



Hear Their Cry

www.nextstepministrieskansas.org ▪ P O Box 1822, Salina, KS 67402-1822 ▪ February 2023

Mission Statement:

We exist to restore the lives of women broken by sex trafficking by providing a safe, Christ-centered home, Biblical counseling, and life skills that will provide purpose for a future

Vision Statement:

Sharing the transforming power of Jesus Christ with women broken by sex trafficking

HOW SEX TRAFFICKING HAPPENS

We would like to share the stages of **GROOMING** over the next several months. Awareness is key in understanding how trafficking happens. Many people think victims are snatched off the street against their will. However, as you will learn, they are patient people who gain the trust of their victims. Traffickers look for people who are **VULNERABLE**. Vulnerable people include those who are in abusive relationships, poor family relationships, the foster care system, living in a shelter, are homeless and those who are simply lonely. When a trafficker has identified a potential victim, the process begins.

LURING

The goal is to gain the trust of the victim.

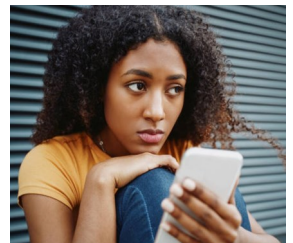
- ◆ How is this done? Small talk at first, "listening" to the victim and agreeing with them.

This is done by making a connection.

- ◆ How is this done? "Understanding" where the victim is coming from - "I'm here for you."

They begin to build a relationship.

- ◆ **How is this done?** Spending more and more time with the victim by phone, online or in person

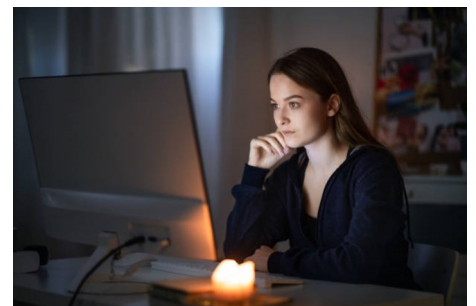


How do perpetrators do this?

- ◆ By finding common interests
- ◆ By identifying the needs of the person
- ◆ By identifying the wants and desires of the person
- ◆ Then by eventually meeting the needs, wants and desires of the person

They are very PATIENT. Traffickers will do whatever it takes to lure the victim in, including telling the victim what they want to hear, such as:

- ◆ "You are so beautiful"
- ◆ "I will always be here for you"
- ◆ "You will be an amazing person"
- ◆ "We can build a great life together"
- ◆ "I will take care of you"
- ◆ "I can't believe that happened to you - I will never let something like that happen to you again"



Mark Your Calendars



2023 Annual Fundraising Banquet

6:00 - 8:00 at the Tumbleweed Event Center
Dinner served at 6:30

Featured Speaker

Keeya Vawar

Survivor | Author | Speaker | Advocate

Keeya grew up in an abusive home, running away at age 16. She was lured to Atlanta, GA by record producer promising her a “good time” and fame. In exchange for a place to live she was brought into the world of sex trafficking. Like many of the women in sex trafficking she developed Stockholm Syndrome - which are feelings of trust or affection for the captor.

Even though Keeya knew something was seriously wrong and the death threats scared her, she didn't leave; she states “So I stayed because I felt threatened, but in a weird way, I ended up developing friendships. When we would travel, they would always tell people ‘this is our little sister’.”

Keeya was able to break away from her traffickers but that didn't end the lifestyle and she found herself in and out of sexual exploitation situations until 1996. Over 20 years she was hospitalized 5 times for mental illness and today she is happy and healthy and quoted as saying “My faith is unapologetically at the center of my world.” We hope you come and join us to hear Keeya tell her story.

Window Sponsorship Opportunity

Next Step Ministries has an exciting opportunity for you to share encouragement with the women who will be staying at our house of Hope and Healing.

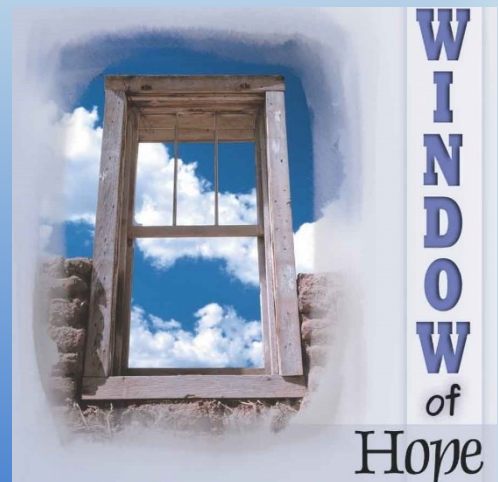
We are in the process of restoring the home the women will be living in. Not only will this home provide them with shelter but will provide them with a safe place to recover from the trauma they have experienced.

The women who stay in our home will be in need of daily support and encouragement. This is one way you can help encourage and help wrap the home with the Love of Jesus Christ in a variety of ways.

Imagine you are one of these broken women standing in a room where you are overcome with fear, hopelessness and contemplating suicide, then you see a plaque next to the window and read it....Think how powerful this could be!

How to Sponsor a Window

- ◆ Select a window from the list to the right
- ◆ Pray and ask the Lord to show you what scripture verse(s) would be an encouragement
- ◆ Each window costs \$500.00. Sponsor a window on your own, or get a group together to sponsor one
- ◆ The scripture you select will be engraved on a plaque with the window name and hung in a room near a window
- ◆ Contact us at nextsteptruth@gmail.com to let us know if you'd like to sponsor a window
- ◆ Visit www.nextstepministrieskansas.org to see updates on window name availability



Windows to choose from:

- Window of Obedience
- Window of Joy
- Window of Rejoicing
- Window of Reconciliation
- Window of Restoration
- Window of Renewal
- Window of Peace/**Sponsored**
- Window of Refreshment
- Window of Prayer
- Window of Reflection
- Window of Healing/**Sponsored**
- Window of Blessing
- Window of Encouragement
- Window of Change
- Window of Life
- Window of Belief
- Window of Salvation
- Window of Strength/**Sponsored**
- Window of Gentleness
- Window of Hope/**Sponsored**
- Window of Love
- Window of Forgiveness

finalthoughts...

We are looking for additional board members, if you feel called or have an interest in knowing more please visit

- ◆ www.nextstepministrieskansas.org or email
- ◆ nextsteptruth@gmail.com

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS:**

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Coming Soon >>>

Workdays at the house: 9am to Noon:

February 18th

February 25th

March 4th

March 11th

**Please email nextsteptruth@gmail.com
if you are able to help.**

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