



## Hear Their Cry

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**SAVE the DATE**  
**AUGUST 15, 2024**

Our 5th Annual Fundraising Banquet is right around the corner. We are excited to introduce this years speaker.

**Heidi Olson,**  
**RN, MSN, CPN, SANE-P**

Heidi is the founder and president of Paradigm Shift Training & Consulting.

Heidi is a Certified Pediatric Nurse & Certified Pediatric Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE). She has a wide range of experience in pediatric & forensic nursing & has taught as an adjunct clinical instructor for the University of Missouri at Kansas City and the University of St. Mary's.

Heidi previously managed the SANE Program at a children's hospital in Kansas City where she performed/reviewed over 1,500 pediatric forensic exams, many of them trafficking cases, communicated with law enforcement, child protective services, & a large multidisciplinary team, as well as educated hundreds of staff members on relevant topics regarding sexual violence. Heidi also serves as an expert witness for the prosecution during trials for victims of sexual assault.

Over the last few years, Heidi has presented hundreds of times internationally about recognizing human trafficking, child-on-child sexual assault, pornography, & exploitation. Heidi has also been featured in several documentaries regarding these topics, including Vulnerable Innocence, which has won 24 awards. Heidi won the Cry Purple award in 2023, which is given to citizens who are doing outstanding anti-trafficking work in their communities.

**Transformed**

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.  
Colossians 1:13-14

**Annual Fundraising Banquet**

**August 15, 2024**  
**Dinner - 6:30 pm**

**Benefiting Survivors of Sex Trafficking**

**Guest Speaker:**  
**Heidi Olson,**  
**RN, MSN, CPN, SANE-P**  
**Paradigm Shift Training & Consulting**

Webster Conference Center  
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Salina KS

Register by August 4, 2024 at  
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785.531.1227

### 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

## *Meet our Board Members*

Hello! I'm Aaron, one of the Board Members of Next Step Ministries, Inc. As a young man growing up in Kansas, the idea of human trafficking or sex trafficking was a foreign thought. Like most people, I believed the lie, that it was either a chosen path or a big city problem.

- A chosen path because of the incredible amount of money that could be made or for other reasons that would be much darker.
- A big city problem because I couldn't believe there was a market for such things in a rural setting and I would assume the girl would starve to death before she could develop a clientele to be able to survive.

Never did I dream, or would I have been able to anticipate the many ways that the sin of trafficking would manifest itself and prove the intricate and shameful way that it would be revealed to me.

While on a short trip to Honduras, I helped out a fellow pastor by going with him to pick up his children at what seemed to be a normal, nondescript middle school in one of the hundreds of colonias around Tegucigalpa, the capital and largest city in Honduras. While we sat along the street waiting for his children we were having a casual conversation, I don't exactly recall what we were talking about, but I suppose it was something about how sin destroys peoples' lives.

The next statement that came out of his mouth shocked me. He said, "You know you can talk to the principal at this school and order whichever girl you want. You just leave a description, an address, and the money and they will deliver the girl to your location." I was speechless!

It's hard to fathom what and who was involved in the sequence of events that led to these precious girls being victims through a very dark chain of events. This sex trafficking operation was well orchestrated by the handlers, the principal and school, the location, maybe the parent(s), the buyers, and last of all the 5th or 6th-grade girls who had no voice. It was just as casual and easy as ordering a pizza and having it delivered to your front door.

This wasn't the only experience in which the dark world of sex trafficking was revealed to me, a more common example involved young ladies between the ages of 15 and 17 who were offered a job in a hotel or restaurant in the United States. The families were lured by the promise of multiple times more money than they would make in a day in Honduras (\$5.00 per day vs. \$10 to \$15 per hour). This was a dream come true, a dream that would disappear like the smoke from the open fire they cooked on in Honduras.

The families paid money to have these young ladies transported from Honduras across Guatemala and Mexico and then dropped off at the U.S. border. These young ladies soon learned that they would be working in a hotel or bar but not waiting tables or cooking food as they thought. We talked to the parents and warned them that this was not what it seemed to be, but they wouldn't believe that was possible. After all, the parents trusted the person who made the offer, and they were blinded by the possibility of having money due to their desperate economic condition. Most of the parents never saw their daughters again and when the money stopped coming, they assumed their daughter had become selfish and stopped caring. The reality was that their daughter had become a sex slave and had no money to send or the opportunity to send it.

When I became a part of Next Step Ministries I knew two things:

1. Sex trafficking does exist. Rural, suburban, or urban it exists everywhere and there is a ready market.
2. These women need an advocate.

Here at Next Step Ministries, we want to introduce them to Jesus, the only hope for anyone. We want to offer them a safe place where they can be treasured instead of used and discarded. God has shown us both sides of this and it breaks our hearts.

There is much to do. The Lord commanded us to love our neighbor as ourselves. I have dedicated much time and prayer to this cause. Through our ministry, we will only come into contact with a small percentage of those who need freedom, and your help is indispensable in this fight against evil. We want to speak up for those who have no voice. Join me in investing in the future of these women and the Kingdom of God.

Would you join us in praying for Next Step Ministries Executive Director! We are actively seeking applicants for this position and are excited to see how the Lord will use them to expand and grow the ministry.

The Executive Director's top priority will be to establish relationships with individuals and organizations to partner with Next Step Ministries. The Executive Director will work effectively with the House Directors on the Dwelling Place Program and the success of the women to come to our home. They will work closely with the Board of Directors to create and execute a strategy to open and operate the local home; to oversee local operations in accordance with NSM's policies and mission. The Executive Director is responsible for establishing a working relationship with internal entities of NSM.

The Executive Director position has the following Biblical expectations:

- ◆ Feel called to Next Step Ministries
- ◆ Be a Born-Again Believer in Jesus Christ Alone
- ◆ Be active in a local Bible-believing local church
- ◆ Ability to articulate their personal testimony
- ◆ Ability to teach Biblical principles
- ◆ Must uphold the Mission and Vision
- ◆ Participate in NSM's Team Care
- ◆ Must adhere to NSM's Statement of Faith & Statement of Marriage & Sexuality

Preferred Life Experiences

- ◆ 5 years of management experience
- ◆ 3 - 5 years ministry experience
- ◆ Fundraising or sales experience strongly recommended

Do you know someone who might be interested in this opportunity to help women find freedom from the dark world of sex trafficking, if so please have them contact the board at [nextsteptruth@gmail.com](mailto:nextsteptruth@gmail.com). For a full job description please visit: <https://www.nextstepministrieskansas.org/careers/>

Next Step Ministries is here to help women who have escaped sex trafficking. We are a non-profit organization, we do not receive government funding and solely rely on the support of our faithful donors who desire to help others start a new and beautiful beginning with a life of FREEDOM! If you would like to support us please see the donation form below. You can mail it to: P O Box 1822, Salina, KS 67401

### Become a Ministry Partner Today!

#### Donation

- \$ 25.00 - Hebrews 13:16
- \$ 50.00 - Galatians 6:9
- \$ 75.00 - Philippians 4:19
- \$100.00 - Psalms 121:1-2
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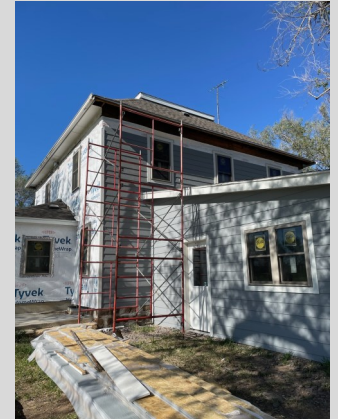
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## House Updates:

*PROGRESS \* PROGRESS \* PROGRESS*

We are thrilled to share that we are in the process of getting siding put on our house of Hope and Healing!

This has only been made possible because of **YOU**, our volunteers. Your faithful prayers and financial support are a blessing to our ministry and to the women we will be helping.



### **WORKDAYS>>>**

As we move forward with some larger projects we have faithfully prayed and decided it was best to hire out some of the work.

Our workdays will be announced via:

Email - [nextsteptruth@gmail.com](mailto:nextsteptruth@gmail.com)

Facebook - [Next Step Ministries](#)

Website - [nextstepministrieskansas.org](http://nextstepministrieskansas.org)

**Please don't hesitate to email or call us at 785.531.1227 with questions.**

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:10

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