

Trafficking In America Task Force

2011 Annual Report

Affecting our culture to end demand . . .
the force that drives modern day slavery



We are proud to share our
2011 Annual Report

We proudly dedicate our work to any and all who have experienced the brutality of slavery past and present; who have experienced such abuse as a result of generations of wounds compounded by our cultural weaknesses and failures. We are working so there are no additional victims of Human Trafficking in America.

We are honored to share the
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

TIATF Board of Directors 2012:

Yvonne Williams – Executive Director
Marion Williams
Brian Thomas
Karen Wright
Kimberly Benson

TIATF Partners for 2011:

A Bridge of Hope

Our beginning – Our History

Forward



In 2004 I learned about the crime of human trafficking in America while preparing to return home from a Screenwriter's convention in Los Angeles, CA. My heart was broken at the thought that American women and children, at the brutality of men (and some women), were being raped repeatedly, beaten, and then forced to perform sexually to bring in money for traffickers. Upon returning home I called Terry Coonan, University of Florida (guest on the television program where I learned of the issue) and discussed the issue in depth. My husband, Marion, and I, decided to produce the screenplay I had written and use it as a vehicle to bring awareness to the plight of the millions of slaves in our country. From 2007 – 09 we scheduled forums across the country to educate and bring awareness. The rejection of the issue from so many who just couldn't accept the facts that sex trafficking happened within the United States was overwhelming.

In 2010 we began planning for the first Trafficking In America Conference to be held in 2011. This endeavor was an experiment really, to see what the interest level was from our citizens across the country, With the success of this event Marion and Yvonne Williams set out to form a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing education and awareness to the United States about this scourge on our human family.

Since then we have faced human trafficking head on and made the conscious decision to be a part of the redemptive plan that is taking place all across this country. We created our 501c3 non-profit organization, Trafficking In America Task Force, in order to move forward with what is in our hearts. We evaluated the issue and came to a conclusion that moves us forward.

It is our desire to ignite America in a movement to end human trafficking, a feat that will be impossible without everyone of us working to change our lives and our culture.

Be blessed,

*Here to Serve,
Yvonne Williams
Co-Founder and President
Trafficking In America Task Force, Inc.*

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What is Human Trafficking?

INTRODUCTION

WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING – the US defines Human Trafficking as: the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery. Sex trafficking occurs when a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or when the person induced to perform such acts has not attained 18 yrs of age.

- Each year 15,000 to 18,000 people are trafficked into the U.S. (FBI). Most are from Asia, Latin America, and Eastern Europe.
- At least 25 times this number are trafficked **within** the US (Coalition Against Trafficking in Women).
- Average age of a victim is 13.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Bryan Thomas has developed organizations and leaders in Asia, Europe, Russia and the CIS, and has degrees in Linguistics, Theology, Sociology and Leadership Development. He is a popular speaker and taught over 500,000 people in 25 states and 25 countries. He recently finished writing a Life-building Workbook, called "Make A Life", and has several other books in progress. He writes about life, culture and leadership, and is CEO of L-eivating Consultants, as well as founder and CEO of noomizo.com, an interactive social media site. Bryan is developing a for profit business model for the Philippines to help survivors of abuse transition into wholeness and allow them to develop their skills and talents.



Karen B. Wright is the President of The Success Group, Inc. in Atlanta, GA, and has been in the Promotional Marketing arena for almost 20 years. For 8 years, she was the Associate Producer for Inside America, a television show that profiled successful businesses and organizations in the Atlanta area. She is a Board member of Pathway East Walk to Emmaus, Co-Chairman for the 1st Annual Gardens Alive Summer Soiree & Silent Auction benefitting the Justin Time Foundation for Missing Teens & Young Adults, and is an Advocate for the Homeless.



Marion Williams has the unique gift of bringing people together to produce positive results in a corporate environment. From his earliest training in the business world working with Tropicana in Bradenton, Florida, Marion spent nine years working under one of the nation's greatest business men: Anthony T. Rossi. Williams learned the value of quick and efficient turn around in supervising the company's production lines and making sure that employers machinery were kept up to maximum capability. Williams has worked in sales and sales management for over 40 years and understands that goes with the complex industry of promoting product.



Kim Benson is co-founder with husband Darryl of A Bridge of Hope in Memphis, TN. While attending the Trafficking In America Conference, Kim discovered that there was a name that profiled what happened to her as a child and teenage. She is a survivor of human trafficking.

We are passionate about undertaking

OUR VISION AND MISSION

In August 2011 Marion and Yvonne began planning for Trafficking In America Task Force and completed the 1023 form sent to the Internal Revenue Service for determination to become a legal non-government organization working to address modern day slavery, human trafficking. The vision and mission was defined and the programming determined.

Catch the Vision

To help eliminate the human trafficking of women men and children in America, and to provide a culture for our children free of sexual exploitation and slavery where people know their own intrinsic value.

Participate in the Mission

To motivate and inspire people to use their own talents to create grass roots movements in their areas in relation to ending the tragedy of human trafficking in America. Victims of human trafficking are simply the fruit that's growing on the tree of inhumanity to man. While restoration of victims is imperative we are simply going in circles if we don't stop the demand and that means affecting our culture in America so that the climate for such blatant inhumanity changes. Our approach will be to address root causes and will be multi-faceted:

- 1) We will educate the American population about the who, what, where, why, and when of human trafficking through various venues such as:
 - a. Annual conference to be held in Nashville, TN
 - b. Weekly television program
 - c. Training and educating audiences when invited in churches, schools, organizations, across America, etc.

- 2) We will create programs and campaigns that offer people and opportunity to mobilize in their own geographic areas and/or nation-wide;
 - a. I Promise To Do My Part campaign for Youth with A Bridge of Hope
 - b. Empower Me Arts Program for Survivors

- 3) We will encourage legislators to create legislation that aids in the reduction and/or eradication of related issues; encourage each states General Assembly to approve a Human Trafficking Awareness Week / Month to focus on their states issues;

Achieving our Goals for 2011

Our goals were not unreachable, but without the financial resources you provided, they would have been impossible. As donors, partners, and volunteers, you enabled us to attain the following:

1) Education:

- a. Annual conference was held in Nashville, TN June 10-12, 2011;
- b. We built our production team of volunteers, sent them to be trained and began production of a weekly television program, TIANow, out of PEG Studio's in Nashville, and broadcast it 3 times a week on Comcast Channel 19;
 - a. We spoke at some local churches, schools, law enforcement precincts
- c. We met with the first lady of TN's office and submitted a proclamation to the Governor for approval and facilitated the first ever Human Trafficking Awareness Week in November on 2011.
 - a. We engaged TN NGO's, citizens, schools, and churches in the campaign;
 - b. We created a PSA for TN citizens;
- d. We wrote and submitted a follow up report to the TN Governor's Office
- e. We coordinated and conducted the first state wide press conference bringing law enforcement, legislators and NGO's together to address human trafficking in TN.

2) We collaborated on The *I Promise To Do My Part Campaign* with partner *A Bridge of Hope, Kim Benson*, to create a national youth campaign. This program has been created to give people an opportunity to mobilize in their own geographic areas and ultimately nation-wide.

3) Replication: We formulated an outreach plan to have TIATF groups in each of the 50 states. Our first chapter application was received from Wisconsin and the first chapter was approved. TIATF-WI.

4) Social Media: We created a facebook page and began to engage in social media.

Education and Awareness through the
STRATEGIC PROGRAMMING

2011 National Trafficking In America Conference

118 individuals from 18 states gathered to become educated in the issue of Human Trafficking

SPEAKERS and FORUMS



We planned the conference to begin on a Friday evening to end on Sunday morning with a prayer breakfast.

Key note speaker, **JULIAN SHER**, investigative journalist from Canada, gave an impassioned presentation from his work and book, *Somebody's Daughter, The Hidden Story of America's Prostituted Children and the Battle to Save Them* (left).

ANNE BISSELL, survivor and author of, *Memoirs of a Sex Industry Survivor*, and the *Juliet West Series*;



Other principle speakers were: **ANTOINETTE REGNIER WELCH**, Assistant District Attorney in Nashville Tennessee working the General Sessions Court and an instructor at Nashville's John School; **CHELSEA ESQUIBEL**, Miss Tennessee Teenager 2010 and sex abuse survivor; **COLETTE BERCU**, CEO and Founder of Free For Life International; **DERRI SMITH**, Founder and Director of End Slavery in Tennessee; **EVE ANNUNZIATO**, Executive Director of Communications at Mercy Ministries; **LORI BETH EDGEMAN**, actress and lead role for Bethany in the feature film, *A Dance for Bethany* that addresses human trafficking in the united States; **GISELLE RODRIGUEZ**, State Outreach Coordinator for the Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking; **MARGIE QUIN**, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation; **MELVA BLACK**, Program Coordinator for the Interdenominational Ministers' Fellowship Peniel Initiative (IMFPI)

NETWORKING at the conference

Networking / socializing is a vital part of our mission. The National Conference is an emotionally charged event with an exorbitant amount of information to digest in a short period of time. We provide a reception on the first evening of the Conference for networking; provide opportunities to meet speakers; and offer an opportunity for attendees to relax and form new relationships with like minded individuals.

SISTER WALK at the conference

4 teams of 4 took gift bags filled with items for the ladies. 2 gentlemen accompanied the ladies on the **Sister Walk**, where they wait in the vehicles while the women go in and offer the bags to our sisters. The Sister Walk plan was created into a power point presentation for those across the nation who want to implement one in their area. Reports were given on Sunday morning as to the effectiveness of the program. 1 young lady actually took information and shared that she wanted to leave the life as a prostituted person.

Press Conferences



We coordinated and spoke at the TN Press Conference where a panel of law enforcement, legislators and NGO's came together to address the issues and forge a collaboration to move forward.

What we accomplish at the Press events is the formation of a group of the 4 most relevant venues in anti-human trafficking (LE, Legislators, NGO's, Citizens) that come together and share their own endeavors and to form a collaborative forum where communication is established between the groups. Then, we follow-up a year later to see what actions have been taken to work towards reducing (and ultimately ending) HT.

To view the first Press Conference organized by TIATF:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gUWvFO5RCg4> – PART I

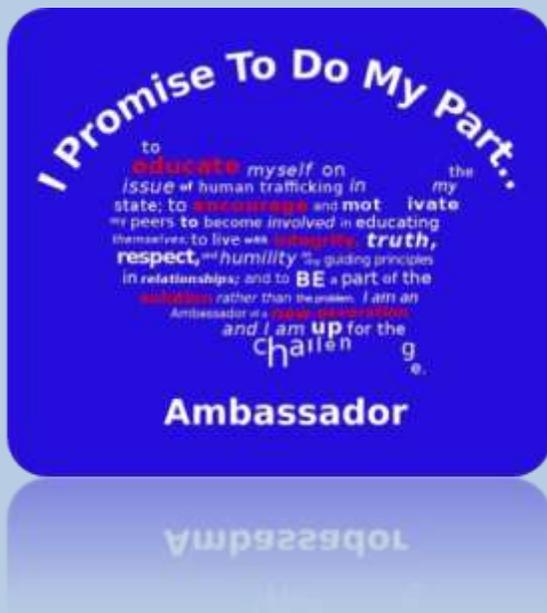
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V_IZds0x3OE – PART II

I Promise To Do My Part Campaign

We created a campaign for youth to educate and prevent their peers from becoming yet another victim. Our focus with this initiative is to place a student Ambassador on as many College Campuses and High Schools across America as we can. The purpose of the "I Promise To Do My Part" Campaign is to engage our youth across America in the issue of human trafficking. It is known that a healthy body heals itself. I take this truth and try to apply it to every area of life. So – why not apply it to our youth and our fight to help them navigate through sex trafficking by providing them with a venue for those who are able to help those who are not, to bring them up to a higher level of thinking and living?

Who is an *I Promise Ambassador*? An *I promise Ambassador* is a leader. He/she will:

1) Become educated on the issue of human trafficking in their state (they will receive our pdf copy of the Empowerment Report).



2) Seek a volunteer representative from as many schools in their state as possible to mobilize their friends and peers

3) Encourage friends and peers to become educated about human trafficking

4) Aid in creating programs for their schools to help in the fight to end human trafficking (such as the *We Are Worth More* campaign)

5) Raise support to attend the annual TIA Conference in Nashville, TN by selling "I Promise To Do My Part" T-shirts, or other means of support

6) Each State Ambassador and School Representative will receive the "I Promise" T-shirt at no charge and encourage others to buy one and wear to promote the program.

TIANow Television Program



Show Hosts:
Yvonne Williams
Marion Williams

A Weekly Television Program in talk show format dedicated to educating about human trafficking in America

TIA NOW gives NGO's, legislators, law enforcement, survivors, ministers, and others an opportunity to share with the viewing audience their area of expertise. The program is aired via Channel 19 on Comcast network cable.

TIANow Teaser: www.blip.tv/humantraffickingnow



Empower Me Now Arts and Literary Program

TIATF has been working to undertake a project to be a part of the healing process for survivors of sex trafficking. We are creating an Arts (and Literacy) Program to be used as a vehicle to work alongside existing programs that safe houses are currently conducting.

PURPOSE

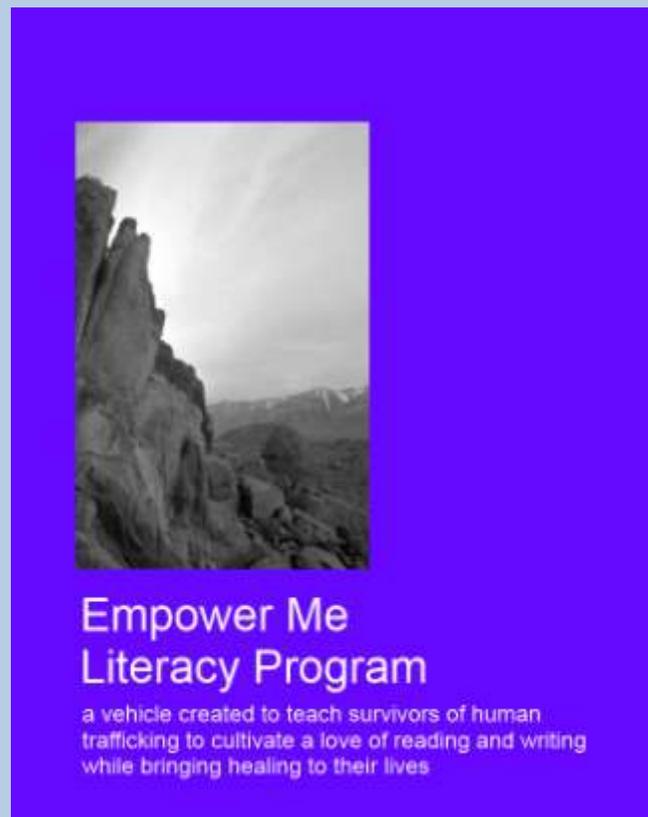
The *Empowered Me Arts/Literacy Program* will help empower young men and women, boys and girls who have been victims of human trafficking to develop Basic English reading and conversational skills, encourage them to further their education, provide a sense of pride, self-esteem, and accomplishment. Through reading comprehension, participants will develop portfolios of lessons learned through journaling, artistic expression, setting career goals, creating vision boards, and life pledges (personal mission statements). We may also want to include some service learning projects. This will help with socialization, trust, and camaraderie. *Empowered Me* is slated to fit within larger programs that are already established and providing such assistance as social services, career planning/job training, youth development, and/or adult literacy for non-human trafficking survivors.

PILOT PROGRAM

HOPE HOUSE in Asheville, NC will has partnered with TIATF to participate in the Pilot Program. Hope House has 2 homes, one for the under 18 survivor and 1 for the 18 and over survivor. They will utilize the program at the 9th grade level. Once evaluations have been completed we will create the final program and prepare to offer it to Safe houses in other parts of the country.

1) Project completion target date: Outline of the 1st draft is scheduled for completion by end of September 2012 (we evaluated and adapted the program to include and focus on the arts since there are so many literacy programs being utilized in the educational systems);

3) Implementation: If we take it through non-profit agencies/NGO we will take the lead and train. Also, once we get "Empower Me" completed will we offer it to only NGO's working in the restoration of survivors or, include other organizations who are funded through insurance claims and other government means. Sponsors will be needed to provide printing costs and other necessary costs associated with copyright and promotion of the program. NGO's will provide their staff; Once the curriculum is developed and approved we will sell it and put that money back into the program for expansion. (NOTE* as of the end of 2012, this program is on hold for further evaluation)



Moving forward with

2012 GOALS FOR TIATF

1) Education:

- a. 2012 Annual conference to be held in Nashville, TN May 24-26, 2012 with a projected attendance of 200;
- b. Continuation of the TIANow programs, out of PEG Studio's in Nashville, broadcast it 3 times a week on Comcast Channel 19 through August 2013. We will then determine our next steps;
- c. Research – we will begin our research on Mass Media, Hollywood, and the Entertainment Industry (including strip clubs) and their effects on our culture; how these influences are fueling human trafficking. We will create strategic programs to address these issues based on the data.
- d. We will continue to speak when asked to bring the most current education available.
- e. Present proclamation for a human trafficking awareness month every year in TN.
- f. Continue to create the Empower Me Now Literacy Program and have a pilot program ready by the end of 2012.
- g. Create an on-going Sister Walk Program

Volunteers

VOLUNTEERS

TIATF is completely dependent upon volunteers at this point for all that we have envisioned and implemented. We have been blessed to have so many committed people across the country walk with us in this effort. Without people who understand that every life is valuable and every life is deserving of wholeness and the opportunity to pursue their happiness, we cannot fulfill the goals in our mission.

As TIATF grows into its vision, and we expand into the capacity of employing necessary administrative staff, we will continue to depend heavily on volunteers for manpower and project support. They will be the backbone of our body of work.

**Trafficking In America Task Force, Inc.
Actual Budget 2011**

INCOME			
DATE	AMOUNT	SOURCE	Address
8/30/2011	\$ 100.00	Kim Benson	A Bridge of Hope
9/12/2011	\$ 50.00	Kim Benson	A Bridge of Hope
9/12/2011	\$ 0.04	Paypal	to verify new account
9/12/2011	\$ 0.05	Paypal	to verify new account
12/15/2011	\$ 0.19	Google	to verify new account
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 150.28		
EXPENSES			
DATE	AMOUNT	SOURCE	Address
9/1/2011	\$ 12.45	US Bank	Checks
9/23/2011	\$ 15.00	Hope House	Tithe from \$150.00 Donation
11/2/2011	\$ 1.68	Post Office	To mail DVD
11/14/2011	\$ 10.69	Post Office	Postage to mail invitations for Press Conference
11/28/2011	\$ 40.14	Sam's	4' folding table for Press Conference
12/5/2011	\$ 29.00	Red Lobster	Meeting with Youth Minister of Mt. Zion
			for I Promise Campaign
12/21/2011	\$ 5.12	Post Office	to mail Christmas Cards
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 114.08		
BALANCE YEAR END	\$ 36.20		

Thank you for your support of our vision

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