

JOURNEY OUT NEWS

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Human Trafficking Awareness Month

In 2011 President Barack Obama issued a Presidential Proclamation, designating each January to be National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. The anniversary of this proclamation became known as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day. Slavery was officially abolished in the USA by the Thirteenth Amendment in December 1865, however, its forms still exist to date. And the present-day USA is the source, transit and destination country for modern slaves: children, women and men.

Combating Human Trafficking Through Awareness: While Journey Out primarily operates as a direct service provider, we also understand the importance of advocacy work, whether it is to raise awareness about this human rights and public health epidemic through prevention efforts and training, or to advocate for needed resources and social supports for victims.

Join us in helping to raise awareness during Human Trafficking Awareness Month.

How can you help raise awareness?

- Subscribe to journeyout.org so that you can be kept informed about available resources, key news stories, and legislation.
- Follow/Like us on social media – where we are also sharing this information. We are on Facebook, Twitter, and Linked In
- SHARE! Share this newsletter and our social media posts. Help us to get this critical information out
- Invite us out to speak with your group, company, or organization about human sex trafficking.
- If you see something, say something. Call our hotline (operated with CAST-LA) and ask for Journey Out. 1-888-KEY-2-FREE (1-888-539-2373)

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Executive Director, Dr. Stephany Powell

Executive Director's Welcome

Hello All,

Journey Out has closed out 2017 with a bang! Our staff has grown by 50%, and the quality of programing continues to increase and improve. We have developed a 40 hours "Human Trafficking Case Manager/Advocate Certificated Training program", which launches on January 23, 2018. It should also be noted that in 2017, approximately 4,000, first responders, medical personnel, educators and community members have been educated on human trafficking awareness and prevention. Journey Out's ability to educate numerous people is just the tip of the ice berg.

In, 2017, we have provided 363 clients with face-to-face direct services. Our working relationship with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) enabled the success of our Emergency Crisis Team to assist 112 police referred clients, seventeen of which are reported "out of the life" and one trafficker getting a 100 year conviction. According to the detectives and sergeants from Operations Valley Bureau, LAPD Human Trafficking Unit, Robbery Homicide Division, Hollywood and Olympic Divisions, our ability to maintain a delicate three way balance between law enforcement, a non-profit organization, and clients has led to successful arrests, convictions and "leads" to suspects.

Journey Out's clients commonly describe the staff and atmosphere at our Drop-In Center as "warm and free of judgement". This is a huge endorsement and the reason our staff comes to work every day, ready, willing, and able to give 100% of their effort and time. Here at Journey Out we do not "save or rescue" clients we assist them out of their current situations and empower them to continue their journey of a successful and sustainable life. The hard working staff of Journey Out works hard for the clients and the donors that believe in us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Dr. Stephany Powell

The scale of human trafficking is atrocious. The silence that conceals this crime is disgraceful. We have to speak out because the victims are living in fear for their lives. We have to raise our voices for them. That means confronting the social and economic conditions that abet this crime. It means arresting the traffickers. And above all, it means protecting the victims."

– Former United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon



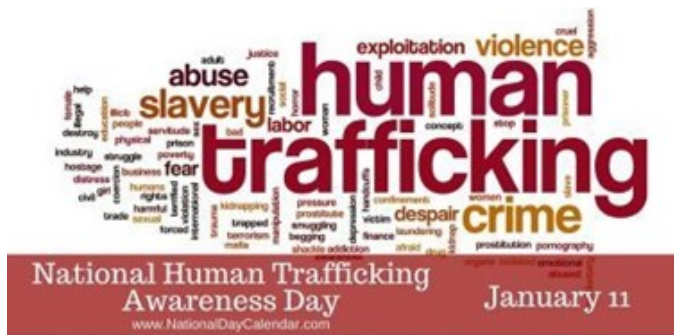
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Survival, Hope, Freedom.

We want your Feedback.

We welcome your feedback. Please feel free to contact us at info@journeyout.org

For specific questions regarding the newsletter, contact the Editor at cherise.charleswell@journeyout.org

Commemorating Human Trafficking Awareness Day



On January 11th, we took to social media to celebrate the anniversary of Human Trafficking Awareness Day, and the Proclamation signed by President Barack Obama in 2011. Our staff and supporters were happy to get involved.



We Are Still Growing

We are continuing to grow in order to support our clients, and meet other needs in the community. Say hello to Stephanie C., Barbara, Stephanie G., and Amanda.

Stephanie Cuevas



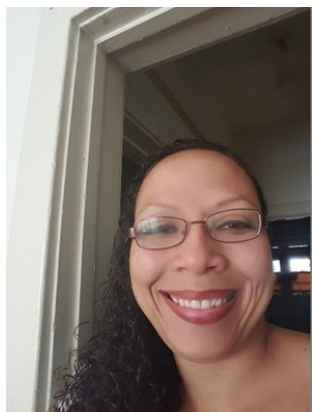
Stephanie Cuevas joined Journey Out in October 2017, and she serves as a Crisis Case Manager. She is a graduate of California State University Northridge and holds a bachelor's degree in Sociology with an emphasis on Criminal Justice.

With her degree she had hopes of becoming a police

officer but through the process she realized that she had another calling and her passion to help the community could be fulfilled in a different way. Stephanie's background of service, which includes assisting victims of domestic violence, attain restraining orders, helped her transition into her current role of supporting victims of human trafficking. After attending Journey Out's Human Trafficking Case Manager/Advocate training, working with LAPD Task force and going out to assist conduct street outreach, Stephanie became more aware of how big of an issue human trafficking is. Through her experience at Journey Out she hopes to bring awareness to her surrounding communities.



Barbara Vazquez came to Journey Out in 2017 as a Specialist Case Manager with the Department of Health Services assisting formerly incarcerated individuals with re-entry services and resources; focusing on rehabilitation and stabilization specifically geared towards housing and employment. Barbara is a Survivor-Leader in the movement and is passionate about the work she does to assist others out of this lifestyle and support them in their journey. Barbara wants to empower the individuals she works with to be their own best advocate and recognize their strength and power to know they are worthy of change, success and love



Stephanie Grant As a Survivor Stephanie has been working to help women get out of "The Life" for nearly a decade. She is passionate about this work, and wants to help women discover that they can have a successful life, and move past their exploitation. Her personal mission aligns with our organizational mission of empowering victims of sex trafficking/commercial exploitation become Survivors who go on to Thrive.

Stephanie is currently working on a degree in Women's Health with an emphasis on Trauma Recovery. She joined Journey Out October 2017, operating our South Los Angeles satellite site, and serving as a Prostitution Diversion Program (PDP) workshop facilitation. Stephanie also serves as our Crisis Case Worker, providing crisis counseling and on-call services to St Francis Medical Center in Lynwood, CA.

Human Trafficking Case Manager/Advocate Training



JOURNEY OUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING CASEWORKER TRAINING/CERTIFICATION

Operating since 1980, Journey Out has developed best practices and has a wealth of experience working with victims of human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation.

We are committed to educating communities and sharing our expertise on providing trauma-informed, culturally sensitive, victim-centered services, to this population. As a part of that, Journey Out offers an intensive 40-hour certification training that is in accordance with California Evidence Code 1038.2. The training is conducted by Journey Out staff along with guest facilitators from partner agencies in the city who support survivors.

Curriculum includes, but is not limited to these topics:

- History & Societal Attitudes toward human trafficking
- Privileged Communication
- Evidence Code 1038.2 & Legislation
- Peer Counseling
- Resources (housing, public assistance, financial resources, etc.) for Trafficking Survivors

To learn more about the training or enroll in the next available session contact Tasjah Nevill at tay.nevill@journeyout.org

The Course For
Shelter/Housing Providers
Therapists/Clinicians
Probation
Law Enforcement
Attorneys
Case Managers/Workers
Human Trafficking Victim
Service Providers

Course Fee \$175

**40 hours of Required
Training**

**Certificate of
Completion Awarded**

**Winter cohort begins
January 23, 2018**

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COMMUNITY PARTNERS

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This course will prepare participants with information, best practices, and guidelines that will allow them to not only understand the unique, complex, and varied needs of victims of sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation, it will also help participant's in prevention and intervention program design, the establishment of community linkages and coalitions, ensuring cultural competency and humility, as well as fostering essential organizational functions, such as community outreach, client advocacy, leveraging volunteers, and engaging policy makers/legislators.

The first cohort is set to begin on January 23rd and will be offered at the St. Francis Trauma Center in Lynwood California.

The second Spring cohort begins on March 9th and will be offered at the Zev Yaroslavsky Family Support Center in Van Nuys California.

There will be a Spring cohort, with dates soon to be announced, if you would like to find out more about the program or pre-register, please contact cherise.charleswell@journeyout.org.

NEW MEMBER OF JOURNEY OUT BOARD OF DIRECTOR

Amanda Myers



Amanda is an associate in the Los Angeles office of the law firm Morrison & Foerster LLP. Amanda specializes in real estate and project finance, representing investment banks, institutional lenders, developers, and borrowers in a broad range of real estate transactions, including the development of renewable energy projects throughout the United States. Amanda has a B.A. from Biola University where she double majored in Anthropology and Intercultural Studies, and a J.D. from Pepperdine University School of Law.

"It's funny, because we all read history and we think, 'Oh, I would ... have risen up, I would have fought, I would have been an abolitionist,' And I tell them, 'No, you wouldn't have. If you would have, you'd be doing that right now. You know trafficking exists, you've heard of it, but you don't want to look.'" **Tim Ballard (Operation Underground Railroad)**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - Journey Out Has Board Opportunities Available!



DESCRIPTION

Journey Out is looking for board members who believe in our mission and are willing to be active in their governance roles. When it comes to the human rights & public health epidemic of human sex trafficking, we believe that this work has never been more important than it is today.

Who We Serve: Our clients are women and girls who are victims of human sex trafficking. They are largely from underrepresented minority groups and are defined as “extremely low” and “very low” income. Many are also currently homeless, and have benefited from our housing referral/placement services. We provide these clients with case management and wrap around services, as they have often experience multiple layers of trauma and abuse; and as a result may also suffer from mental illness and drug addiction.

What We Are Looking For: We are looking for a diverse mix of individuals whose experience and involvement in the community would be an asset to our organization; particularly those who feel passionate about: women and girls’ empowerment, abolishing human trafficking, LGBTQ health disparities, marginalized populations, and mitigating violence against women.

Specific Experience:

Any of the following specific experience would be of great benefit to the Board of Directors:

- fund development
 - event management/ planning
 - strategic planning
 - communications
 - marketing
 - budgeting
 - finance
 - legal knowledge – immigration, child & family services, records expungement, etc.
- law enforcement

As a volunteer Board Director you will:

- Share your expertise
- Increase leadership skills
- Help your community
- Build a strong network

Make a difference

Requirements:

- Attendance
 - Govern
- Fundraise

INTERESTED IN JOINING:

We are seeking representatives from both the public and private sectors. While we do ask that our board members play an active role, we pride ourselves on supporting each other as a team and believe that we offer an opportunity for our members to learn and grow with the organization.

If interested in joining the Board of Directors of Journey Out, and/or learning more about the organization, please contact JourneyOutBoard@gmail.com .

Please provide a BIO/resume/CV as a PDF document.

PUBLISHED RESOURCES ON COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION



Sold for Sex: The Link between Street Gangs and Trafficking in Persons

The following is an excerpt from the article's Introduction:

In April 2011 in Oceanside, California, 38 Crips gang members, their alleged associates, and two hotel owners were arrested for engaging in a sex-trafficking enterprise that involved the prostitution of minors and adult females.² After raping their victims and threatening to kill them if they tried to escape, the gang members sold the girls online.³ The girls were trapped in a hotel for 12 hours a day as men who had purchased their bodies from the gang members had sex with them. Although these commercial sex acts brought in between US\$1,000 to US\$3,000 a day, the young women and children never saw a penny of the money. Their only payment was receiving food, avoiding beatings, and staying alive. The trafficking ring might never have been discovered if one girl hadn't rebelled.

The turning point came after she witnessed another girl who was her friend being beaten. She watched in horror as [the trafficker] sprayed mace in her mouth and forced her to swallow it and told herself that she had to escape.⁴ She and two other girls managed to convince a customer that their lives were in danger. The customer agreed to allow them to contact the police, but only after he received his "payment" in sex.⁵

Laura J. Lederer. Sold for Sex: The Link between Street Gangs and Trafficking in Persons.

The Protection Project Journal of Human Rights and Civil Society 2012: 1-20. Full text available at:

<http://www.globalcenturion.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/02/Sold-for-Sex-The-Link-between-Street-Gangs-and-Trafficking-in-Persons-1.pdf>

Tell me if you still think prostitution is empowering after hearing what the buying punters have to say

The following is an excerpt from the article:

I have been interviewing sex buyers since 1999 when I, with sex trade survivors and other feminist activists, set up a re-education program for men who pay for sex in West Yorkshire. In 2009 I was a researcher on a major, six country study on men who buy sex. I was part of the team that interviewed 103 sex buyers in London. Over 50 per cent of the men, who were interviewed at length and face-to-face, admitted that they **knew the women they bought were trafficked, pimped, or otherwise coerced. Not one man chose not to have sex with the women upon realizing this.**

Julie Bindel. Tell me if you still think prostitution is empowering after hearing what the buying punters have to say | The Independent. The Independent. August 12, 2017. Article available at: <http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/sex-work-punters-what-do-they-think-prostitution-exploitation-rape-danger-a7889511.html>

A Report From Thorn: Digital Defenders of Children

Thorn: Digital Defenders of Children, is an international anti-human trafficking organization that works to address the sexual exploitation of children. The primary programming efforts of the organization focus on Internet technology and the role it plays in facilitating child pornography and sexual slavery of children on a global scale. The organization was founded by American actors Demi Moore and Ashton Kutcher.

Brooke Istook serves as the Director of Strategy and Operations as well as member of the Governing Board of Journey Out. Journey Out clients participated in a study conducted by Thorn, and the report from that study, *Survivor Insights: The Role of Technology in Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking*, which focuses on the increasing use of technology in DMST and the range of experiences survivors encounter; has been published.

EXCERPT: RECRUITMENT AND GROOMING. Across the sample, most traffickers continue to meet and groom victims through face to face contact. However, respondents who entered the life in 2015 noted much higher uses of technology in this process. **Across the sample, 84% reported meeting their trafficker for the first time face to face, but only 45% of those entering the life in 2015 reported meeting their trafficker face to face. The remaining 55% reported use of text, website, or app.**

Similarly, 85% of the entire sample reported their trafficker spent time with them in person to build a relationship. By comparison, only 58% of those who entered the life in 2015 reported time in person as the means for building a relationship. Of those whose trafficker used technology in this process, 63% reported communicating online and 25% reported communicating via phone call.

The full report can be found here: <https://www.wearethorn.org/survivor-insights/>

Colorado man sentenced to longest human trafficking sentence in U.S. History

CENTENNIAL, Colo. -- A convicted child sex trafficker from Colorado was sentenced to 472 years in prison on Tuesday, the longest sentence for a human trafficking case in U.S. history. Brock Franklin, 31, was found guilty of 30 counts, including soliciting for child prostitution, sexual assault and kidnapping by an Arapahoe County jury in March.

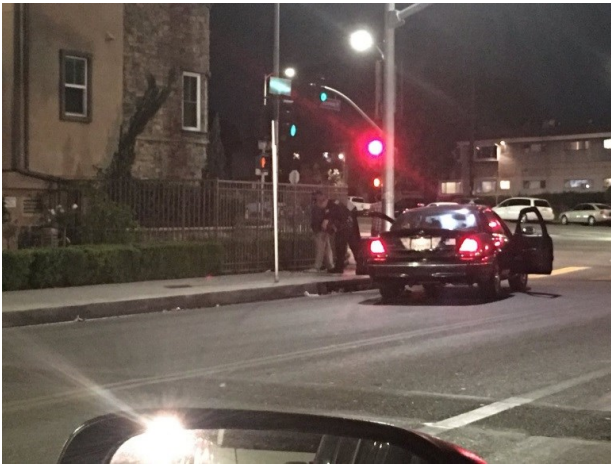
Franklin recruited young girls and women, and forced them into prostitution. There was physical abuse if they didn't cooperate.

Read more here: <http://kdvr.com/2017/11/21/colorado-child-sex-trafficker-sentenced-to-largest-human-trafficking-sentence-in-u-s-history/>



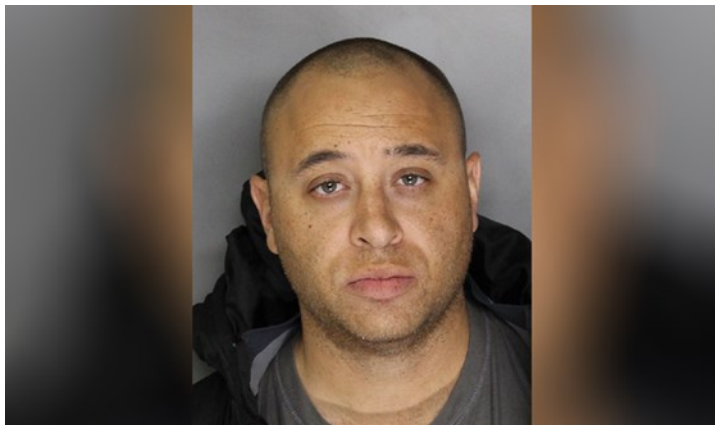
Los Angeles Deputy Chief Sherman Announced Arrests

December 11, 2017 - In the month of December Operations-Valley Bureau Human Trafficking Task Force arrested 3 career criminals who preyed on women on the Sepulveda Corridor. 1 gun, 1 knife and narcotics recovered. OVB-HTTF making a difference.



Read more here: <https://twitter.com/LAPDSherman/status/940391062719291392>

Deputies: Kennedy HS coach accused of human trafficking



SACRAMENTO, Calif. (KCRA) —A Kennedy High School soccer coach, who also worked as a Lyft driver, was arrested in connection with human trafficking of teen girls, Sacramento County sheriff's officials said Friday. Elan Daniel Seagraves, 34, of Sacramento, was taken into custody Christmas morning on charges related to human trafficking and pimping of a minor, investigators said.

A 17-year-old girl called 911 just before 3 a.m. Monday, saying she was a victim of sexual assault and was being forced into human trafficking, the sheriff's department said. The girl said she was hiding in the backyard of a home near the 5900 block of Clover Manor Way in south Sacramento County. She also said the person forcing her into human trafficking was waiting for her in a vehicle nearby, according to detectives.

When deputies arrived to the area, they found Seagraves and another 17-year-old girl in a vehicle. Officers determined both teens were victims of human trafficking, officials said.

Read more here: <http://www.kcra.com/article/deputies-kennedy-hs-coach-accused-of-human-trafficking-1/14518222>

Journey Out is honored to be one of the 2017 grantees of the Jewish Community Foundation of Los Angeles's

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Jewish Community Foundation of Los Angeles Awards \$300,000 to Seven Local Programs Addressing Human Trafficking

Monday, December 11, 2017

LOS ANGELES (Dec. 11, 2017)—The [Jewish Community Foundation of Los Angeles](http://www.jewishfoundationla.org/) (The Foundation) today announced that it has granted \$300,000 to seven local organizations that support survivors of human trafficking in Los Angeles. According to the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, human trafficking is the exploitation of human beings through force, fraud or coercion for the purposes of commercial sex or forced labor. The State Department estimates that 14,500 – 17,500 people are trafficked into the United States each year, and Los Angeles is particularly affected as a major metropolitan city with multiple international points of entry; industries that attract forced labor; and a large number of vulnerable communities including immigrants, foster youth, and homeless youth. These grants support the efforts of a broad spectrum of community organizations working together to help survivors escape exploitation, and transition to healthy, safe and empowered lives.

[General Community Grants](http://www.jewishfoundationla.org/general-community-grants/) provide multiyear awards to support programs that concentrate on high-priority social issues throughout Los Angeles. The funding comes through the annual General Community Grants program at The Foundation, the largest manager of charitable assets and the leader in planned giving solutions for greater Los Angeles Jewish philanthropists. Grants in recent years have focused on sexual and domestic violence, homelessness, and support services to Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans.

This year's recipients include:

- 1736 Family Crisis Center
- Alliance for Children's Rights (Alliance)
- Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Los Angeles
- Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (CAST)
- Covenant House California (CHC)
- Journey Out
- Saving Innocence

trafficking and exploitation in all its forms remains prevalent in our society and, regrettably, Los Angeles is no exception. This year, we elected to support local organizations whose outstanding work provides critical assistance to survivors of human trafficking—collectively reaching and aiding thousands of people through their efforts."

Among these is a \$50,000 two-year grant to [Saving Innocence](https://www.savinginnocence.org/) to support the *Case Management Program*. The program provides intensive first response services and long-term support to 600 sexually exploited children, helping them escape sexual exploitation and live an independent life. Children are connected to a caring and experienced advocate as soon as they are identified by law enforcement, resulting in a dramatic increase in the number of children who find and stay in safe placement, and receive the support they need to start a new life.

As a leading agency approved to respond directly to crisis calls from law enforcement and to deliver immediate intervention services, since its founding in 2010, Saving Innocence has grown alongside L.A. County's response to sex trafficking of minors, and has helped nearly 700 minors escape sexual exploitation.

Kim Biddle, Saving Innocence's founder and CEO, stated: "This grant will help provide for the growth of our frontline team to serve even more youth survivors of commercial sexual exploitation. This support from the Jewish Community Foundation will help us achieve our vision of providing care for every child in need of escape and restoration from sex trafficking in Los Angeles County."

Other General Community Grants recipients include:

- [1736 Family Crisis Center](http://www.1736familycrisiscenter.org/) (1736 FCC), *Human Trafficking Program*, \$40,000 over two years: To connect survivors of sex trafficking to services through its 24-hour hotline and help those survivors achieve long-term safety, housing and self-sufficiency through outreach, safe shelter, and wraparound supportive services. 1736 FCC provides emergency rehabilitative services to extremely vulnerable individuals, youth, families, and veterans facing life-threatening circumstances.
- [Alliance for Children's Rights](http://kids-alliance.org/) (Alliance), *Advocacy for Sexually Exploited Children Program*, \$40,000 over two years: To provide outreach to foster youth at risk of exploitation and help commercially sexually exploited children build new lives with pathways to independence, educational attainment, and quality employment opportunities. Alliance protects the rights of impoverished, abused and neglected children and youth by providing free legal and social services, and promoting systemic

<http://www.jewishfoundationla.org/newsroom/press-releases/jewish-community-foundation-los-angeles-awards-300000-seven-local-programs>

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Journey Out Awarded The 2017 Dignity Health Community Grant Award



Cherise Charleswell, Journey Out Development & Outreach Director (center) accepted the award check on behalf of the organization and our collaborators, Strength United and The Jenesse Center, Inc. Saliba H. Salo, Northridge Hospital President/CEO (pictured on the left) and for William Watkins, President, Northridge Hospital Community Board of Directors and VP, Student Affairs, CSUN (pictured right).

The funding will be used to establish the **Accountable Care Community: Sex Trafficking Response Team**, a Journey Out led multidisciplinary collaborative, established through funding by Dignity Health Northridge Hospital, that carries out two basic activities: intervention and crisis services; and preventative efforts focusing on professional development/continuing

education for the hospital and neighboring clinics clinicians, and community outreach and education.

The services will focus on the identification and assessment of suspected victims of sex trafficking that present at the local hospital and satellite sites (clinics, etc.), and will include case management and wrap around services, patient/client advocacy, clinical counseling and psychotherapy, as well as a critically needed support service—short term and transitional housing. The objective is to ensure a streamline support system and continuum of care for victims of human trafficking identified at the hospital and in the surrounding community.

2017 Holiday Party



- [Asian Americans Advancing Justice \(https://advancingjustice-aaaj.org/\)](https://advancingjustice-aaaj.org/) (AAAJ), *Los Angeles Labor Trafficking Project*. \$40,000 over two years: To provide Asian, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander labor trafficking survivors and their families with culturally and linguistically competent legal services to protect them from exploitation, to litigate traffickers, and to provide restitution.
- [Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking \(http://www.castla.org/\)](http://www.castla.org/) (CAST), *Comprehensive Case Management Program*. \$50,000 over two years: To promote stabilization, recovery, and self-advocacy for survivors of labor and sex trafficking. The organization is dedicated to serving survivors of all forms of human trafficking through direct programming and a network of 135 Los Angeles-based partners that provided specialized care to survivors.
- [Covenant House California \(https://covenanthousecalifornia.org/\)](https://covenanthousecalifornia.org/), *Human Trafficking Program*. \$50,000 over two years: To support outreach to "transition-age" youth on the street and provide survivors of sex trafficking with shelter and wraparound services to help them find housing, and establish a better life. CHC provides transitional living shelter; medical and mental health; day and street outreach; and education and employment skills, among its comprehensive range of wraparound programs.
- [Journey Out \(http://journeyout.org/\)](http://journeyout.org/), *Prostitution Diversion Program and Drop-in Center*. \$30,000 over one year: To provide adult survivors of sex trafficking with the knowledge, skills, resources, and support to address their trauma, escape commercial sexual exploitation, and achieve independence.

About The Foundation

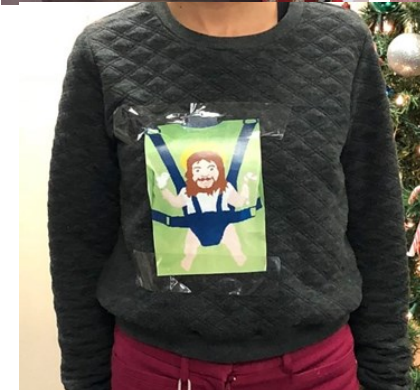
Established in 1954, the Jewish Community Foundation of Los Angeles manages charitable assets of approximately \$1.1 billion entrusted to it by over 1,300 families and ranks among the 10 largest Los Angeles foundations. It partners with donors to shape meaningful philanthropic strategies, magnify the impact of giving, and build enduring charitable legacies. In 2016, The Foundation and its donors distributed over \$81 million in grants to more than 2,000 nonprofits with programs that span the range of philanthropic giving. Over the past 25 years, it has distributed more than \$1 billion in grants to thousands of nonprofits across a diverse spectrum. www.jewishfoundationla.org (<http://www.jewishfoundationla.org/>)



We ended the year with holiday parties for our clients, staff, interns, and volunteers. We would like to say a special **THANK YOU** to BGB Studio, LA City Sanitation, Arcelia's Tacos on Wheels, Valley Grassroots for Democracy, and Woodland Hills Presbyterian Church whose donations helped to make the holidays special for our clients.



Part of our holiday festivities was having our staff compete in an Ugly Christmas Sweater contest. Below are all of the entries.



EVENTS

2017 Holiday Party



Stephanie Cuevas won the ugly sweater contest!
Thank you to all who participated & voted.



USNC LA for UN Women presents
Film & Talk:
Hidden Tears Project

Join us on Human Rights Day as we end 16 Days of Activism with a short film showcase followed by panel discussion on human trafficking, gender-based violence, and gender inequality.

You're Invited

DEC 10, 2017
7:30 - 9:30 PM

Beyond Baroque
681 North Venice Blvd
Venice, CA 90291

*Tickets: \$5**
**\$8 if purchased at the door*

All proceeds go towards UN Women programs & policy development.

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JORDAN MARINOV
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SHARI FARMER
Field deputy, LA County

TINA PAULSON
Program director, Recovery of Children



FILM & TALK: HIDDEN TEARS PROJECT

On December 10th, Journey Out Executive Director, Dr. Stephany Powell served as a panelist for “Film & Talk: Hidden Tears Project” film screening and panel discussion, held on Human Rights Day. We were honored to have this opportunity to partner on an important awareness-building effort with The Hidden Tears Project.

MORE ABOUT THE HIDDEN TEARS PROJECT: At Hidden Tears, we create films, series, virtual reality and theater to raise mainstream awareness on important social issues such as human trafficking, sexual exploitation and gender inequality. We bring the most talented storytellers together with extraordinary experts such as survivors, case workers, law enforcement, intelligence operatives, human rights activists and child advocates to tell innovative and impactful stories to inspire real change.

2017 CONVOY OF HOPE

On invitation by West Angeles Church – Community Development, we were more than happy to participate in the 2017 Convoy of Hope, which took place at Ted Watkins Park in Watts CA.

We were able to share information about the availability of all of our programs and **free** services, as well as other awareness and human trafficking prevention resources.



WAYS TO SUPPORT JOURNEY OUT

Do you know about the many ways that you are able to support Journey Out?

In 2015, our name changed, but our mission remains the same, and it is to “to help victims of commercial sexual exploitation and sex trafficking leave a life of abuse and violence, overcome their fears, and empower them to reach their full potential and achieve their goals”. We have been carrying out this mission for 36 years with the support and assistance of community members and partners. If you decide to partner with us – through one of our various sponsorship opportunities – you will be contributing to our mission of safeguarding the health and well-being of women of girls who are victims of sex-trafficking. The result of your help and our services means that these women, who often have a history of abuse; can go on to lead healthy lives.

Sustainers Circle



The problem of human trafficking is an undeniable epidemic and underscores the urgent and continued need for our services. Reported cases only represent a fraction of the countless victims who are being exploited who never come in contact with the justice system.

This has led us to establish our *Sustainer Circle*, which will help to ensure that Journey Out will be able to provide our critically needed services for many years to come. Sustainers are a special group of community sponsors, who provide a \$1,000 or more donation to Journey Out.

Each Sustainer will Recognition from Journey Out, and this includes having your name placed on an engraved plaque that will line our wall of Sustainers.

Torch Bearers – Monthly Giving



The Journey Out Torch Bearers program provides our community sponsors with a hassle free way to make contributions to Journey Out; where they can be staggered over the course of a year. We welcome any monthly contribution rate that you will like to donate.

You should become a Torch Bearer if you want to support Journey Out's mission, and help to make positive changes in the communities that we serve. If you believe that the girls and women caught up in sex trafficking deserve an opportunity for a chance out and a new beginning. You should absolutely become a Torch Bearer if you have come across a victim of sex trafficking, came across a survivor's testimonial, or read a news report about the violence that many are subjected to and have found yourself asking ---- *what can I do?* As A Torch Bearer you can make an impact; by joining with others who have decided to take action. Collectively, we can all make a difference.

To learn more about, or sign up to become a Torch Bearer please visit our Donations page on our website. Be sure to select your preferred level of giving. Specify in the “note” box that you will like to join the Torch Bearers monthly giving program. You may also learn more by contacting Cherise Charleswell, Development & Outreach manager at cherise.charleswell@journeyout.org .

A Special Thank You To Our 2017 Torch Bearers



We like to thank our generous donors and supporters who gave consistent and/or multiple donations to Journey Out throughout 2017. Your generosity allows us to continue to do the work that we do, helping to prevent and combat sex trafficking.

Thank you

Ruth E. Dickover Daren Freeman Laurie Grosso Taylor Mechell
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WAYS TO SUPPORT JOURNEY OUT

Amazon Smile



Journey Out also has an Affinity Program with Amazon- Amazon Smiles. For each purchase that you make through Amazon Smile – Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your purchase to Journey Out. You can register for Amazon Smile at smile.amazon.com

Kroger Community Awards

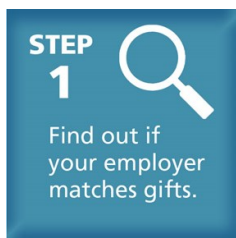
Support Journey Out through our Affinity Program – Kroger Community Rewards. All you have to do is shop at a Kroger retailer – Food4Less or Ralphs – and swipe your Plus Card! The Plus Card can also be linked and used with your Food4Less Gas Rewards card. Kroger Community Rewards will donate a portion of your purchase to Journey Out.

If you do not have a Kroger Plus Card contact Cherise Charleswell, Development & Outreach Manager at Cherise.Charleswell@journeyout.org or (818) 998-4970 and she can arrange to have one shipped to you.

You can also register at <https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow> using our Registration ID number: **84353**.



Employer Matching Gifts



Many companies actually have a Matching Gifts program, where a donation as little as \$25 will be equally matched by an employer. Check with your employer to see if they offer a Matching Gift program, and you will be able to instantly maximize your contribution to Journey Out.

In Kind Donations

We always welcome In Kind donations of all types at our Drop In Centers. Carrying out our mission requires a variety of resources and supplies that are directly utilized by our clients. Please consider donating the following In Kind gifts:

- Food
- Clothing & Shoes– we ask that all undergarment donations be new items
- Books – including magazine subscriptions
- Hygiene Supplies – lotions, soap/body wash, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, mouthwash, lip balm, hand sanitizer, menstrual pads, tampons.
- Lipsticks – we ask that they be unopened/unused – they are an important part of our Outreach efforts.
- Gift Cards– which can be used to purchase items for clients.
- Office supplies – ink, copy paper, manila folders, pens, tape, staples – you name it!
- Self Care—any items or services that can be utilized by staff to promote self care
- Services: Copying and print services, Professional development training, Board Recruitment services, etc.
- Your “Know How”
 - ⇒ Public relations expertise
 - ⇒ Event planning expertise
 - ⇒ Information technology expertise

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



We realize that we cannot do this work alone, and are appreciative of all of those who are willing to volunteer your time with Journey Out.

Opportunity: Street Outreach Team Needs Volunteers

Assist Journey Out in our efforts of meeting the victims of human sex trafficking where “They are at”, by volunteering to be a member of our Street Outreach team. Street Outreach involves engaging individuals who are out on the tracks, and talking to them about the Journey Out programs and services, how we can assist them out of "the life", and let them know we are an agency that cares and can help when they are ready.

This is an opportunity to go into communities and help to identify exploited victims of trafficking, who are often not accounted for on official Human Trafficking Reports, which focus primarily on arrests records and law enforcement raids. Participation would require that you volunteer during “high” trafficking hours, which are late evenings and early morning.

Communications Interns Needed

While we primarily focus on delivering direct services, a great deal of our work involves prevention and advocacy; which we believe are equally important. In order to fulfill this role of raising awareness and preventing another person from entering a life of exploitation, we require the assistance of those who excel and communications – online (social media), print (letter writing campaigns), and in-person (exhibiting, etc.).

We are looking for Intern(s) who can commit 5- 10 hours a week (could be done virtually), are knowledgeable about social media platforms, and have strong writing skills; capable of producing written and multimedia content for various audiences; those who have experience with website platforms are strongly encouraged to apply.

Development Volunteers Needed

Journey Out cannot carry out its mission without critical resources that allows us to cover the costs of our Operations. For that reason, our Development department is of great importance. We are looking for dynamic Intern(s) to work in our Development department.

These Intern(s) will assist the Development & Outreach Manager through individual donor outreach, pursuing major gifts and corporate grants, planned giving, and the hosting of community events. Responsibilities may include, but are not limited to: Developing creative and inspiring donor materials (fundraising and in kind donation letters, newsletter articles, press releases, and outreach and Awareness campaigns; researching donor prospects and grant opportunities, and developing text for program sponsorship packages.

Technology Gurus Needed

Journey Out is in search of volunteers who can assist us with our technical needs. We do not have an on-staff Information Technology department and often find ourselves with needs regarding set-up of computer equipment, troubleshooting, and most importantly updating our Website. Our goal is to maintain a website that has current information.

We also seek technology gurus that can assist us with our existing database systems, as help us to identify software that would be beneficial to our operations.

Translators

We are always in need of translators, particularly those who speak Spanish, Mandarin, Thai, and Russian.

To learn more about our volunteer opportunities please contact volunteers@journeyout.org

“If our hopes of building a better and safer world are to become more than wishful thinking, we will need the engagement of volunteers more than ever.” — Kofi Annan

Advocacy



You can also assist Journey Out and the many clients that we serve through advocacy. Follow Us on Facebook and Twitter and share our updates to help raise awareness about the epidemic of human sex trafficking.

Also tell a friend, colleague, family member, classmates, etc. about Journey Out and the work that we do. Word of Mouth is often an effective means of support.

So, go on and use [#JourneyOut](#)

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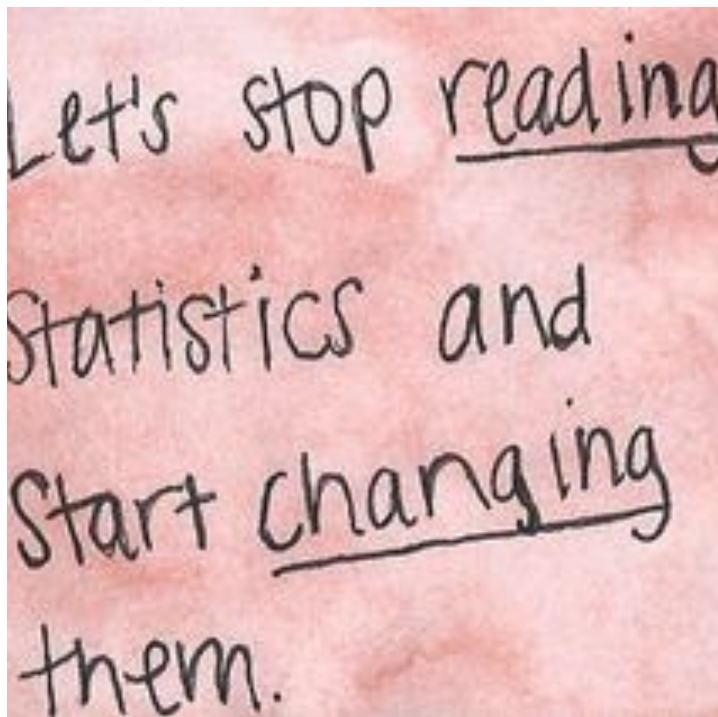
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DOMESTIC HUMAN SEX TRAFFICKING DOES NOT HAVE AN EXPIRATION DATE

Dr. Stephany Powell, Journey Out



Getting Involved....

If you would like more information about how to get involved with Journey Out, please contact us at info@journeyout.org

For volunteer opportunities, contact our Volunteer Coordinator at volunteercoordinator@journeyout.org

To arrange a Site Visit, arrange an In Kind Donation, host an event on behalf of Journey Out, or learn more about our Sponsorship opportunities/packages and Speaker Bureau, contact our Development & Outreach Manager, Cherie Charleswell at cherie.charleswell@journeyout.org

