

"AS A SURVIVOR OF SEX TRAFFICKING, UNDERSTANDING MY PAST HAS HELPED ME TO BETTER PROTECT MY CHILDREN FROM ABUSE AND CREATE GENERATIONAL CHANGE."

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## PARENTING AND PREVENTION: A SURVIVOR'S PERSPECTIVE

### MY KIDS WERE MORE AT RISK BECAUSE OF MY PAST

Children are more at risk of experiencing abuse if their parents or family members have experienced trauma.

### MY FEAR CAUSED MORE HARM THAN GOOD

I was terrified they would experience abuse or end up on the streets, so I sheltered them from everything. By teaching them how to navigate the world instead, they are able to make good decisions in bad situations.

### I COULD CHANGE AN ENTIRE GENERATION

By parenting with education instead of out of fear, my kids have the tools to not only advocate for themselves but for others.

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# FACTS AND TIPS:

For addressing and preventing human trafficking in your community

- 14% of men in America buy sex. Prevention starts at home by addressing male privilege and rape culture.
- Young women of color and homeless LGBTQIA youth are at increased risk of being trafficked.
- 88% of traffickers witness domestic violence as children.
- All aspects of human trafficking are preventable through education, awareness and addressing the root causes.
- You deserve to be heard by city, state and government officials. This issue affects everyone.
- A common age range for entry of youth being exploited through human trafficking is 12- 14 years old.
- Reach out to your local schools, churches and organizations for training and support to address human trafficking in your area.
- Share the information you learn with children in your care. Ask them to share information they've learned with you as well.
- Attend events and get involved with family, friends, neighbors and youth in your area. Your community is stronger together.

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