

Senator Teresa Fedor, State Senator, Ohio's 11th Senate District: Since 2010, Senator Teresa Fedor (D-Toledo), representing Ohio's 11th Senate District, has hosted the Annual Human Trafficking Awareness Day, growing to over one thousand participants over two days. Senator Fedor has unprecedented success in passing bills to fight human trafficking. In 2009, she passed legislation creating an Ohio Attorney General's Human Trafficking commission to study the issue in Ohio and a penalty enhancement for human traffickers. She now serves as the co-chair of the Legal and Legislative Subcommittee within the Commission. In 2010, she passed legislation making human trafficking a stand-alone felony. In 2012, then-Representative Fedor passed The Safe Harbor Act, a comprehensive, victim-centered human trafficking bill. This legislation was followed by the End Demand Act, which tackles market-driven demand for human trafficking by increasing penalties for purchasing sex from minors. In 2020, Senate Bill 13, a bill applying the same human trafficking offense to all victims under 18, was enacted into law.

Representative Tavia Galonski, State Representative, Ohio's 35th House District: Since 2018, Representative Tavia Galonski (D-Akron) has joined Senator Fedor as the co-host of the Annual Human Trafficking Awareness Day. As a former Teamster and daughter of a UAW worker, Representative Galonski knows the importance of rewarding hard work and putting family first. From creating new, better-paying jobs to fully funding our schools and protecting our children, Representative Galonski is focused on using her legal expertise and work experience to address the biggest challenges facing the state and improve the quality of life for residents of the 35th House district. Representative Galonski is currently serving her second full term as a State Representative after being appointed to finish Representative Johnson's term during the 132nd General Assembly. With the start of the 134th General Assembly, she was elected as Vice-Chair of the Ohio Democratic Women's Legislative Caucus. In addition to her extensive background in public service, policy and legal issues, Representative Galonski is also a member of Leadership Akron, The University of Akron School of Law Alumni Association, the Barristers and the Ohio State Bar Association, the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus, and the Ohio Arts Council.

Senator Stephanie Kunze, State Senator, Ohio's 16th Senate District: Senator Stephanie Kunze (R-Columbus) is currently serving her second term in the Ohio Senate representing the people of the 16th Senate District on the western side of Franklin County including the cities of Dublin, Galloway, Grove City, Hilliard, Upper Arlington, Worthington and portions of Clintonville and Columbus. This will be the second year that Senator Kunze joins Senator Fedor and Representative Galonski in co-hosting this event. During her previous two terms in the Ohio House of Representatives representing the 24th Ohio House District, she played a key role in the passage of legislation aimed at reducing the alarming infant mortality rate in Ohio. Additionally, senator Kunze passed Senate Bill 4 in the 132nd General Assembly to expand engagement for certain human trafficking related offenses. She has successfully championed legislation aimed at reducing the opiate epidemic that is plaguing Ohio's communities and legislation aimed at delivering justice for victims of domestic violence. Last year, she championed the passage of Senate Bill 5, which increases the penalties for the promotion of prostitution. She is also a Co-Chair of the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission.

Representative Tracy Richardson, State Representative, Ohio's 86th House District: Representative Tracy Richardson is serving her second term in the Ohio House of Representatives. She represents the 86th District, which consists of Union and Marion counties. Richardson is a graduate of West Point and was deployed in Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, earning a Bronze Star Medal. She is currently serving as a U.S. Army Reservist. Prior to being elected to the House, Richardson served nine years on Marysville City Council and worked for several years as a corporate human resources professional for a Fortune 500 company and as a Leadership Professor for ROTC at both Capital University and Ohio Wesleyan University.

Richardson serves on the Finance; Armed Services and Veteran's Affairs; Technology and Innovation; and Primary and Secondary Education committees. Additionally, Richardson serves as the Chair of the Finance Subcommittee on Primary and Secondary Education. She has also been appointed to the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission, the State Victims Advisory Council, the War Orphans Scholarship Board, and the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission.

She also volunteers her time on the Union County Drug Free Coalition and the Neighborhood Watch Safety Team. Richardson actively supports her local schools and is a dedicated member of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, where she cantors and helps at vacation Bible school. Richardson and her husband, Chris, who works at Honda, are the proud parents of three sons and have called Marysville home since 1998.

Christine Raino, Senior Director of Public Policy, Shared Hope International: Christine Raino joined Shared Hope International in 2011 as part of a new domestic policy initiative, and helped draft the legal analysis of the 50 states and District of Columbia that laid the foundation for the annual Protected Innocence Challenge Report Cards. Following 9 years of state grades under that project, Christine led the development of a new framework which will guide grading for the Report Cards on Child & Youth Sex Trafficking. Currently, as Senior Director of Public Policy, Christine directs legislative advocacy efforts to advance protections and services for child sex trafficking victims. She also authors and leads research initiatives on emerging topics related to child sex trafficking. To ensure that policy efforts advanced by Shared Hope's Institute for Justice & Advocacy are shaped and informed by survivors and on-the-ground implementation, Christine convenes the JuST (Juvenile Sex Trafficking) Response Council, a group of over 30 experts from the areas of policy development, survivor leadership, federal and state child serving agencies and service provision, to examine the nuanced and complex challenges that advocates encounter when working to connect exploited youth to qualified and appropriate services.

Sarah Bendtsen Diedhiou, Director of State Legislative Advocacy: Sarah joined Shared Hope in 2016 to support the organization's state legislative advocacy work and State Report Card project. Sarah focuses her advocacy efforts and research on strengthening states' statutory and practice-based responses to child sex trafficking, striving to support the design and implementation of trauma-informed service responses for youth survivors. In her role as Director of State Legislative Advocacy, Sarah provides technical assistance, subject matter expertise, and bill drafting support to state legislators, survivors, ally NGOs, and advocates.

Prior to joining Shared Hope, Sarah worked with several child protection and women's rights NGOs in Kenya, Senegal, Zambia, and the U.S., advocating for stronger legal protections and responses for survivors of all forms of sexual and gender-based violence. Sarah earned her undergraduate degree from Webster University and her law degree from DePaul University College of Law.

Patricia Speck, Professor and Coordinator of Advanced Forensic Nursing: Dr. Speck is a Professor and Coordinator of the Advanced Forensic Nursing at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, School of Nursing. She is internationally recognized as a Board-Certified Family Nurse Practitioner and expert in the advanced forensic nursing care of patients experiencing an intersection with the legal system. She consults globally with governments, universities, institutions, and Non-Governmental Organizations to evaluate and implement infrastructure change in response to victims of violence. As an advanced forensic nursing family nurse practitioner practice expert and published researcher, she develops policy, evaluates programs, and builds nursing workforce capacity to respond to trauma through publications, education, and violence prevention initiatives. She held a number of offices in organizations. Noteworthy was President of the International Association of Forensic Nurses (2003-2004), Chair, American Public Health Association's Family Violence Prevention Forum/Caucus (2011-2013). She is currently a member of the

Forensic Nurse Certification Board. She is the recipient of over 25 awards, including: Fellow American Academy of Nursing (2002) and American Academy of Forensic Sciences (2008), and Distinguished Fellow, International Association of Forensic Nurses (2001) and Academy of Forensic Nursing (2018), and is the recipient of the Lifetime Professional Impact Award from End Violence Against Women International (2017).

Rosario V. Sanchez Ph.D., MSN, RN, Alumnus CCRN, SANE-A

Dr. Sanchez is a practicing nurse for over 30 years, in critical care and forensics. Her initial article, “*The Hard Truth about Human Trafficking*” in 2014, provided the platform for her program of research that has directed her indefatigable efforts to bring human trafficking awareness and education to all service providers. Noticeable by her several journal articles and book chapters publications, podcast and social media interviews, and presenting as an expert on Human Trafficking. Her community involvement includes, serving on the Strategic Planning Team and Co-Chairs the Membership Committee for the New Jersey Coalition Against Human Trafficking, serving as a Board Member for Saving Jane, a non-profit human trafficking organization, and during the COVID19 Pandemic, she volunteered for the New York & New Jersey Medical Reserve Corp.

After her relocation to Ohio, she has joined the Lucas County Human Trafficking Coalition and the Lucas County Trauma Informed Coalition. Dr. Sanchez currently holds an Assistant Professor position at the University of Toledo - College of Nursing. She has been invited to collaborate with the Human Trafficking and Social Justice Institute at the University of Toledo, and through this partnership is looking forward to expanding her forensic nursing research to improve, advocate, and support the human trafficking victim and survivor population.

Senator Sherrod Brown, United States Senator from Ohio: A lifelong Ohioan, Senator Sherrod Brown has spent his career fighting for the Dignity of Work – the idea that hard work should pay off for everyone, no matter who you are, where you live, or what kind of work you do. He has held nearly 500 roundtables across Ohio, because he believes the best ideas don’t come out of Washington – they come from conversations with Ohioans.

Senator Brown serves as Ranking Member on the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee. He also serves on the Finance Committee, the Agriculture Committee, and is the longest serving Ohioan on the Veterans’ Affairs Committee.

Sherrod was born and raised in Mansfield, Ohio, where he earned his Eagle Scout award and spent summers working on his family’s farm. He is married to author and Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Connie Schultz. They live in Cleveland, Ohio, with their rescue dogs, Franklin and Walter, drive Jeeps made by union workers in Toledo, and have three daughters, a son, a daughter-in-law, three sons-in-law, and seven grandchildren.

Jennifer Kinsley, Northern Kentucky University Salmon P. Chase College of Law Professor: Jennifer Kinsley is one of the nations leading Constitutional and criminal law scholars and practitioners. Her research, which has been widely cited and is included in leading Constitutional law textbooks, focuses on the First Amendment right of free expression, particularly as it is applied within the context of criminal cases, and related criminal justice reform. Professor Kinsley’s research on the intersection of psychology and speech and the criminalization of speech has been published in leading law reviews, including the *Emory Law Review*, the *Cincinnati Law Review*, the *Richmond Law Review*, the *Louisville Law Review*, the *New Mexico Law Review*, the *Loyola Chicago Law Journal*, and the *Vanderbilt Entertainment Law & Technology Law Journal*. In the field, she has successfully represented thousands of clients whose free speech and civil rights have been persecuted by the government, including protestors, artists, filmmakers,

business owners, human trafficking survivors, juveniles sentenced to life in prison, and those facing the death penalty. Her work is regularly featured in the national news, including on *NBC Nightly News*, in the *New York Times* and *Washington Post*, and as part of Kim Kardashian West's *The Justice Project* documentary on the Oxygen Network. In addition, Professor Kinsley regularly submits *amicus* briefs to the United States Supreme Court and Courts of Appeals on important issues of constitutional and criminal law. In her spare time, Professor Kinsley is an engaged community volunteer, distance runner, and college sports fan.

Verjine Adanalian is an attorney at the Ohio Justice & Policy Center: Verjine Adanalian is an attorney at the Ohio Justice & Policy Center. OJPC is a nonprofit, public interest law firm, whose mission is to create fair, intelligent, redemptive criminal justice systems. Verjine joined OJPC in June 2018 as a fellow for the Equal Justice Works Crime Victims Justice Corps fellowship program, which mobilized over sixty attorneys across the United States to provide legal services to victims of human trafficking. At OJPC, Verjine provides direct representation, community outreach, and policy advocacy, specializing in the unique legal needs resulting from human trafficking victimization. Further, Verjine is an adjunct professor at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio, where she teaches classes focusing on human trafficking and the criminal justice system to graduate students in the Applied Behavioral Sciences master's program. Verjine graduated from the University Of Cincinnati College Of Law, where she served as Managing Editor of the internationally acclaimed *Human Rights Quarterly* academic journal.

Kenneth Lawson: Ken Lawson is an officer with the Columbus Division of Police. He investigated sexual assault and kidnapping cases for 16 years. Officer Lawson is currently working to develop human trafficking projects and responses for Columbus Police. Off-duty, Officer Lawson trains children services caseworkers throughout Ohio.

Emily Dunlap, Staff Attorney, Advocating Opportunity: Ms. Dunlap provides direct legal services and advocacy to trafficked and exploited persons. She represents clients in a variety of legal matters including immigration, criminal defense, domestic relations, and civil proceedings. She also provides technical consultation on anti-trafficking best-practices, policy, court programming, and legislation. Emily received her J.D. from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law in 2014. She graduated from Ohio University in 2010, receiving her undergraduate degrees in Sociology and Women & Gender Studies. Prior to joining Advocating Opportunity, Emily was The OSU Mortiz College of Law's Greif Fellow in Juvenile Human Trafficking, representing exploited and trafficked children in a wide variety of legal proceedings.

Teonna Wells: Teonna Wells is a survivor and a thriver. Ms. Wells is a mental health awareness advocate and, most importantly, uses her voice to be heard on important issues today. Ms. Wells wants her voice to have an impact, to help leave people better than she found them. Ms. Wells is working on her Associate's Degree in psychology at Columbus State Community College. Her studies have shown her the importance of healing from the inside, out. Previously, Ms. Wells has served as a Mentor at Gracehaven and a Nutrition Specialist at Nationwide Children's Hospital.

Robin Levasseur: As a survivor of sex trafficking, domestic violence, homelessness, and drug addiction, Robin has been out of "the life" for 15 years. She is now passionate about giving back and empowering other vulnerable women. She has worked in various non-profit organizations with different populations. She has dedicated her life to victims of sexual exploitation and domestic violence as an advocate, mentor and outreach worker. Robin graduated in 2020 with an Associate's Degree in Social Work with a concentration in substance Abuse. She holds numerous certifications: Healthcare worker, Recovery Coach, Peer- Support, Ending the Game group facilitator, Narcan distributor, and HIV/Hep C tester. She is also in

active member of NECAT's (New England Coalition Against Trafficking) Survivor Network and is a public speaker and trainer. Lastly, she resides in Rhode Island and enjoys spending time with her family.

TERESA RACHELLE MERRIWEATHER, BA, MSCJ, CSI: Teresa Merriweather is an Elyria native who has dedicated nearly 20 years of her life to serving her community and advancing her education. However, prior to being able to embark on her professional life, Teresa's ambitions were detoured by the horrific experiences of being trafficked in the sex trade. Her faith, personal ambition and perseverance instilled in her by her parents allowed her to escape her trafficker and fulfill her educational and professional goals so she may help others. Ms. Merriweather obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology and a Master of Science in Administration of Justice and Security. She is also a certified forensic evidence technician and pursuing a Doctorate of Business Administration. Teresa is a nationally-recognized trainer in issues affecting human trafficking, is seated on the Global Alliance Human Trafficking Task Force, and relentlessly pursues her ambition of rescuing and restoring victims of human trafficking.

Lara Wilken, DNP, RN: Lara Wilken is an Assistant Clinical Professor and Coordinator of the online RN-BSN program at Bowling Green State University. She recently earned her Doctorate of Nursing Practice with a focus on healthcare and human trafficking. Her background in nursing is primarily medical-surgical oncology, with experience in public school nursing and SANE nursing (sexual assault nurse examiner). She has a passion for human trafficking and has spent the last eight years donating much of her time traveling the northwest region of Ohio educating healthcare providers on the assessment and identification of those involved in the life of human trafficking. She recently created the human trafficking policy for Firelands Regional Medical Center and serves as Co-Chair and Medical Liaison for the Erie County Human Trafficking Task Force. Lara is also part of the Ohio Attorney General's Healthcare Human Trafficking Subcommittee.

Heather Wilde, BSN, RN, SANE-A: Heather is a graduate of Otterbein College and had been a nurse for over 20 years. She worked primarily in the intensive care setting until becoming a Forensic Nurse Examiner 5 years ago. She is currently Coordinator of the Forensics Program at Mt. Carmel Health System in Columbus, Ohio. Heather is the Chair of the Ohio Attorney General's Human Trafficking Commission Healthcare Subcommittee and volunteers with organizations to spread awareness about Human Trafficking. She serves as an active volunteer with Out of Darkness Columbus and is the lead of their medical team helping to educate healthcare personnel about those in the life of Human Trafficking. Heather is married with 4 children and 2 grandchildren and loves to spend time with her family and friends.

Annette Mango, Survivor: For more than ten years, I lived on the streets addicted to drugs, being beaten by johns and pimps, and freezing in the alleyways of Cleveland. In 2015, I chose to go on the human-trafficking docket in Cleveland Municipal Court for solicitation and drug abuse charges. There I became involved with the Renee Jones Empowerment Center ("RJEC"), an organization dedicated to helping human-trafficking survivors. Since then, I have gone from being victimized on the streets to being drug-free, holding a full-time job, renting my own apartment, and re-uniting with family members. I am one of the first human-trafficking victims in Cuyahoga County to have had my criminal convictions related to my victimization expunged. In June of 2017, I completed a Survivor-Educator Certification course through RJEC, which prepared me to publicly speak and share my story with others. After many years of pain and humiliation, I am now able to use my experiences to help and educate others. From these experiences, I have transformed from a victim to a survivor and a thriver.

Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department Detective John Morgan is currently assigned to the Ohio Attorney General's Cuyahoga Regional Human Trafficking Task Force and has previously investigated violent crimes, specializing in State and Federal Human Trafficking Investigations for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Over his career, Detective Morgan has participated in many high-profile cases, worked with the FBI Violent Crimes Task Force, The Cleveland Police Department's Homicide Unit and

Investigated several Police Use of Deadly Force Investigations. Detective Morgan has been the recipient numerous awards and has provided his professional expertise and investigative skills in hundreds of critical cases and is always willing to educate the community while supporting survivors and advocates. He has also completed active duty combat tours with both the United States Marine Corps and The Ohio National Guard, participating in both Operation Desert Shield/Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom II.

Carolyn Kinkoph is a human trafficking survivor parent, advocate, and co-founder of the proposed Lake County Collaborative to End Human Trafficking. Her coalition includes local, county, state and federal agencies, plus non-government partners who have been supportive in building a multidisciplinary team to combat human trafficking in Northeast Ohio and beyond. She is passionate about providing human trafficking education to diverse audiences as a means of promoting awareness, prevention, and providing community service information for victims and their families.

Carolyn is a former Ohio State Bar Association Certified Paralegal with 16 years of experience. She acquired her Bachelor of Biology and Master of Business Administration at Cleveland State University. She is also a volunteer speaker with the Greater Cleveland Collaborative to End Human Trafficking, Advocate Member of the Global Association of Human Trafficking Scholars, and member of the Health, Education, Advocacy, Linkage (Heal) Trafficking Education and Training Committee. Carolyn is currently employed as the Administrative Secretary for both the Departments of History and Philosophy & Comparative Religion at Cleveland State University.

Cristian Eduardo is a Survivor Leader and a member of ECPAT-USA's Survivors' Council. Cristian is an advocate, speaker and educator for anti-trafficking initiatives - including the Equality Model, - immigrant and LGBTQ+ rights. He is a survivor of international and domestic human trafficking, a Mexican immigrant, HIV+, a member of the LGBTQ+ community, and someone who speaks openly about the mental health challenges he has faced that frequently result from trauma. Although these are parts of him, he is whole, who cannot be defined. Cristian Eduardo is also a student, who is science and engineering oriented. Cristian Eduardo's inspiration for his social justice work is to give insight that victims always remain human beings.

Dr. Shobana Powell, DSW, LCSW is the CEO & Founder of Shobana Powell Consulting, a consulting firm consisting of national clinical and survivor experts who provide training and technical assistance on the intersection of trauma and systemic oppression. Throughout her career, Dr. Powell has provided trauma therapy, conducted court-ordered forensic mental health and sex trafficking evaluations, and developed and led human trafficking programs, coalitions, and multidisciplinary teams around the country. She has served as the Director of a juvenile mental health court in Louisiana, a Survivor Leadership training program through Sanctuary for Families in New York, and a flexible funding program serving 70+ victim services organizations in partnership with the New York City Mayor's Office. Dr. Powell is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and holds Bachelor's degrees in Social Work and Spanish from New York University, a Master's degree in Social Work from Columbia University, and a Doctorate in Social Work and Social Innovation from the University of Southern California.

Jerome Elam is President and CEO of Trafficking in America Task Force. Raised in a broken home by an alcoholic parent, he is a survivor of child abuse/domestic violence, child sex trafficking, and child pornography. Brought up in the South, Jerome enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at the age of seventeen. The decision to serve was made, in part, as an effort to escape the tragic circumstances he was trapped in. Through the experience of serving his country, Jerome found a new beginning and embarked upon a journey that showed him the world. This opened his eyes to the strength of the human spirit. After his completion of eight years in the United States Marine Corps, Mr. Elam attended the University of

Florida, earning a Bachelor of Science degree. He went on to spend several years working in the Biotechnology sector. Motivated by the painful memories of his past, Jerome found his inner strength and began to speak out about his abuse. Through this journey, he found the healing force of God's unconditional love and discovered the joy of starting his own family. Today, Mr. Elam is a fierce Advocate for all children deprived of their voice. He is a public speaker, a staff writer, and known columnist for Communities Digital News. Recently featured as one of New York's New Abolitionists, he remains dedicated to the protection and empowerment of trafficked people. Staying true to values he learned in the Marine Corps continues to provide a safe harbor for all, regardless of age, race, gender, sexual identity, or immigration status. When asked to describe his life experiences Mr. Elam stated, "I have struggled against many things in my life and somehow I found a way to survive. Writing is my passion and it keeps me in touch with the wealth everyone holds deep inside their hearts and minds. I share my experiences in the hope that those suffering in silence will find the courage to speak out and share their voices. I have been blessed to have God reveal His purpose to me in saving innocent children from predators."

Jerome has received the Award for Courage presented by the National Council of Jewish Women for his work in the advocacy arena in 2015, he was appointed as a Special Advisor to the Utah Attorney General on human trafficking. In 2016, Jerome founded his nonprofit Trafficking in America Task Force using his notoriety to help promote global awareness of human trafficking. In 2017, Jerome was invited to speak in Strasbourg, France before the Council of Europe on the International Day of the Child. In 2018, he was invited to the United Nations to share his story. In 2019, Jerome was inducted as one of New York's New Abolitionists alongside Mike Bloomberg and President Jimmy Carter. In 2021, Jerome was appointed to the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) inaugural International Survivors of Trafficking Advisory Board (ISTAC) where he has trained law enforcement, judges and prosecutors in the Ukraine and Uzbekistan. In 2021, he spoke at conferences in Africa, Australia, India, the UK and South Africa.

Bethany Gilot is a National Consultant on anti-human trafficking initiatives from training and program development to state/federal policy. Bethany has a decade of experience working in the anti-trafficking field both domestically and internationally. This experience includes state level policy positions, including addressing human trafficking through child welfare.

Sarah Ladd, JD, is the Human Trafficking Child Protection Coordinator at the Minnesota Department of Human Services. She works to improve the child welfare response to trafficking. Sarah is an attorney with fifteen years of experience working with crime victims, and is on the steering committee of the National Child Welfare Anti-trafficking Collaborative. Prior to moving to Minnesota, Sarah founded and ran the Human Trafficking Protection Project at Legal Aid of Western Ohio, and was active in the Lucas County Human Trafficking Coalition and the Northwest Ohio Rescue and Restore Coalition.

Sheri Lochridge: A former Covenant House resident and Survivor; Sheri Lochridge first returned as a volunteer 10 years ago, but was quickly hired as a Resident Advisor in the Crisis department. Today, Sheri leads Covenant House's anti-trafficking efforts as the Human Trafficking Sr. Program Manager-Survivor Advocate, providing support to over 400 human trafficking victims.

Sheri works within support of local, state, and federal law enforcement to identify cases of Human Trafficking. She is trained in child forensic interviews through The American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC).

In 2017, Sheri participated in a yearlong undercover investigation, written by The Times Picayune, “The Track”. Sheri has attended the Supporting LGBTQ Youth Certificate Program at Georgetown University, and was admitted to the CJJR Fellows Network in March 2019.

Sheri has won multiple awards locally and nationally for her anti-trafficking work. She continues to share her knowledge of Human Trafficking throughout the New Orleans area, presenting to health and human service professionals, law enforcement, and community organizations.

Special Agent Alex Hunt, FBI Toledo Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Task Force: Alex was born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia. Graduating from The Citadel - Charleston South Carolina, where he majored in Criminal Justice. He began his law enforcement career in metro Atlanta where he served as a police officer and criminal investigator. He then joined the FBI in 2015 and was assigned to the Cleveland Division, Toledo Office upon graduating from the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia. He then served as the Coordinator of the FBI’s Northwest Ohio Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Task Force. The Task Force is responsible for investigating violations pertaining to such matters as child exploitation, child abductions, human trafficking, and violent crimes against children.

Haleigh Young, BSW, Survivor

Haleigh Young is a survivor of many types of trauma including sexual abuse and human trafficking. She was sexually exploited by family members as a child and adult, and trafficked by a massage parlor as a teenager. In 2017, Haleigh left “the life” after twenty plus years of consistent and complex trauma. She began the ongoing journey to heal from her past and the numerous impacts it had on her and her life. This journey has been extremely painful at times, but also empowering and restorative. Haleigh graduated with her Bachelors of Social Work in May of 2021 and is currently working at a local child welfare agency. She has become an anti-human trafficking advocate and public speaker. Haleigh has spoken as a proponent for the Protect Trafficked Minors Act and the Expanding Human Trafficking Justice Act. She has a passion for educating community members about human trafficking, trauma and its impact on victims and survivors, and trauma informed care. Haleigh has spoken at schools, trainings, and events. She is also a member of her local human trafficking coalition. Haleigh hopes to make a change in how systems, resources, and communities address human trafficking and trauma, and help victims and survivors.