



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 over 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-pronged 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.

ACTIVISM Hundreds of trained Ambassadors of Hope spread awareness about sex trafficking and teach communities to defend their children through online safety and awareness presentations.

- **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 sharehope.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



PROTECTING AMERICA'S YOUTH THROUGH EDUCATION

Technology, including social media and classified websites, is a continually changing landscape and widely viewed as being responsible for the explosion of sex trafficking in the United States. Stay ahead of the game by accessing a safety guide for parents (sharedhope.org/internetsafety) and an online site for teens (youthonline.sharedhope.org), and by requesting a free presentation of our new Internet Safety Resources for your group (sharedhope.org/request-a-speaker).



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 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 key stakeholders with data-driven comprehensive studies to create victim-centered and trauma-informed responses to child and youth sex trafficking.

- **REPORT CARDS ON CHILD AND YOUTH SEX TRAFFICKING** Six issue areas comprised of 40 issue briefs are utilized to grade every state's child sex trafficking legislation.
- **VICTIM-OFFENDER INTERSECTIONALITY** Provides insight on victim-offender intersectionality and appropriate responses.
- **JuST RESPONSE COUNCIL** Over 30 experts across the country collaborating to improve responses to child and youth sex trafficking through research, knowledge, and policy.

Training

RESPOND: Treating Human Trafficking in the Field

This training resource offers a comprehensive understanding of domestic minor sex trafficking (DMST) and informed guidance on how service providers and first responders can play a role in identifying and responding to victims and survivors and aid in prevention. This course is designed for any healthcare provider, social worker, counselor, or other service provider who may interact directly with survivors.



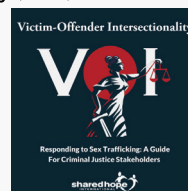
EXPLOITED: Understanding Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking

This training resource offers a comprehensive understanding of domestic minor sex trafficking (DMST). The course includes information about victims, traffickers, common tactics, and online exploitation, as well as appropriate responses.



VOI: Victim-Offender Intersectionality

This training resource is designed for those working in the criminal legal system or anyone who wants to learn more about the complexity of victim-offender intersectionality (VOI), the occurrence of sex trafficking survivors facing criminalization under sex trafficking laws. This resource covers the legal implications of VOI using case studies and expert field guidance to provide concrete recommendations for criminal justice stakeholders to make legal processes more victim centered and trauma informed.



JuST: Juvenile Sex Trafficking (JuST) Annual Conference

JuST This is an unforgettable and inspiring conference featuring today's most pressing issues in child and youth sex trafficking. Our attendees and presenters are leading the fight against trafficking in their communities. We believe a multi-disciplinary approach is key to preventing trafficking and adequately serving victims and survivors. The JuST Conference's location rotates each year, and we look forward to learning new and evolving practices from each region, engaging with local leaders on what they encounter in their communities.

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