

Civilian First Responder (CFR) Training

Location: Trinity Academy of Raleigh | 10224 Baileywick Rd | Raleigh, NC 27613

Dates & Times: September 14th , 2013 | 9am-4:30pm (* lunch included)

Cost: \$25 per ticket

Contact: Register at www.southbridgefellowship.com/events

Do you know the signs of human trafficking for *your* area? Would you know how to respond if you came across them? Come and find out all this and more at our **Civilian First Responder 2013** conference with Southbridge Fellowship. Whether you already know a lot about the trafficking situation in America, or are sort of just now discovering it all, this conference will further inform and equip both you and your community to fight against it!

9AM-Session One

Do you ever feel like you don't really know what trafficking is, or how it has found its way into our communities for that matter? This session will not only inform you of both, but also why it is vital that everyone from plumbers to hair dressers, school teachers, car-pool moms and medical professionals know the signs of human trafficking. Come and learn to see the unseen.

10:45AM—Session Two

Don't miss this informative session as we explore the common lures used by sexual predators, discuss trafficking flash-points in North Carolina, and learn Homeland Security guidelines for Civilian responders. Interviews with local law enforcement and a human trafficking survivor will help bring this session home in a real way.

1PM Lunch

2PM Breakout Sessions

Various professionals involved in the fight against human trafficking will lead helpful Break Out Session addressing specific aspects of the trafficking dilemma. Chose a Break Out Session of your choice, based on your level or interest, profession, or field of interest.

Break Out Options (to be determined based on workshop leader availability):

Law Enforcement

Medical Professionals

Men

General

Teens/Young Adults (session possibility still to be decided)

3:15 PM—Session Three

Find out how you can be a beacon of light in the darkness and use your knowledge to see the unseen. This session will help you uncover helpful and appropriate ways to talk to your children about the concerns of human trafficking, as well as how to respond to a human trafficking situation. Come and discover the hope that is ours as we fight against human trafficking.

4:30 PM Close

*All sessions build on the information given in the previous sessions, so you won't want to miss any!

Meet the Speakers

Keynote Speaker



Rebecca McDonald is the founder and president of Women At Risk, International (WAR, Int'l) and has spent three decades in international, anti-trafficking relief work. As an organization, WAR, Int'l exists to create circles of protection and hope around at-risk women and children through culturally sensitive, value-added intervention projects. WAR currently addresses 14 different risk issues and works in more than 35 countries, including the United States. Growing up in what is now Bangladesh, Becky has always had a heart for the suffering and seeks to be a voice for the voiceless. Becky is a highly sought-after speaker who travels the world, sharing her passion with schools, communities, law enforcement, legal and medical societies, Interpol, and Home Land Security.

Trafficking Survivor



Rhoda Kershaw knew she wanted to sing ever since she was a little girl. After much local success, Rhoda thought she caught her big break at age 18 when a talent agent promised stardom in Japan. Though her first visit there proved successful, on her second trip Rhoda found herself serving drinks in Japanese clubs rather than performing in them. One night a co-worker lured Rhoda to a “dance club” teeming with the Japanese mafia. After drugging and abducting her, mafia members repeatedly brutalized and raped Rhoda for three days. She eventually escaped and flew to America. Yet even after returning home, help was nowhere to be found. Police blamed Rhoda, and a counselor even advised suicide as the only way to preserve her dignity. After finally finding a healing community and support, Rhoda no longer numbs her suffering with substance abuse and self-mutilation. Instead, she has transformed her suffering into a story of survival and hope. Now Rhoda uses her passionate voice to share this story, singing at benefit concerts, speaking out against human trafficking, and whispering words of hope and encouragement to vulnerable teens and wounded women.

Breakout Session Leaders



Chris Smith first learned of the global human trafficking pandemic as a youth pastor and felt an immediate desire to make a difference. Chris grappled with being one of the rare males involved in the anti-trafficking movement, and he now reaches out to other men, encouraging them to “man up” and move from being a bystander to becoming an ally in the fight for human dignity. Knowing this was a life calling, he and his wife Anna started Restore One - a ministry to fight human trafficking and shelter survivors free of cost.



Anna Smith immediately shared her husband's sense of urgency to get involved when she learned about human trafficking while serving as a youth pastor. She worked briefly in the domestic trafficking mission field, interning at a safe house where she worked with minor domestic trafficking victims before starting Restore One with Chris. At Restore One she applies her social work degree and brings an immense passion for helping survivors in need of healing and restoration.



Transforming Hope Ministries provides its own representative to lead the break-out session dealing with Youth Communication. Transforming Hope is a faith-based non-profit dedicated to holistically caring for adolescent victims of trafficking. Through a safe home, they are able to provide counseling, schooling and other restorative opportunities that encourage youth to be able to live a free and secure life. Transforming Hope also works within the community to raise awareness on child sex trafficking in the U.S. The breakout session hosted by Transforming Hope focuses on teaching adults how to communicate with adolescents and young children about the dangers of trafficking, but in a manner that is age appropriate. There will also be discussion of how to recognize the signs of trafficking in minors, and how to react in a way that shows the adolescent child that you are a safe place, one to whom they can turn for help and advice. This workshop is recommended for anyone interacting with youth daily: parents, teachers, day care providers, athletic coaches, group leaders, etc.



Jennifer Fisher is an experienced law enforcement officer and instructor for the North Carolina Justice Academy. She has brought together the most current information pertinent to human trafficking and the role of the law enforcement officer in recognizing and handling this emerging crime. Having earned her Masters Degree in Criminal Justice from East Carolina University she now serves on the N. C. Human Trafficking Task Force, R.I.P.P.L.E. helping to coordinate multi-agency efforts to fight human trafficking. She also continues to serve her local community as a police officer.