

Delta College Cultural Awareness Program Presents

Waging War Against Sex Trafficking



Thursday, September 12, 2013

12:00 – 1:30 pm

Atherton Auditorium—Delta College

Free to the Public: Groups Welcomed

Facts about Human Trafficking

- California is a hub for sex-trafficking. Three cities: LA, San Diego, and San Francisco are in the FBI's top 13 list for highest sex trafficking areas.
- An estimated 13 million children are enslaved around the world today, accounting for nearly half of trafficking victims in the world.
- The average age of a young woman being trafficked is 12-14 years old.
- More than 2/3 of sex trafficked children suffer additional abuse at the hands of their traffickers.
- There are anywhere between 600,000 and 800,000 victims trafficked through international borders every year, which does not include the millions trafficked domestically within their own countries.
- According to estimates, approximately 80% of trafficking involves sexual exploitation, and 19% involves labor exploitation.
- A relatively large percentage of women and children who have been trafficked for the purpose of sexual exploitation will become HIV positive, as they experience a tenfold risk of contracting HIV.
- Trafficked children are significantly more likely to develop mental health problems, abuse substances, engage in prostitution as adults, and either commit or be victimized by violent crimes later in life.
- Immigration agents estimate that 10,000 women are being held in Los Angeles' underground brothels; this does not include the thousands of victims in domestic work, sweatshops or other informal industries.
- Human trafficking has been identified as the largest human-rights violation in the history of humankind.
- Human Trafficking is the fastest growing criminal enterprise in the 21st century – a 9 billion dollar industry.
- An estimated 27 million people are enslaved around the world this very moment.
- According to the 2008 Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Report, human trafficking is a multi-dimensional threat; it deprives people of their human rights and freedoms, it increases global health risks, and it fuels the growth of organized crime.

Statistics and information found at: HumanTrafficking.org



TED Talk on Modern Day Slavery from 12:00 – 12:30 pm Speaker Leah Albright-Byrd from 12:30 – 1:30 pm

Leah Albright-Byrd is a known speaker, leader, and survivor-activist in the fight against child sex-trafficking. Her strong voice and unwavering commitment to “help victims become survivors and learn to dream again” inspires people to wage war against social injustice. Coming from a family life marked by abuse and addiction, dropping out of high school at the age of 14, and becoming a victim of sexual exploitation were obstacles that did not prevent her from becoming the vibrant woman she is today.

Over the last 11 years Leah has served her community as a mental health counselor, youth leader, women's empowerment mentor, and motivational speaker. Leah's love for seeing people's lives transformed led to the development of Bridget's Dream, a non-profit organization founded in 2011 to fight sex-trafficking. The organization was named in memory of Leah's close friend who was a victim of child sex-trafficking and murdered in Las Vegas. In 2012 she co-signed and served as a highly influential political advocate for a California record-breaking proposition (Prop 35) to increase the penalties against human-traffickers. Ms. Albright-Byrd is on a mission to restore hope and inspiration in the lives of others; compelling them to take a strong stand for justice. Her message is one of enduring faith, a hope that does not disappoint, and most of all a LOVE that never fails...



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