



## Be The Hero

Here is your invitation to join the movement to eradicate sex trafficking—*welcome!*

Like you, we desire to live in a world where boys, girls and vulnerable adults are protected from sexual exploitation, and sex trafficking is a problem of the past. With twenty years of experience, Shared Hope, and our Center for Justice and Advocacy, is leading the movement with a comprehensive plan to end sex trafficking.

**IT STARTS WITH YOU.** Join us by becoming an activist, volunteer or donor. Each path of involvement empowers us to implement our three pronged approach to the issue: prevent trafficking, restore and empower survivors, and bring justice to vulnerable adults and children. Together we can create a world passionately opposed to sex trafficking where every survivor is surrounded by trained professionals, an alert community, just law and policy, knowledgeable service providers and appropriate shelter options.

## Our Story

Shared Hope International strives to prevent the conditions that foster sex slavery, restore victims of sex trafficking, and bring justice to vulnerable adults and children. We lead prevention strategies, restoration programs and justice initiatives to combat trafficking in the U.S. and abroad.

Linda Smith is a leader in the global movement to end sex trafficking around the world. Linda served as a Washington State legislator (1983-93), before she was elected to the U.S. Congress in 1994. Her compassionate and uncompromising belief that every individual has dignity has carried her from advocating for permanent safe homes for children in the State Senate, to the halls of Congress, and ultimately to searching out victims in red light districts around the world.

Shared Hope combats sex trafficking through a three-prong approach:

## PREVENT

**TRAINING** Shared Hope offers annual training conferences, e-learning courses, webinars and training guides to equip professionals and community members to identify signs of trafficking and respond to help sex trafficking victims.

**AWARENESS** Through Chosen, our youth sex trafficking prevention film, and hundreds of trained Ambassadors of Hope, we spread awareness about sex trafficking and teach communities to defend their children.

- **AMBASSADORS OF HOPE** are people like you – men and women who educate, equip and connect with information and resources to wake up their communities to help prevent sex trafficking in America. They are an army of trained volunteers for Shared Hope, expanding our impact around the nation.
- **THE DEFENDERS USA** is a coalition of men who are opposed to all forms of commercialized sex, and who have taken a pledge to 1) Fight against any form of the sex industry 2) Protect those around them and 3) Hold other men accountable, with the goal to fight the demand side of domestic minor sex trafficking.

**RESEARCH** Shared Hope International has conducted two decades of research on the issue of sex trafficking. Visit [sharedhope.org/resources](http://sharedhope.org/resources) for a complete list.

## RESTORE

**PARTNERS** We provide funding and technical assistance to partners in India, Nepal, Jamaica and the United States, to offer safe homes, medical care, education, vocational training, therapy, and outreach and intervention services for survivors.

**JUST RESPONSE COUNCIL** We lead a group of over 30 organizations that collaborate on the best responses for juvenile sex trafficking victims based on the group's combined research and experience in services, law and policy.

**WOMEN'S INVESTMENT NETWORK** Job training and leadership development programs help women compete in the global market and achieve financial independence. International programs include cosmetology, jewelry and leather making, and print services. The U.S. program focuses on computer and administrative skills.

## BRING JUSTICE

We help strengthen trafficking laws and build better policies to protect victims by providing comprehensive legal research, expert testimony, coalition support, and advocacy initiatives.

- **THE PROTECTED INNOCENCE CHALLENGE** Every state receives an annual Report Card that grades the strength of state laws in combating child sex trafficking and offers practical recommendations for improvement.
- **THE STOP THE INJUSTICE CAMPAIGN** seeks to end the criminalization of child sex trafficking victims and develop protective responses to connect youth to trauma informed services.

# RESOURCES

## Prevention Resources



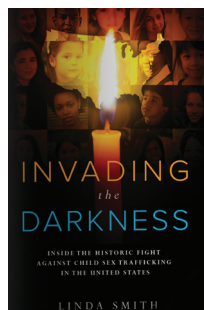
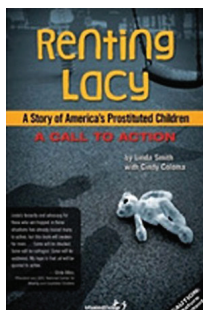
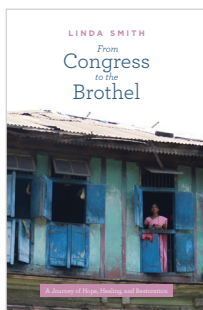
### CHOSEN – THE TRUE STORY OF AMERICA'S TRAFFICKED TEENS

This film series teaches teens the warning signs of trafficking through the true stories of teenage girls who were tricked by traffickers. Learn how pimps and gangs are luring youth into the commercial sex industry and how teens can protect themselves and others. The resource packages include additional educational tools to further discussion, learning and action!



**FAITH IN ACTION KIT** With the help of friends like you, we'll enable church leaders and committed influencers to help protect children in communities nationwide from the threat of trafficking. Each kit includes Chosen PLUS, our most effective training tool and awareness resource; tools for men, youth, women and leaders—each version includes audience-appropriate discussion questions, small group study guide, and Faith-In-Action ideas; sermon notes; awareness materials and ways your church can respond to the need.

## Books by Linda Smith



- 2007 *From Congress to the Brothel: A Journey of Hope, Healing, and Restoration*
- 2009 *Renting Lacy: A Story of America's Prostituted Children*
- 2019 *Invading the Darkness: Inside the Historic Fight Against Child Sex Trafficking in the United States*

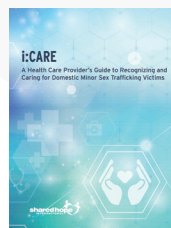


## Trafficking Research

Shared Hope invests heavily in providing policy leaders, community advocates, and first responders with data-driven, comprehensive studies to create informed responses to fight trafficking.

- **PROTECTED INNOCENCE CHALLENGE** Annual State Report Cards, Issue Briefs and National State Law Surveys
- **STOP THE INJUSTICE CAMPAIGN** Seeking Justice: Legal approaches to eliminate criminal liability for child sex trafficking victims
- **JUST RESPONSE FIELD GUIDANCE** Protective Response Model, Justice for Juveniles, Eliminating the Third Party Control Barrier and Non-Criminalization of Juvenile Sex Trafficking Victims

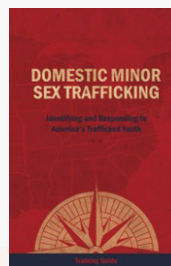
## Training



**I:CARE** This resource offers a comprehensive understanding of domestic minor sex trafficking and informed guidance on how any health professional can recognize and respond in the urgent care setting.



**GANG TRAP** This unique training tool addresses the growing trend of sex trafficking by criminal street gangs. The course targets law enforcement, service providers and prosecutors, offering instruction on gang trafficking dynamics, recruitment and control tactics.



**DOMESTIC MINOR SEX TRAFFICKING** This interactive training tool offers a comprehensive guide to domestic minor sex trafficking including the law, victim vulnerabilities, trafficker tactics, and effective responses for agencies and organizations.



**INTERVENE** This resource is designed for service providers and clinicians to improve identification and response to victims of sex trafficking. The Practitioner Guide addresses vulnerability factors of potential victims, common trafficker tactics and the impact of trauma on survivors. The Intake Tool is a tiered set of questions to identify exploited youth while reducing the risk of traumatization.

Each of these resources contain a video series and are available as e-learning courses on CHARLI and as training guides.

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