards, cash and checks for donations and shirts throughout the weekend!**  
**Exhibitors will also be selling items.**



For Immediate Release

December 31, 2015

**Presidential Proclamation - National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month**

**NATIONAL SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH, 2016**

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**BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
A PROCLAMATION**

One hundred and fifty years ago, our Nation codified the fundamental truth that slavery is an affront to human dignity. Still, the bitter fact remains that millions of men, women, and children around the globe, including here at home, are subject to modern-day slavery: the cruel, inhumane practice of human trafficking. This month, we rededicate ourselves to assisting victims of human trafficking and to combating it in all its forms.

Human trafficking occurs in countries throughout the world and in communities across our Nation. Children are forced to fight as soldiers, young people are coerced into prostitution, and migrants are exploited. People from all walks of life are trafficked every day, and the United States is committed to remaining a leader in the global movement to end this abhorrent practice. My Administration has made addressing human trafficking issues in supply chains a priority. Earlier this year, the White House brought together private sector and non-governmental organizations to discuss ways to prevent and eliminate trafficking-related activities in Federal contracts and in private sector supply chains. Our National Convening on Trafficking and Child Welfare helped promote partnership and establish coordinated action plans to end human trafficking. Additionally, my Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons has proposed a robust set of initiatives. Our anti-trafficking efforts are supported by a newly established Federal Office on Trafficking in Persons, under the Department of Health and Human Services, which helps ensure trafficking victims can access the services they need.

As we work to end human trafficking here in the United States, we will continue to lead the effort to root it out around the world. Our intelligence teams have devoted more resources to identifying trafficking networks, law enforcement officers have been working to dismantle those networks, and prosecutors have striven to punish traffickers. We have also enhanced our domestic protections so foreign-born workers better understand their rights. Additionally, my Administration has been working closely with technology companies and law enforcement to better utilize technology to combat human trafficking. And our Nation will continue promoting development and economic growth across the globe to address the underlying conditions that enable human trafficking in the first place.

All nations have a part to play in keeping our world safe for all people -- regardless of age, background, or belief. During National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, let us recognize the victims of trafficking, and let us resolve to build a future in which its perpetrators are brought to justice and no people are denied their inherent human rights of freedom and dignity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim January 2016 as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, culminating in the annual celebration of National Freedom Day on February 1. I call upon businesses, national and community organizations, families, and all Americans to recognize the vital role we can play in ending all forms of slavery and to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirty-first day of December, in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fortieth.

BARACK OBAMA





## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0504

<http://feinstein.senate.gov>

January 15, 2016

National Women's Coalition Against Violence & Exploitation  
P.O. Box 872494  
Vancouver, Washington 98687

Dear Friends:

It gives me great pleasure to extend my warmest greetings to all who have gathered for the *2016 Southwest Conference Against Trafficking*.

Since its inception, the National Women's Coalition Against Violence & Exploitation (NWCAGE) has been dedicated to advocating against human trafficking and empowering communities through an approach that centers on education. Through its commitment to ending human exploitation, NWCAGE promotes awareness about human rights violations and offers invaluable resources. There is no doubt its efforts will continue to benefit countless individuals for many years to come.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize tonight's honorees, Mr. John Canzano, recipient of the *Jane Velez-Mitchell Journalism Award*, and Ms. AnnaLyne McCord. The tremendous dedication of tonight's honorees to ending human trafficking is truly an inspiration to us all.

As your United States Senator representing the State of California, I commend the National Women's Coalition Against Violence & Exploitation and tonight's honorees for their tremendous achievements and contributions. Please accept my best wishes for a most memorable event.

With warmest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dianne Feinstein". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dianne" and last name "Feinstein" clearly legible.

Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senator





# SAN BERNARDINO County

## Resolution

**By unanimous consent of the Board of Supervisors,  
the following resolution is adopted:**

**WHEREAS**, human trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery. Victims of human trafficking are subjected to force, fraud or coercion for the purpose of sexual exploitation or forced labor. Human trafficking is occurring at epidemic levels all over the world, including Southern California. Human trafficking goes against basic human rights and there is a vital need to eradicate this crime; and

**WHEREAS**, law enforcement, Federal and State agencies, nonprofit social service providers, private industry and non-governmental organizations, including the **NATIONAL WOMEN'S COALITION AGAINST VIOLENCE & EXPLOITATION (NWCave)**, Crittenton Services for Children and Families, and the San Bernardino County Coalition Against Sexual Exploitation, are all working to end human trafficking in all its forms; and

**WHEREAS**, the **NATIONAL WOMEN'S COALITION AGAINST VIOLENCE & EXPLOITATION** and their coalition partners continue to educate the public on violence and exploitation against women, men and children by hosting conferences in January in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King who also had a dream to live in a world without slavery and inhumanity; and

**WHEREAS**, President Barack Obama proclaimed January National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month; and

**WHEREAS**, the **NATIONAL WOMEN'S COALITION AGAINST VIOLENCE & EXPLOITATION**, Crittenton Services, San Bernardino County Coalition, No More Campaign and the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children all continue to raise awareness about human trafficking in America and around the world at the Southwest Conference Against Trafficking and all year long.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino, State of California, does hereby commend the **NATIONAL WOMEN'S COALITION AGAINST VIOLENCE & EXPLOITATION**, Crittenton Services for Children and Families, and the San Bernardino County Coalition Against Sexual Exploitation for their work to end human trafficking.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution be noted in the minutes of this Board and that copies be presented to **NATIONAL WOMEN'S COALITION AGAINST VIOLENCE & EXPLOITATION**, Crittenton Services for Children and Families, and the San Bernardino County Coalition Against Sexual Exploitation.

DATED: December 15, 2015

Robert A. Lovingood  
First District

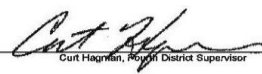
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# Believe | Achieve | Empower



Since 1966, Crittenton, has honored our national legacy of sharing our expertise and resources in order to help our community's most vulnerable children, and their families cope with the aftermath of childhood trauma. Our mission is to continue to plant seeds of resiliency and to **empower** all those that walk through our door end the cycles of violence, abuse and neglect. Crittenton programs and services are nationally accredited and licensed which include:

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- Transitional Age Youth Program
- Volunteer & Internship Program
- Parent & Child Education Program
- Commercial Sexually Exploited Children Treatment Program

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SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE AGAINST TRAFFICKING

## SWCAT 2016 Steering Committee

### Honorary Chairperson & Emcee

Lisa Guerrero, Chief Investigative  
Correspondent at "Inside Edition" (*pictured*)



### Michelle A. Bart, SWCAT 2016 Chair

National Women's Coalition Against Violence & Exploitation

### Martha Jasso, SWCAT 2016 Co-Chair

Crittenton Services for Children and Families

### Anne-Michelle Ellis, SWCAT 2016 Co-Chair

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Natalie Brand, *KING5 Seattle*

Wanda Costi, *NWCAVE*

Margaret Evanow, *Child Advocate*

Dawn Marie Lemonds, *Soroptimist International*

Monica Madrid, *CASE*

Dr. Kathie Mathis, *NWCAVE*

Carol Roddy, *Soroptimist International*

Jane Velez-Mitchell, *Jane UnChained* (*pictured*)

Alice Wells, *Soroptimist International*

Lesford Duncan, *County of San Bernardino Children's Network and Crittenton Services*



Photo by Leslie Hassler

### Support Services

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Exhibitors will also be selling items including our friends at International Sanctuary!*

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PURPOSE Jewelry empowers survivors of modern-day slavery to build a bright future. All PURPOSE Jewelry is handcrafted by survivors of modern-day slavery. 100% of the proceeds benefit International Sanctuary, a non-profit that provides holistic care for young women rescued from sex trafficking.







**Friday, January 15, 2016**

*SWCAT opens at the Ontario Airport Hotel & Conference Center*

6am Volunteers Arrive / Set-Up

7:00-11am Attendee Check-in / Coffee Social / Networking

8:00-10:15am

Tahoe/Sequoia Ballroom

Conference Welcoming – Michelle A. Bart, NWCAVE President

Emcee: Lisa Guerrero, Chief Investigative Correspondent at “Inside Edition”

Partner Welcome: Joyce Capelle, Crittenton Services for Children and Families

Survivor Perspective: Autumn Burris, Dept. of Justice Office of Victims of Crime

United States Senator Dianne Feinstein’s Office: Sabiha Khan

San Bernardino County: Supervisor Curt Hagman

City of Ontario: Mayor Paul S. Leon

Keynote Speaker: San Bernardino County District Attorney Michael Ramos

### Break

10:30-12:00pm

Workshops / Trainings #1 – *Choose One*

1A – Yosemite 1

CSEC as a Gender Based Violence Issue – *Emily Austin*

*Peace Over Violence and the Los Angeles Child Sexual Abuse Advisory Committee*

2A – Carson

Strategic Planning to End Human Trafficking – This workshop is for community and faith based leaders and will include practical guidelines for developing effective to combat modern day slavery. - *Sandra Morgan, Vanguard University*

3A – Whitney

Trafficking Task Forces: What Works and What Doesn’t (Panel Presentation)

*Michelle Bart, Clark County Human Trafficking Task Force (Washington)*

*Anne-Michelle Ellis, San Bernardino County CASE (San Bernardino, CA)*

*Jeanette Cheng, Crittenton Services / Long Beach Trafficking Task Force (Long Beach, CA)*

*Dr. Dominique Roe-Sepowitz, Office of Trafficking Intervention Research (Arizona)*

*Detective Chad Opitz, FBI Child Exploitation Task force (Portland, OR)*



## Lunch and General Session in Ballroom

### “Understanding the Mind of a Predator”

12:30-2p.m.

**Kathie Mathis, Psy.D, NCP, DAPA, CAPA, CAMF-IV, CBIF**

*CEO of California Cognitive Behavioral Institute*

*NWCAVE’s California Regional and National Training Director*



# IN PLAIN SIGHT

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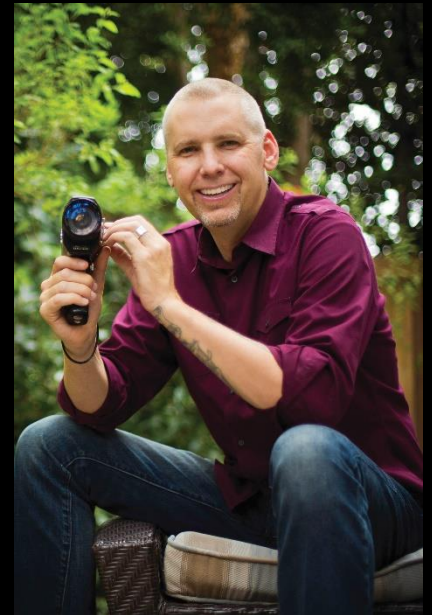
## FREE FILM SCREENING

*Followed by a Q & A with Director David Trotter*

**Saturday, January 16, 2016**

**2:30-4:30pm**

Ontario Airport Hotel & Conference Center  
700 N. Haven Avenue, Ontario, CA 91764



*Film open to Southwest Conference Against Trafficking Attendees and the Public*

To attend #SWCAT2016 register at [www.swcat.org](http://www.swcat.org)



- 2:30-4pm Workshops / Trainings #2 – *Choose One*
- 1B – Yosemite 1 What is the Continuum of Care Reform and How Does This Impact Child Welfare in California? Special Focus on CSEC Youth. *Carroll Schroeder The California Alliance of Child and Family Service*
- 2B – Carson Generating Community Engagement Opportunities for your members. This workshop will extend the Strategic Planning workshop to provide a model for engaging your members in anti-trafficking efforts that are a good fit for individuals whether volunteers or professionals *Sandra Morgan, Vanguard University*
- 3B – Whitney Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: A Holistic Approach to Treatment CSEC is a growing issue through the United States. Training efforts to identify such youth, have been successful, however, questions and concerns remain on how to formulate and utilize a team treatment approach in order to understand, connect and treat the whole child. *Dr. Barbara Hernandez, Crittenton Services for Children and Families*

**Dinner on your own**  
*See you in the morning!*

## Saturday, January 16, 2016

- 6:30am Volunteers Arrive / Set-Up
- 7:00-11am SWCAT Office / Registration Opens
- 8:30- 10:15am Tahoe/Sequoia Ballroom  
Emcees: Kacey Montoya, Reporter at KTLA / Araksya Karapetyan, Anchor at FOX Los Angeles  
Keynote Speaker: Dominique Roe-Sepowitz, MSW, PhD  
Arizona Office of Trafficking Intervention Research



### Break

- 10:30-noon Workshops / Trainings #3 – *Choose One*
- 1C – Yosemite 1 Taking Rhetoric to Reality: Action Plans for Coalition Partners  
*Dawn Marie Lemonds and Alice Wells, Soroptimist International*
- 2C – Carson Understanding Victim/Hostage Mentality  
*Dr. Kathie Mathis California Cognitive Behavioral Institute*
- 3C – Whitney Investigating Online Advertisements – *Detective Chad Opitz, Beaverton Police Department*  
*Portland, Oregon FBI Child Exploitation Task Force Officer*
- 4C – Aspen Survivor Workshops (closed to Survivors only)  
*Autumn Burris, Survivor 4 Solutions and U.S. Dept of Justice / OVC*



Free Film Screening for Students, Parents, Educators and Conference Attendees  
Southwest Conference Against Trafficking  
Saturday, January 16, 2016 ~ 2:30-4:30p.m.  
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# CHOSEN

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*What if sex trafficking was  
happening in **your** neighborhood?*





## Saturday Luncheon and Keynote Speaker

12:30-2p.m.

**Actress AnnaLynne McCord**

**No More Campaign Ambassador and Sexual Assault Survivor**



2:30-4:30pm

Workshops / Trainings #4 – *Choose One*

1D – Yosemite Room

Film Screening (for adults) “In Plain Sight” by Natalie Grant and David Trotter  
Q & A with Film Director David Trotter

2D – Whitney Room

Film Screening (for students/teens) “Chosen” by Shared Hope International  
Discussion with Dawn Marie Lemonds, Soroptimist International Newport Harbor Area

3D – Aspen Room

Survivor Workshops (closed to Survivors only)  
*Autumn Burris, Survivor 4 Solutions and U.S. Dept of Justice / OVC*

6:00-7:00

No-Host Cocktail Networking Reception in Blu Bar & Grill at hotel

7:00-10:00

Welcoming: Michelle A. Bart, NWCAVE

Keynote Speaker: Jane Velez-Mitchell, Jane UnChained

Award Presentation: 2016 Jane Velez-Mitchell Journalism Award Honoree

John Canzano, The Oregonian and KGW-TV

Performance: SoundofSunrise



Jane Velez-Mitchell  
Photo by Leslie Hassler



SoundofSunrise



John Canzano





# Take a Stand Against Exploitation by Participating in a **WALK AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

Join us in raising awareness about Human Trafficking  
in San Bernardino County!

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2016 - 9:00am

### LOCATION:

Ontario Airport Hotel & Conference Center  
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# Honorary Chairperson Biography

**Lisa Guerrero**, an award-winning journalist, was named Chief Investigative Correspondent in August 2010. Guerrero joined **Inside Edition** as a West Coast correspondent in June 2006.



Most recently, in 2014, Guerrero received a *Clarion Award* for her report on [“Justice for Baby Alissa”](#) in the “Best National News Category,” as well as a second-place *National Headliner Award* in the “Best National Investigative Report” category for her report on [“Crime Scene Clean-Up.”](#) In 2012, Guerrero was honored with a *National Headliner Award* when **Inside Edition** placed first in the category of “Broadcast Television, Networks, Cable Networks and Syndicators for Business and Consumer Reporting” for her investigation on [“Power Bracelets.”](#) Guerrero was also among the 2012 National Press Club Journalism Contest honorees, receiving an honorable mention for her investigative work in two separate categories. In the “*Ann Cottrell Free Animal Reporting*” category, Guerrero received an honorable mention for **Inside Edition**’s series of reports on animal abuse, including investigations on [animal hoarding](#) and the [exotic animal trade](#). Likewise, Guerrero received an honorable mention in the “Consumer Journalism Broadcast” category for **Inside Edition**’s investigation on power bracelets. In 2011, she received a National Headliner Award when **Inside Edition** placed first place for her investigation on [“Air Duct Scams.”](#) As in past seasons, Guerrero was in high demand by numerous media outlets to provide her perspective on news and current events. In June 2013, she was a guest co-host on *The View*.



Before joining **Inside Edition**, Guerrero was best known as a sportscaster for 14 years including a 2003 stint as the sideline reporter for “Monday Night Football” and as co-host of “The Best Damn Sports Show Period” on Fox Sports Network. Guerrero has covered some of the biggest events on television from the Academy Awards and the Golden Globes, to the Super Bowl, World Series and NBA Finals. She also covered the World and National Figure Skating Championships and hosted the Tournament of Roses Parade for ABC. She also had a cameo playing a tough sports reporter in the Oscar nominated film, *Moneyball*, starring Brad Pitt.

Previously, Guerrero co-hosted VH1’s quiz show, “The 2006 World Series of Pop Culture,” produced in association with Entertainment Weekly magazine, and served as host of the weekend edition of “Extra.” She also traveled to Egypt with anchor Hugh Downs as the reporter for the Fox special “Live From Egypt: Opening the Tombs of the Golden Mummies.” In 2002, Guerrero was the first reporter to question Barry Bonds on camera about his alleged steroid use, which he denied. Other broadcast highlights that garnered critical acclaim include her news-making interviews with such high-profile athletes as Shaquille O’Neal, Randy Johnson, Jerry Rice, Terrell Owens, Kobe Bryant, Mia Hamm and Alex Rodriguez.



In 1997, Guerrero became the weekend sports reporter at KCBS-TV in Los Angeles and went on to work as a sports reporter at Fox’s KTTV in Los Angeles. At Fox Sports Net, Guerrero anchored the “Southern California Sports Report” and the “Rocky Mountain Sports Report.” She co-hosted “Sports Geniuses” and was a ringside reporter for “Toughman” before landing on “The Best Damn Sports Show Period” as the update anchor.

Guerrero began her career as a co-host on a sports show on Sports Channel New England (now Fox Sports New England). The Los Angeles Times called her “the hardest working person in sports,” and the Hispanic Business Journal named her one of the 100 most influential Hispanics in America. In October 2003, President Bush asked Guerrero to host the Hispanic Heritage Month banquet at The White House.

Guerrero is married to former World Series Champion pitcher, Scott Erickson, and they live in Los Angeles. Lisa serves on the National Media Council for National Women’s Coalition Against Violence & Exploitation of Women (NWCAGE) and served as emcee of the 2015 No More Summit.



Follow her on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/4lisaguerrero](https://www.twitter.com/4lisaguerrero).

Facebook at [Facebook.com/lisaguerrero](https://Facebook.com/lisaguerrero).



# Conference Chair Biography



**Michelle Bart** was born and raised in Fort Lauderdale, Florida and lived in Los Angeles, CA over fifteen years until moving to the Pacific Northwest in 2008. Known to many in Southern California as the founder of the Foothill Arthritis Connection, Michelle is an award-winning media consultant and publicist with over 25 years experience in non-profit management, media communications, and human & civil rights advocacy. Michelle holds a communication's degree and has applied her education and expertise to helping businesses and organizations obtain visibility through the media, community relations, and the Internet. Michelle also helps families of missing children keep their child's face and case visible through national media outlets including "America's Most Wanted" with John Walsh on Lifetime, HLN's Nancy Grace Show, "Issues" with Jane Velez-Mitchell on HLN, Fox News, CNN's Larry King Live, Dr. Phil Show and People Magazine to name a few.

Michelle currently serves as communications chair for the Clark County Human Trafficking Task Force, serves on the Vancouver Police Chief Diversity Advisory Team, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children Advisory Board for *Be Here for Kids*, is a Washington State Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) and is co-founder of Northwest Coalition Against Trafficking (NWCAT) which on June 14, 2012 became an arm to the new non-profit the National Women's Coalition Against Violence & Exploitation which she serves as President and Co-Founder.

Michelle is producer of a full-length documentary "Your American Teen" (*which won the Columbia Gorge International Film Festival 'Best Feature Documentary'*) is a member of Society of Professional Journalists, Arthritis Foundation, Human Rights Campaign and Alliance for Women In Media.

Michelle was diagnosed at seventeen with Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis and throughout the years has resulted in many surgeries including recently with her second hip replacement. Michelle has been a presenter and keynote speaker throughout the country on topics related to rheumatic diseases, human trafficking, child safety and LGBTQ issues. Michelle is a regular child advocate contributor for television, cable and radio including CNN, HLN and CBS networks.

In her spare time Michelle is host of "Voices for Justice" on BTR, is co-owner of Consign Inn, enjoys spending time with her two beautiful nieces and is the proud mother of two rescued Pomeranians.



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**Michelle Bart**  
CoFounder/President

**Carolyn Pillsbury**  
CoFounder/  
Executive Vice President

# Conference Co-Chair Biographies



**Martha Jasso** serves as the Communications Director of **Crittenton Services for Children and Families of Southern California**. For more than a decade she has served in education and communications roles within public sector agencies. Most recently she served as a web project manager responsible for national public health communications campaigns for the Office of the Secretary at the US Department of Health and Human Services.

She has also served as Adjunct Faculty of Journalism and Communications for the Riverside Community College District. As the Communications Director, Ms. Jasso is managing the agency's strategic communications needs for internal, external and online audiences. She earned a Bachelor's in Sociology and Business from the University of California, Riverside and a Master's from the Graduate School of Journalism at Columbia University.



**Anne-Michelle Ellis** was hired in December of 2010 as the first **Coordinator for the San Bernardino County Coalition Against Sexual Exploitation** which had been active for nearly two years at the time.

She previously worked for Operation SafeHouse, a shelter for runaway and homeless teenagers in Riverside (1996-1999, 2004-2010) as a Childcare Worker, Grant Writer, Fundraiser and Education & Employment Coordinator and Case Manager. She also worked for Third Level Crisis Intervention Center in Traverse City, Michigan (2002-2004) as a Crisis Hotline Counselor and Community Resource Manager.

She was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religious Studies from the University of California, Riverside in 2003.



# Saturday's Emcee Biographies



**Kacey Montoya** is an Emmy-Award winning reporter who joined KTLA as a general assignment reporter in June 2013. Prior to KTLA, she spent more than five years at CBS affiliate, KOIN-TV, in Portland, Ore., where she was an anchor and reporter. She also spent two years at the CBS affiliate in Palm Springs, Calif., and a year at WOAY-TV in Oak Hill, W.Va.

Kacey was born in Orange County, but raised in Dallas. She graduated from California State University, Northridge with a degree in broadcast journalism. At CSUN, she earned many awards including first place for TV in-depth reporting for her talk show on political free speech. Kacey interned at CNN Los Angeles in the entertainment news department. When she's not working, you'll find Kacey at a yoga studio or spending time with friends and family — she is one of seven kids.

She's an advisory board member of Oregon Friends of Shelter Animals (OFOSA), and is on the National Leadership Council the National Women's Coalition Against Violence & Exploitation of Women (NWCAGE).



**Araksya Karapetyan** joined the FOX 11 team in March 2012. She anchors weekdays on Good Day LA, the FOX 11 10 a.m. news and the noon. A native of Armenia, Karapetyan moved to the U.S. when she was seven years old. A devastating earthquake, a brewing conflict with Azerbaijan, and the demise of the Soviet Union all contributed to her family's decision to leave their homeland.

She grew up in Palos Verdes Estates and returns to Los Angeles from KOIN-TV in Portland, OR, where she served as a general assignment reporter and fill-in host for the past two years. Prior to that, she was a reporter/anchor/producer at KIDK-TV in Idaho Falls, ID. Earlier in her career, Karapetyan held various news positions in California, such as reporter for government access cable television channel, Torrance CitiCABLE 3 in Torrance, CA. Karapetyan began her television career as an intern at KABC-TV in Los Angeles and KFI 640 AM radio in Burbank, CA.

Araksya's interest in journalism sparked when she went back for a summer visit to Armenia. She decided to spend her time there not by being a tourist, but by actually exploring to see what everyday life was like for the majority. So she grabbed a camcorder and hit the streets. She interviewed people and visited places such as orphanages, psychiatric wards, schools, and homes for the elderly to fully understand the issues the newly democratic country was facing. Her excitement for telling stories was in full bloom by the time her visit was over.

Araksya holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in International Relations and Broadcast Journalism from Syracuse University's S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications. and is on the National Leadership Council the National Women's Coalition Against Violence & Exploitation of Women (NWCAGE).

# Keynote Speaker Biographies

**AnnaLynne McCord** is an American actress, writer, director and producer. Known for playing the vixen, vamp and roles of a darker nature, McCord first gained prominence in 2007 as the scheming Eden Lord on the FX television series *Nip/Tuck*. Followed by credits on CW's *90210*, TNT's *Dallas*, *Stalker* on CBS, FOX's Jerry Bruckheimer produced pilot, *Lucifer* and, currently, ABC's *Secret's and Lies*. Her turn as a disturbed and delusional teenager in the 2012 film, *Excision*, was widely acclaimed. For her role in *Excision*, McCord won "Best Actress" at the Malaga International Week of Fantastic Cinema in 2012.



During her free time, McCord has contributed to various charities, stating that she is a "working with organizations and giving back has been (her) saving grace as it has taught (her) how to rescue (herself)." She is the Board Chair for the New Somali Mam Fund: Voices for Change which empowers women and children victimized by human-trafficking and sexualized violence. In 2009, McCord was awarded a U.S. Congressional Honor by Connecticut Congresswoman Rosa De Lauro for her anti-trafficking work.

In 2014, McCord revealed that she was sexually assaulted when she was 18 by a male friend. In March of 2015, while speaking at the United Nations in support of UNWFPA McCord announced her alignment with the NFL-supported anti-sexual assault and anti-domestic abuse project, the NO MORE Campaign. As a speaker and activist, McCord continues to engage audiences at colleges, events and private parties with her candid outlook on sex, anti-sexualized violence, anti-domestic abuse and the slavery which "touches 7 billion people": mental slavery.

In June of 2015, McCord began the Beta Phase for an entirely new type of talk show she would host online. In this never-before-seen format, McCord invites you, literally and figuratively, to come pajamas-ready and jump in bed with her as she delves into topics such as Mental Health, Body Image, Family Issues, Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and much more. Her tag line claims the show is: "Unfiltered. Uncensored. No topic is off-limits or taboo." The overwhelmingly positive response would see her first episode airing just a few months later in October of 2015. The show appropriately entitled "Truth" seeks to create an open forum style of conversation. 'Truth' married with it's partner SmileTime offers an entirely interactive, LIVE experience which allows direct round-the-world engagement through video-chat and LIVE chatter.

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# Keynote Speaker Biographies



On January 5, 2015, **Michael Ramos** ([@michaelramos](#)) was sworn in as District Attorney of the County of San Bernardino for a fourth term. In his address, he noted the importance of continuing his mission to fight violent crime and corruption and make victims' rights a priority.

No stranger to the local area, District Attorney Ramos was born and raised in Redlands, California. After attending local schools in Redlands and graduating from Redlands High School in 1976, Ramos earned his Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from the [University of California in Riverside](#) in 1980 and a Doctorate of Jurisprudence from [Citrus Belt Law School](#) in Riverside in 1988.

Ramos' government service began in 1980, where he started as a group counselor with the Probation Department and then later became a Probation Officer. He started his career with the District Attorney's Office in June 1989 as a Deputy District Attorney. In addition to his work in general prosecution and the narcotics unit, he served with the Major Crimes Unit for four years, until 2002, when he was elected District Attorney for San Bernardino County.

His civic services have included serving as a school board member from 1995 – 2002; member of the [California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board](#); and President of the [California District Attorney Association](#), to name a few. In 2011, Ramos was elected to represent the State of California on the [National District Attorneys Association Board of Directors](#) (NDAA) and serve as chair of the NDAA's Committee for Corrections and Prison Re-entry. In July 2015, he was elected President-elect of NDAA.



In 2009, Ramos responded to this problem of human trafficking in San Bernardino County and created the county's Coalition Against Sexual Exploitation (CASE). The coalition brought together a partnership of county departments including the District Attorney's Office, Sheriff's Department, Probation Department, County Superintendent of Schools, Department of Children and Family Services, Public Defender and Department of Behavioral Health, to raise awareness of this issue, and to provide enhanced county and community resources to victims. Since that time, he campaigned heavily in favor of [Proposition 35](#) which voters overwhelmingly passed in 2012 and created a [Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit](#).

In an effort to reduce the demand for victims of human trafficking, Ramos also began releasing [the names and photographs of defendant convicted of solicitation in San Bernardino County](#). It was time to try and put a stop to the demand that is associated with the sexual exploitation of our young women," Ramos said. "Our message is simple: If you're a so-called john thinking about soliciting sex in San Bernardino County, you better think twice."

He furthered his efforts by creating a Human Trafficking Vertical Prosecution Unit within the office and partnered with the San Bernardino County Sheriff to form a Human Trafficking Joint Investigative Task Force to address the commercial sexual exploitation of minors. In 2011, Governor Jerry Brown appointed Ramos to the [Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission](#) (POST), which was established by the Legislature in 1959 to set minimum selection and training standards for California law enforcement. A firm believer in serving his community, Ramos has been recognized with such awards as the Inland Empire Hispanic Image Awards recipient for Influential Latino of the Year (2005) and M.A.D.D. Prosecutor of the Year Award (1998). [Read more](#)



# Keynote Speaker Biographies



## California Cognitive Behavioral Institute



**Dr. Kathie Mathis** is a Doctor of Psychology, a Nationally Certified Psychologist, a Diplomate of the Psychotherapy Association and international trainer and speaker. She is certified in drug/alcohol abuse, domestic violence abuse, batterers facilitation, anger management, Sociopathic -type relationships, emotional addiction, parenting, high conflict relationships, court visitation monitoring, laughter therapy, and so much more that she states she can wall paper a house with all the certificates.

During her career, Kathie has developed and introduced national models in mentoring, abuse prevention, and school-based stop bullying programs. She also authored books, written monthly columns for magazines and newspapers. She is recognized as a leader in anger management and is a trainer and supervisor in anger management for the National Association of Anger Management Association and California Association of Anger Management Providers; domestic violence prevention and intervention certification trainer for therapists, psychologists, social workers, law enforcement, parole and probation departments/individuals and counselors as well as clergy and corporations and anyone desiring. She also helped co-create a popular training entitled “The SociopathicStyle Relationship Facilitator Training,” that is being presented nationally.

Dr. Mathis has also created a program on laughter and happiness therapy for medical environments/staff dealing with illness, for military, seniors, and others having difficulty with life’s hardships, PTSD and depression and other negative emotions. It is called “The Hilarious Healing Project” ([www.hilarioushealing.com](http://www.hilarioushealing.com)). She is asked to be a keynote speaker at conventions and conferences. She also is a specialist in the sociopathic-type relationship and child abuse.

Dr. Mathis actively participates in helping find missing and human traffic victims and has worked on high profile cases. Dr. Mathis is the Southern California Director and National Trainer for the National Women’s Coalition Against Violence and Exploitation. Kathie also works on and testifies in, high profile and severely abusive family court cases where children are being sexually molested and victimized by a parent. She is an emotional addiction specialist and also helped set the standards for California’s Drug and Alcohol programs.

Dr. Mathis has received the following awards: Woman of the Year 2005; Woman of Distinction Award; Woman of the Year - Zonta International; Who’s Who; SCV Newsmaker Award; Professional Woman’s Who’s Who; Omni Award; Making a Difference for Women; Congressional Order of Merit, along with recognition awards from Los Angeles County Supervisors, Domestic Violence Council, President Bush, Congress and Senate acknowledgments. Kathie was just chosen “Woman of the Year 2009/2010” by the National Professional Women’s Association.

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**Dominique Roe-Sepowitz, MSW, Ph.D.** Dominique Roe-Sepowitz is an associate professor in the School of Social Work at Arizona State University and she is the Director of the ASU Office of Sex Trafficking Intervention Research. Dominique has her Master's degree and PhD in social work and is a researcher, professor and social work practitioner.

Dominique teaches in the clinical track of the masters of social work program as well as provides clinical intervention groups focused on abuse and trauma in the community to women and men exiting prostitution. Dominique's research focus is on women and violence with a focus on prostitution and the therapeutic needs for exiting. Dominique works very closely with community groups including the Phoenix Police Department, the Phoenix Prosecutor's Office and Catholic Charities DIGNITY programs. Her research work spans the prevention, detection, identification and trauma-focused treatment of sex trafficking victims. Recent projects include estimations of online sex buying demand, estimating the prevalence of sex trafficking victims within the juvenile delinquency and adult probation systems in Arizona, surveying homeless young adults about their sex trafficking experiences, studying patterns within arrest cases of traffickers, exploring sex ads and demand response around the Super Bowl in 2014 and 2015, and evaluating interventions for sex trafficking victims.

She has extensively published in the area of sex trafficking and is on the editorial board of the Journal of Violence Against Women and founding editorial board of the International Journal of Human Trafficking. Dominique recently won the 2014 ASU Commission on the Status of Women Outstanding Contribution and Achievement Award and was granted in October 2014 a \$1.24 million dollar federal grant to research and infuse information about sex trafficking into the Arizona Child Welfare System over the next five years.

In June 2015, Dr. Roe-Sepowitz was selected to be on the U.S. Department of State's Speakers Bureau and traveled to Canada to discuss sex trafficking and major sporting events and trauma-focused interventions for prostituted/sex trafficked persons.

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## Jane UnChained

Jane Velez-Mitchell

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Jane w/Rico – Photo by Leslie Hassler

Jane Velez-Mitchell is the editor of *JaneUnChained.com*, a social media news outlet that produces widely shared videos for the voiceless, particularly on animals, animal rights, the environment and compassionate living/eating/shopping.

Jane's reporting on animal issues has won 4 Genesis Awards from the Humane Society of the United States. Her four books include her New York Times bestselling memoir, *iWant: My Journey from Addiction and Overconsumption to a Simpler, Honest Life* and *Addict Nation: An Intervention for America*. Jane's most recent book is *Exposed: The Secret Life of Jodi Arias*. The New York Times bestseller offers a psychological study of a brutal murder and the lessons we can take from it.

Jane hosted her own national cable TV show for 6 years on HLN (CNN Headline News) and before that was a correspondent on the nationally syndicated TV show *Celebrity Justice*.

She is also the director/producer of *Anita Velez: Dancing Through Life*, a documentary which won a 2001 Gracie Allen Award. She's worked coast to coast as a TV journalist for decades including long stints reporting and anchoring at KCAL-TV in Los Angeles and WCBS-TV in New York.

In 2010, in honor of Jane's ongoing effort to have a voice for the voiceless, animals, women and children and most importantly, her efforts on being a voice for justice, the Jane Velez-Mitchell Journalism Award was created and is presented by the National Women's Coalition Against Violence & Exploitation (NWCAGE) and Jane to a journalist making a difference in the world through their coverage and stories.



### Past Recipients of the NWCAGE's JVM Journalism Award

2014 - Keli Rabon  
ABC7 Denver (Untested Rape Kits)

2012 - CNN Freedom Project  
(Human Trafficking Exposed)

2011 - Dr. Carrie Baker, Ms. Magazine  
(Jailing Girls for Men's Crimes)



# Jane Velez-Mitchell Journalism Award Honoree

## John Canzano



The National Women's Coalition Against Violence & Exploitation (NWCAGE) has announced that John Canzano will receive the 2016 Jane Velez-Mitchell Journalism Award on Saturday, January 16, 2016 during the Southwest Conference Against Trafficking in Ontario, California.

The Jane Velez-Mitchell Journalism Award is named after award-winning journalist Jane Velez-Mitchell. "I am proud to support such an honorable and urgent cause by encouraging journalists to cover the critical issues affecting women. Fighting the 'war on women' must become a priority in our society...this can be accomplished only by making it a priority in our national dialogue," said Velez-Mitchell.

"Canzano, was nominated by The Oregonian for NWCAGE's JVM Journalism Award; although all of the nominees are outstanding in their field, it was the nomination of Canzano that stood out," said Natalie Brand, JVM Journalism Award Chairperson.

In the summer of 2011, Canzano had written a column criticizing Oregon State University football coach Mike Riley for his handling of a domestic violence arrest involving one of his defensive lineman. Four years after that article, an email from a rape survivor would spark what Canzano would consider to be the most important work in his 19-year journalism career.

Canzano founded [The Bald Faced Truth Foundation](http://thebaldfacedtruth.com/), a 501(c)3 non-profit, all-volunteer organization that aims to fund extracurricular activities for kids. The foundation offers grants to children who hope to participate in the areas of arts, music, drama, education, athletics and other enriching extra-curricular activities.

John has two beautiful daughters and is married to Anna Canzano, an investigative reporter/anchor at KATU-TV and they all reside in Portland, Oregon. Read more about John at <http://thebaldfacedtruth.com/>



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**Joyce Capelle, CEO:** Ms. Capelle has been the Chief Executive Officer of Crittenton Services for Children and Families of Southern California since 1998. Prior to joining the agency in 1997, she worked as an administrator in public education and in hospital management for more than 35 years in the human services field. She earned a Master's degree in Public Administration with a Public Policy focus from California State University, Long Beach and a Juris Doctorate degree from Pacific West College of Law. She has also served on a number of local, state and national committees on child and family welfare issues. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for the California Alliance for Child and Family Services and is Immediate Past Chair of the Fullerton Chamber of Commerce.



**Dr. Barbara Hernandez, VP of Community Based Services:** Dr. Hernandez is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and earned a Doctor of Psychology from Ryokan College. She has been working with minors in the child welfare system for more than 15 years, ten of which are in administration. Dr. Hernandez and her team provide a variety of intensive therapeutic services to children in need of Crittenton's group home aftercare and in-home treatment programs. She has been instrumental in helping create one of the most recognized Crittenton program's called the InSight Program which is specifically designed to help youth cope with the aftermath of sex trafficking. Her knowledge of attachment disorders, trauma and mental health programming for commercially sexually exploited children (CSEC) has led the Crittenton team to help provide a comprehensive continuum of care services delivery model specifically for commercially sexually exploited teenage girls. In addition, Dr. Hernandez currently serves on the California Statewide Commercially Sexually Exploited Children Action Group where she provides insight on the need for comprehensive mental health services with an emphasis on treating complex traumas.



**Jeanette Cheng, Director of Advocacy and Public Policy:** Serves as the Advocacy and Public Policy Director of Crittenton Services for Children and Families of Southern California. In this role, she is directly responsible for the agency's public policy and advocacy platform relating to child welfare, restorative justice, mental health, trauma-informed care, the continuum of care reform, and similar areas of legislative focus. In addition, she manages Crittenton's governmental and community relation needs. Prior to joining the agency, Ms. Cheng, has had extensive experience working alongside faith-based organizations and as a community mobilizer managing cause driven initiatives ranging from affordable healthcare access to homelessness. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for Kingdom Causes Long Beach (KCLB) where as former Interim Executive Director she co-founded the Long Beach Human Trafficking Task Force (LBHTTF). Her service and commitment to building healthy communities has been commended by the City of Long Beach, Los Angeles County Board Supervisor Don Knabe, and California State Senator Ricardo Lara. She is a graduate of Vanguard University and earned a Bachelor's in International Business with a minor in Anthropology.



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**Emily Austin** is the Director of Policy and Evaluation at Peace Over Violence, a non-profit domestic violence and sexual assault intervention and prevention organization. A native of Northern California, Ms. Austin graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles with a BA in Women's Studies and English. She received her law degree from the University of Southern California; Gould School of Law. Upon graduating law school, Emily was an Audrey and Sydney Irmas Fellow at the California Women's Law Center. Her fellowship focused on teen dating violence and the educational system's response to teen dating violence, sexual assault, and sexual harassment.

During law school, Emily was a judicial extern to the Honorable Steven Reinhardt on the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals. She also clerked for two civil rights law firms and held an internship with the California Women's Law Center. Emily has worked on women's issues for twelve years as both a women's studies major and law student. Emily provided direct services to women and children at the USC Law Domestic Violence Clinic as a certified law student. She participated in the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition and has worked on international women's rights, civil rights and police misconduct cases.

Since joining Peace Over Violence in 2008, Emily has helped publish the second edition of *In Touch With Teens: A Relationship Violence Prevention Curriculum* and co-authored *Be Strong: From the Inside Out*. She has co-authored several policy and research papers for Peace Over Violence, including *A Painful Truth: A Retrospective of a Decade of Sexual Violence*, and *Stories of Strength: Report on Child Sexual Abuse & Community Recommendations for Prevention*. She also has helped organize four Peace Over Violence's Violence-Free Teens: Building Healthy Relationships Conferences. She founded the Coalition for Healthy Teen Relationships and the Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Advisory Council—both groups look at system changes and shifting social norms to promote healthy relationships.

**Carroll Schroeder** presides over all Alliance advocacy, accreditation, member services and executive support activities and staffs the Executive and Nominating Committees. Carroll came to the Alliance in 2001 after nearly 30 years in the field of child and family services. Beginning as a CPS worker in Baltimore in the early '70s, he moved to California to attend graduate school at UC Davis. After obtaining his Master's degree, he helped establish and grow FamiliesFirst where he worked for 18 years and held a variety of program and administrative positions ranging from youth care worker through social worker, program director, director of training, research and program development, and associate executive director. He directed the residential, nonpublic school and intensive family preservation programs.



After a brief stint in consulting, Carroll became executive director of Stanford Home for Children in 1995. There he redesigned the residential treatment program, was part of a four-agency joint venture that established the permanency-focused Family Alliance foster family agency, expanded Stanford Home's array of services to include mental health and vocational services, and brought all of the service offerings together through implementation of wraparound service and support. He has chaired and served on numerous boards and commissions and has extensive, practical hands-on experience in nonprofit leadership and management, family-centered practice, residential care, foster family care, special education, family preservation and wraparound services. Carroll holds an master's degree in child development from UC Davis and a bachelor's degree in sociology from Catawba College.

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**Dawn Marie Lemonds** is a native Californian and lives in Tustin. Dawn holds a Masters of Science Degree in Special Education. She worked for the Department of Developmental Services for the State of California for 41 years in a multitude of capacities- being first attracted to the field because of her personal experience of having family members with disabilities.

For 21 years Dawn Marie enjoyed the challenge of directing South Coast Regional Project at Fairview Developmental Center and working with multiple agencies in Southern California to develop community based resources for people who lived in a state developmental center. Her most recent assignment before retiring in 2012 was Facility Director of a state operated residential facility. Professionally Dawn Marie served on the American Association of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Region II Board in a variety of capacities 10 years- including Chair serving the states of California and Nevada.

In Dawn's personal life she is very involved in the international service organization, Soroptimist International. Dawn Marie served as Governor of Desert Coast Region in 1994-1996 and since then has served Soroptimist International of the Americas as a Board member, was the Soroptimist International Coordinator for Human Rights and Status of Women, was the International Project Liaison for Project Independence: Women Survivors of War.

In 2007-2011 Dawn Marie undertook her most challenging assignment for Soroptimist International serving as the International Programme Director for Soroptimist International. Her job was to facilitate and provide direction for the world organization on all issues of programme with her team of almost 40 volunteer leaders throughout the world, at 5 UN Agencies, and working with the professional staff at SI Headquarters in England. Dawn Marie brought the issue of Human Trafficking to Soroptimist International in 1997 and since then contributed to many initiatives with SI for both action and advocacy. Since retiring Dawn Marie has continued her work with Soroptimists including serving as a delegate from Soroptimist at the annual Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations.

In 2013 Dawn Marie has continued her work with fighting Human Slavery by serving as Co-Chair of the Southwestern Conference Against Trafficking held in 2014, is the Chair of the newly formed Aldersgate Abolitionists at her Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Tustin, and recently has joined the Advisory Board for the Global Center for Women and Justice. Inspiring others to join social justice causes with tangible opportunities to help is Dawn Marie's greatest joy.



Soroptimist International members from across the country at the Southwest Conference Against Trafficking 2014



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A charter member of S.I. of the Kachinas, Inc., **Alice Wells** has been actively involved with Soroptimist International since 1980. Throughout this time, Alice has had significant leadership experience with Soroptimist at local, region, federation and international levels, serving in a variety of leadership positions. Alice is a past president of Soroptimist International of the Americas, a federation of 20 countries and territories, and is the Immediate Past President of Soroptimist International (in 130 countries and territories). Soroptimist International inspires action and creates opportunities to transform the lives of women and girls through a global network of members and international partnerships.

Alice recently retired as the Executive Director of AZ ASCD, a non-profit organization for educators that provides expert and innovative solutions in professional development, capacity building, and educational leadership. Alice has a professional background in education and staff development training. She holds an Ed.S. degree in Educational Administration and a Masters Degree in Elementary Education. Alice has served as an elementary school principal and a curriculum coordinator in a large school district in Phoenix, Arizona, USA. In addition, she spent almost twenty years in the educational publishing industry working with school administrators and educators with their selection of textbook materials. She is passionate about improving and enhancing the education opportunities for women and girls all over the world.

When you ask Alice about Soroptimist and why she loves it, she will tell you it's because of the friendships she has made throughout the years. There is rarely a city (or country) you can visit without a Soroptimist connection. Yes, we all join for different reasons: service, networking, making a difference for other women, etc., but we stay in Soroptimist for the differences this outstanding organization makes in OUR lives and the lives of the women and girls we are able to help.



**Lisa Lindgren** is a member of Soroptimist International of La Jolla, where she has served in a variety of leadership and volunteer capacities, including District III Director for the Soroptimist Desert Coast Region, and twice president of her club.

In the fall of 2010, she was one of about 20 Soroptimists who attended a San Diego County meeting about human traffickers operating across the county, and especially in our schools. And although as a Soroptimist, she was aware of human trafficking happening across the globe, this was the first she had heard of local perpetrators preying upon our own children, girls that were only 14 to 15 years old.

She was motivated to action, and with Soroptimist members across San Diego county helped form Soroptimists Together Against Trafficking, more commonly known as STAT.

Lisa is a member of the San Diego County Human Trafficking Advisory Council and is an active member of the Council's community committee. She regularly attends numerous forums and meetings about this issue, is often asked to speak and moderate panels.

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**David Trotter** is a filmmaker, activist, and author. Motivated by his belief in the inherent value of every person, he has produced two films and written multiple books to educate people on social justice issues and motivate them to take action in their own communities. He is the producer of two award-winning documentaries including, *"Mother India: Life Through the Eyes of the Orphan"* and *"In Plain Sight: Stories of Hope and Freedom"* - highlighting the work of six female abolitionists who are fighting to end sex trafficking in the United States.

He is the author of *"Start Something to End Trafficking: A Practical Guide to Help You Start a Project, Event, Campaign, or Organization"*, *"Heroes of Hope: Intimate Conversations with Six Abolitionists and the Sex Trafficking Survivors They Serve"*, and multiple other resources available on Amazon. David earned an MA in Cross Cultural Studies (Fuller Theological Seminary - Pasadena, CA) and a B.A. in Pastoral Ministry (Vanguard University - Costa Mesa, CA). He and his wife of 21 years, Laura, live with their two children in Newport Beach, California.



**Chad Opitz** is currently a Detective with the Beaverton Police Department in Beaverton, Oregon and a Task Force Officer on the Portland FBI Child Exploitation Task Force. He is a sixteen year law enforcement officer and has been a detective for the last nine. Detective Opitz is also assigned as an Investigator to the Washington County Major Crime Team. He has worked sex trafficking related crimes since 2008, with the focus on protecting victims of child prostitution and targeting the pimps that exploit those minors. Detective Opitz has also done extensive undercover work in sex trafficking and prostitution investigations. He has also worked child pornography cases while assigned to the Portland FBI Innocent Images Task Force and spent five years assigned to the Proactive Team (street crimes) of the Beaverton Police Department. Detective Opitz obtained his bachelor's degree in Communication Arts from George Fox University (Newberg, Oregon). He has presented at the Dallas Crimes Against Children Conference and has been an Instructor for classes put on by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) throughout the United States.



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**Autumn Burris** is a dedicated and passionate leading expert with over fifteen years of experience in combating exploitation, her efforts focus on the complexities which she addresses in a holistic manner. As the Founder/Director of Survivors for Solutions, she offers direct client services, advocacy, community education and outreach, public policy advocacy, and consultation services to non-profit organizations and various institutions.

Autumn is passionate about empowering individuals in their transformation from victims to survivors and leaders and ensuring that public policy at all levels of government is survivor-informed. In December 2012, Ms. Burris was a panelist at the UN-Women's Stakeholders' Forum on Preventing and Eliminating Violence Against Women in preparation for the Commission on the Status of Women's 57th session in March 2013. As a panelist, she highlighted the gaps between existing global norms and standards and policy implementation in the area of sexual exploitation.

As an Administrative Director, provided organizational leadership in establishing and developing Standing Against Global Exploitation (SAGE) in San Francisco, California. She addressed the demand side of sexual exploitation by providing education on the impact of prostitution on behalf of the San Francisco District Attorney's Office First Offender Prostitution Program (FOPP) in addition to assisting other jurisdictions in the replication of both SAGE and FOPP programs.

Ms. Burris co-authored an article in the Journal of Trauma Practice entitled "Been There Done That: SAGE, a Peer Leadership Model Among Prostitution Survivors" which is also featured in the book, Prostitution, Trafficking and Traumatic Stress. In June 2011, she graduated from the University of California, San Diego with a degree of Bachelor of Arts in Political Science/Public Policy and a minor in Human Rights.

Autumn is currently an approved Expert Consultant with the Office of Victims of Crime, a Trainer and Public Policy Consultant with Runaway Girl, FPC, a board member of Prostitution, Research and Education and a member of the Women's Equity Council (WEC) of the United Nations Association of San Diego. As a passionate advocate, Ms. Burris is an influential and invaluable force in the anti-exploitation movement as she creates awareness, effectuates public policy reforms, delivers resources, and fosters positive change and social recognition to exploited individuals.



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# Speaker Biographies



**Dr. Morgan's** experience serving missing and exploited children includes direct care as a pediatric nurse, a volunteer with Doctors of the World (Athens, Greece) and as the Administrator of the Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force (OCHTTF). Her expertise is recognized locally, nationally and internationally including Asia, Russia, Europe, Africa and the Middle East. She serves on Foreign Affairs Chair Congressman Ed Royce's Anti Human Trafficking Advisory Committee. She also serves the Orange County Department of Education as a member of the Stakeholders Committee providing input to a Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) for OCDE, ACCESS (Alternative, Community, and Correctional Education Schools & Services). In her role as Faculty and Director of the Vanguard University's Global Center for Women and Justice, she has built capacity for research, education and advocacy directly related to the exploitation of women and children. She consistently brings together diverse groups to collaborate during annual Ensure Justice conferences as well as special focus summits: Child Trafficking Summit (2011) and Frontline Summit (2013) "Where is the Frontline in the War Against Child Sexual Exploitation?"

Her expertise on community engagement draws together healthcare providers, juvenile justice practitioners, K-12 educators, business people, university leaders, FBO and CBO leaders, service organizations and law enforcement was recognized by HHS Rescue and Restore Campaign as a National WebEx Training presenter for "Community Engagement (2011). For three years she has produced the bimonthly "Ending Human Trafficking" podcast which was recognized by The National Clearinghouse on Families & Youth, Dept. of Health and Human Services as a great way to "get up to speed on human trafficking." There are currently eighty 30 minute podcasts available online.

Dr. Morgan's grant management experience includes two US Health and Human Resources outreach grants to Vanguard University, a British Council grant for an International Higher Education partnership in Duhok, Iraq to build capacity for women and children and included an exploited women and children training component. During her role as Administrator of the OCHTTF she was also responsible for documentation and management aspects of BJA/OVC grants.



# Saturday's Music



**Charles Kelly** is a gold record (RIAAA, BMI) musician/keyboardist, record producer, film composer, music director and song writer. Originally from Philadelphia, he has worked with Stevie Wonder, Neil Diamond, Elton John, Sister Sledge, WHAM!, The Walt Disney Company, Howard Jones, The Pointer Sisters, Holly Robinson, Ralph Johnson and Sheldon Reynolds (Earth, Wind and Fire), Eddie Murphy, Ndugu Chancler, Nathan East, Ricky Larson, Debbie Allen, Nile Rogers, Nate Watts, Paul Jackson Jr., The Sembello Brothers, and many others. He also was an actor on the TV series "Fame".

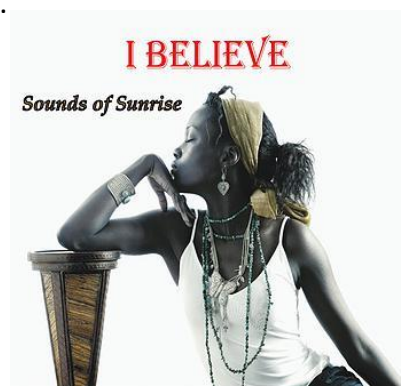
Charles is currently working on CD, and film projects while serving God as the Music Director for Sunrise Church in Rialto CA. Sunrise Worship Arts has hosted and opened for such artists as CeCe Winans, Selah, The Katinas, Salvador, Jeremy Camp, MaryMary, Gungor, Tommy Walker and Israel Houghton. It is the largest church in Rialto.

**SoundsOfSunrise** consists of worship leaders from the Southern California area. The group started out of Sunrise Church in Rialto, CA. It now has a member from Water of Life in Fontana CA. The extended SoundsOfSunrise family has associations from other churches in the Southern California area as well. SoundsOfSunrise's 2nd CD titled, was titled "I Believe."

The "I Believe" project has a target audience of young people from ages 12 through 18. The goal of the project is to bring into light everyday struggles with drug/alcohol abuse, rebellion, peer pressure, cutting, loneliness, sex abuse and human trafficking. In addition to putting some of the pressures of everyday living on the table, the project is written in hopes to provide healing, understanding and answers through a relationship with Jesus Christ.

**SoundsOfSunrise will perform at the  
Saturday Awards Dinner – January 16, 2016**

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### **The Gift of Lift**

The National Women's Coalition Against Violence & Exploitation (NWCAGE) along with Dr. Allen Gabriel of Peace Health Medical Group Plastic Surgery and Robin Helm from Clark County Juvenile Court all came together and the Gift of Lift was born; its a collaborative effort to collect bras to benefit local, national and international programs for women and girls. Since its inception over 6000 bras have been collected!

### **Our selected beneficiary for SWCAT 2016:**

**About Free The Girls:** is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides job opportunities for survivors of sex trafficking. They collect gently used bras and donate them to the women as starting inventory for their own business selling the bras. Free the Girls is a coalition partner of the National Women's Coalition Against Violence & Exploitation. Learn more [www.freethegirls.org](http://www.freethegirls.org).

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*Michel Aoun*



FREE THE GIRLS

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### **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.



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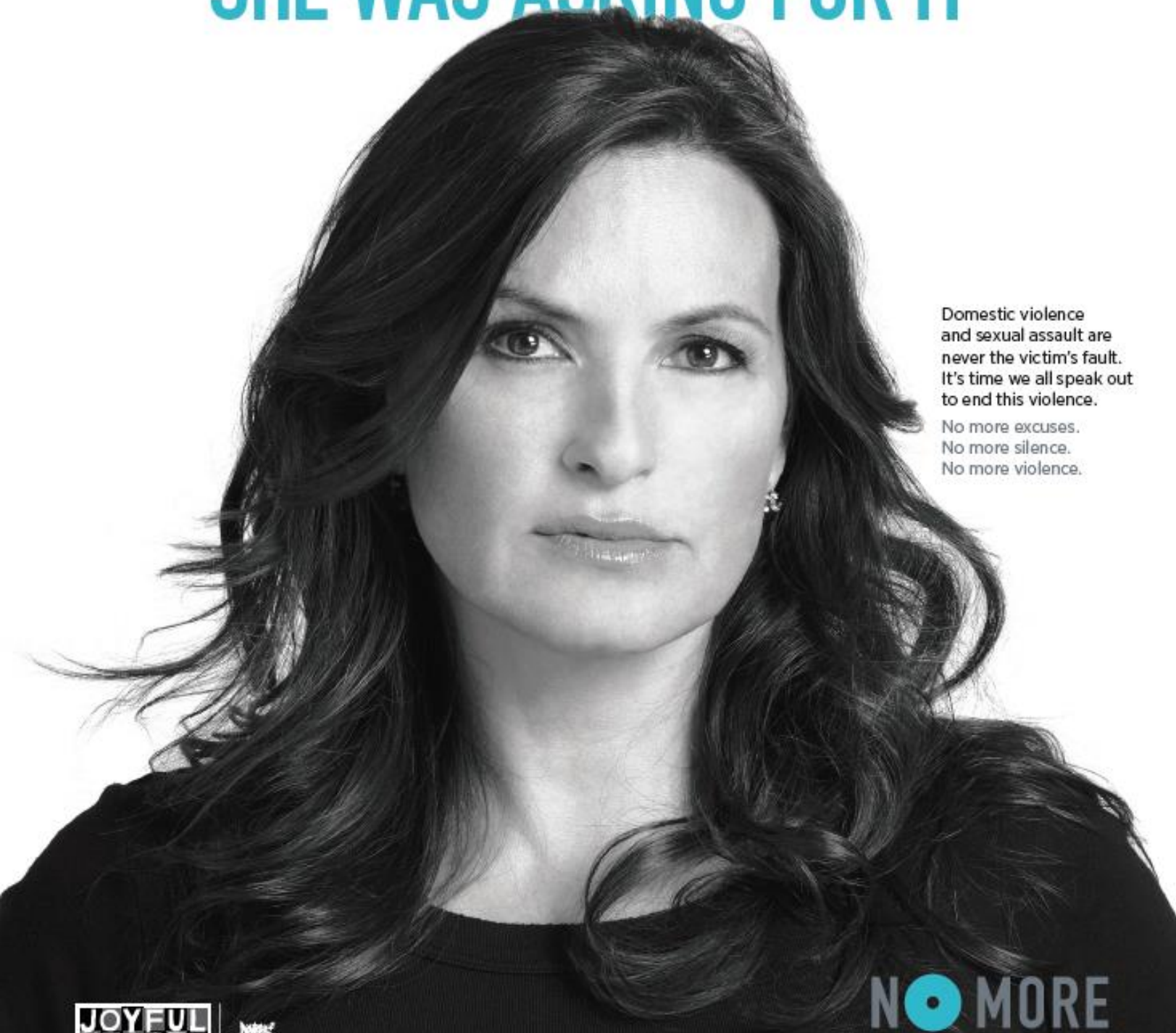
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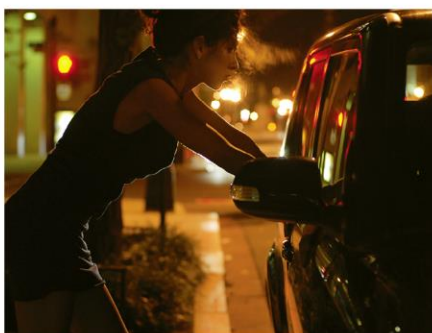
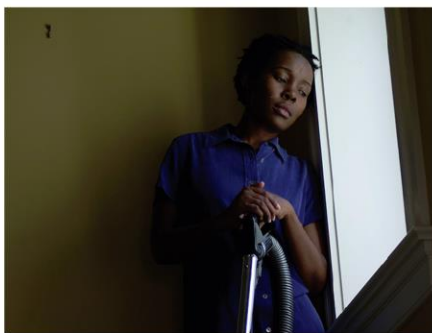
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