



Hear Their Cry

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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

Impacts of Sexual Exploitation on Victims:

- Fear, shame, helplessness
- Obsessive thoughts, flashbacks
- Anxiety, depression, physical ailments
- Difficulty sleeping or focusing
- Constant state of alertness
- Lack of emotion, desire

Long Term Impacts of Sexual Exploitation on Victims:

- Homelessness
- Substance Abuse
- Interpersonal relationship difficulties
- Lack of trust
- Social exclusion
- Low self-esteem, contempt

HOW SEX TRAFFICKING HAPPENS

Exploitation:

- Deliberate control...
- Deliberate manipulation...
- Deliberate maltreatment...
- Deliberate abuse of power...
- Deliberate taking advantage of another person...

... TO PROFIT OR BENEFIT THEMSELVES

Sexual Exploitation:

- Deception
 - The trafficker is not who they said they were
- Force
 - Victims are forced to perform sex acts against their will
- Coercion
 - Victims are coerced into sex acts and drug use by traffickers
- Manipulation
 - Perpetrators do whatever it takes to make victims comply

A person becomes a victim of exploitation when...

...their freedom and ability to make decisions about their own actions is limited



Mark Your Calendars August 26th for our 2023 Annual Fundraising Banquet

A Life Redeemed

For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness. Psalm 84:10

Featuring Keeya Vawar - Survivor | Author | Speaker | Advocate

She recently published her first book, <u>One Thousand Elsewhere: A True Survival Story</u> which details her struggles as a teenage runaway being trafficked by a famous record

producer in Atlanta, Georgia. Keeya has been a wife and mother for 20 years and resides in Texas with her family.



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

> Catering by Viola's Bakery & More & Free Bird Coffee Co.

Window Sponsorship Opportunity

We have 4 windows out of 22 still available to be sponsored!

If this is your fist time hearing about this opportunity...

Imagine you are one of these broken women standing in a room where you are overcome with fear, hopelessness and contemplating suicide, you go to the window and see a plaque and at that moment the Lord uses those words to change your heart....Think how powerful this could be!

How to Sponsor a Window

- Select a window name from the list
- 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 sponsor as a group
- The scripture will be engraved on a plaque with the window name and hung near a window
- Contact us at nextsteptruth@gmail.com to let us know if you'd like to sponsor a window
- Visit <u>www.nextstepministrieskansas.org</u> to see updates on window name availability

This is not an exhaustive list of window names. If you are feeling called to another name please contact us and let us know.

Window of Acknowledgment Window of Belief Window of Comfort Window of Fellowship Window of Freedom Window of Gentleness Window of Knowledge Window of Mercy Window of Promise Window of Provision Window of Redemption Window of Rejoicing Window of Restoration Window of Truth

Join Us in a Week of Specific Daily Prayer

- 6/11/23 Pray for those who are actively leaving sex trafficking, that they will be strong and find courage.PRAY Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave nor forsake you. Deuteronomy 31:6
- **6/12/23** Pray for victims with addictions and for buyers who have sex addictions to turn to Christ Jesus for help and rescue of worldly desires.

PRAY - Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Hebrews 4:16

6/13/23 Pray that those who operate businesses which facilitate sex trafficking will be discovered and shut down permanently.

PRAY - Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. Ephesians 5:11

- 6/14/23 Pray that we will walk in Christs steps, His was a righteous walk.PRAY To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. 1 Peter 2:21
- 6/15/23 Pray churches around the world will rise up and protect those who are in danger of sex trafficking.PRAY Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9
- 6/16/23 Pray for law enforcement front line workers. Pray for wisdom, compassion, and for knowledge.PRAY So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10
- 6/17/23 Pray for Next Step Ministries, that God would bring many people to support His work so we may have expediency in opening our doors to survivors.

PRAY - May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us. Psalm 67:1

NEEDS

We are looking for items for our silent auction at the next NSM banquet! Are you a person who likes to go talk to people? We could use your help to go to area businesses and solicit items or gift certificates for our auction.

We are also looking for and raising funds to get a lawnmower. If you would like to help with this need please contact us or you may contribute to the fund by <u>clicking here</u> or by visiting **nextstepministrieskansas.org/your-support-is-vital**



WORKDAYS>>>

Here is our schedule of workdays at the house for the next few months. We are in the process of working on a variety of projects inside and outside. We do recommend bringing gloves, wearing sturdy shoes and safety glasses.

You are welcome to come all day or just a few hours!

FYI: Porta Potty on site!!

We will providing lunch for those who come!

9 am until 3 pm

June 17th * July 15th * August 12th

Please email nextsteptruth@gmail.com or let a board member know if you are able to help so we can get a count for lunch



A Heartfelt Thank You TO ALL OF OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS!

We couldn't do it without you!

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