



About Shared Hope International

Shared Hope International (SHI) exists to prevent, rescue and restore women and children in crisis. For more than a decade, Shared Hope International has worked around the world, including within the United States, partnering with local organizations and agencies to prevent trafficking and to rescue and restore the victims of sexual slavery.

SHI operates several programs and initiatives through our office locations in Vancouver, Washington and Arlington, Virginia. Additionally, SHI partners with organizations to enable the rescue and restoration of women and children who have been victims of sex trafficking or are at high risk for commercial sexual exploitation. Our programs and partnership funding provides expansion or establishment of the following services:

- Street Outreach Programs
- Rescue and Restoration Projects
- Villages of Hope
- Training
- Women's Investment Network (WIN) Programs
- Public Awareness
- Policy and Advocacy
- Research

Programs Operated by Shared Hope International

Women's Investment Network (WIN) - In Vancouver, Washington SHI provides vocational training, life skills, and mentorship for women in crisis to transition into productive and healthy futures.

Restorative Shelter Initiative (RSI) - A national network of experts on service and shelter provision to U.S. citizen victims of sex trafficking. The group acknowledges the critical importance of survivor leaders working in conjunction with other subject matter experts, such as child trauma experts, psychologists, forensic pediatricians, social workers, and victim advocates to deliver the highest quality care, enabling victims to be restored and reach their full potential.

Research and Policy - Through grants from the Department of Justice and the Department of State, SHI has researched the dynamics of sex trafficking internationally and within the United States. Our policy recommendations for the United States regarding domestic minor sex trafficking are based on four years of extensive national field research, including interviews with over 300 experts, professionals and survivors.

The Defenders U.S.A. - An initiative to encourage men to stand up, speak out and hold other men accountable for their actions, pledging to refrain from viewing, buying, or participating in activities that support the commercial sex industry.

Programs Funded by Shared Hope International

Villages of Hope - SHI partners with local organizations around the world to establish and expand Villages of Hope that rescue and restore women and children victimized by sex trafficking. SHI also funds efforts to rescue and restore victims, including the WIN program, an HIV/AIDS clinic, and street outreach. SHI currently supports Villages of Hope in Fiji, Nepal, India and Jamaica; previously funded Villages of Hope are located in Amsterdam, the Dominican Republic and South Africa.

Women's Investment Network (WIN) - SHI funds programs in Jamaica, Fiji, Nepal and India that equip

survivors of sex trafficking with education, vocational development and life skills to provide sustained, holistic restoration to prevent revictimization.

On Eagles' Wings/Hope House, North Carolina - Hope House is a restorative shelter specifically designed for child victims of sex trafficking, it provides holistic and long-term programming, including counseling, life skills, academic development, and spiritual education in a therapeutic environment. SHI partners with Hope House to provide program guidance and funding for the shelter.

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Veronica's Voice, Missouri - Veronica's Voice runs SHI-funded outreach on the streets to connect American sex trafficking victims to resources and services at their drop-in center which aims to educate and empower American victims. SHI also provides for a full-time caseworker to guide and assist survivors of sex trafficking through the restoration process.

Courtney's House, D.C./Virginia - Courtney's House exists to rescue victims of child sex trafficking through street outreach in the local area and provide a restorative shelter (scheduled to open in Spring 2010) to girls 11-17 years old as they begin the healing process. SHI has provided start-up funding to establish the shelter and for the street outreach program.

Resources Available

DEMAND. A Comparative Examination of Sex Tourism and Trafficking in Jamaica, Japan, the Netherlands, and the United States -

A documentary and report that look at four very different countries to reveal the dark and hidden world of sex traffickers, pimps and buyers, while exposing the business model of sex trafficking. The report reveals that demand by men for commercial sex fuels the marketplace of victimization where vulnerable women and children are converted into cash and sold as products.

Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking: How to Identify America's Trafficked Youth is a 40-minute video serving as a training tool for agencies and organizations who may come into contact with victims of domestic minor sex trafficking. The video is divided into four 10-minute segments and includes interviews with law enforcement, survivors of child sex trafficking, nongovernmental organizations, and juvenile court judges.

Also available with the video is a Video Viewing Guide which offers additional information and builds upon themes explored in the video.

The National Report on Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking: America's Prostituted Children

documents the scope of child sex trafficking in America. This three year research project funded by the Department of Justice exposes the prevalent misidentification of American child victims of sex trafficking as delinquents, and highlights the lack of specialized services and shelter available to victims. Promising practices, recommendations, and next steps are included.

INTERVENE: Identifying and Serving America's Trafficked Youth

is a 40-minute innovative training tool designed for social service providers to assist them in recognizing and responding to signs of current or potential victims of domestic minor sex trafficking. The video is divided into four 10-minute segments that explore the dynamics of domestic minor sex trafficking unique to this victim population and prepare service providers for treatment and response.

DMST Practitioners Guide and Intake Tool -

Created by a multi-disciplinary team of experts on DMST, this three-tiered intake tool assists social service providers to determine if a minor is a current or potential victim of DMST.

Awareness Materials

END DEMAND Awareness Campaign: A self-starter kit designed to inspire grassroots advocacy and awareness for communities to end demand for child sex slavery. The kit includes a DVD with various Shared Hope video productions, access to END DEMAND t-shirts, large poster board signs and educational materials.

The Defenders: Designed for men to take a stand against the commercial sex industry, the Defenders Campaign includes a toolkit with the necessary supplies to raise awareness in their community or organize a truck stop campaign.

Host Your Own Event: We provide a complete packet that includes the tools and information needed to hold an awareness event. Materials include a DVD with various Shared Hope video productions and printed material that can be copied and distributed to your group.

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