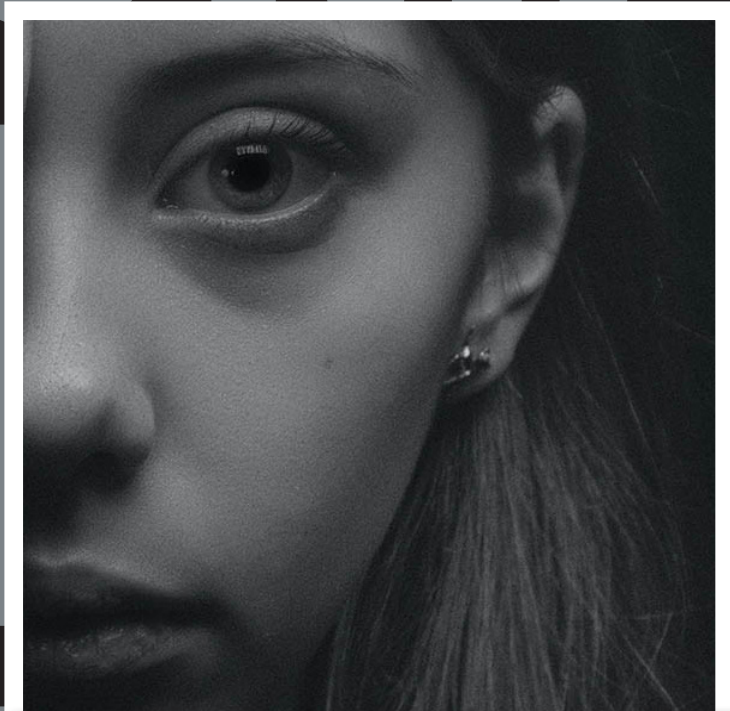


# HUMAN TRAFFICKING



*Kayla, Age 13 Richmond, VA*



**HUMAN  
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SLAVERY**

# RESOURCE GUIDE

Human trafficking is slavery. It's the illegal trade of human beings. It's the recruitment, control and use of people for their bodies and for their labor, through force, fraud and coercion. People everywhere are being bought and sold against their will – right now in the 21st century.

Human trafficking can take different forms, such as forced labor, sex trafficking, organ trafficking, serving as child soldiers, child marriage and debt bondage. There are 40.3 million people currently enslaved around the world. Statistics say that 71% of them are women, 29% men and 25% are children. It is a \$150 billion dollar industry and is the fastest-growing criminal industry in the world.

Traffickers don't always fit just stereotypes and aren't necessarily strangers to their victims. These exploiters have been found to be family members, peers, romantic partners, educators, employers, community leaders and clergy. Statistically, the buyers are: middle-class men, 30-50 years old, married with children, have a college degree. Eighty-one percent have no criminal history.

ACGC's Department of Women's Ministries is seeking to raise awareness and encourage our ministries to get involved in the fight against human trafficking. Engaging in education and supporting prevention initiatives and victim care that can bring hope and relief.

In this guide, you will find a list of reputable organizations in the U.S. that are making an on-going and positive impact nationally and globally and that have been found to be fiscally responsible. You will also find a list of books and movies on the topic. Join us in the fight to stop human trafficking.

*Statistics from [www.A21.org](http://www.A21.org)*

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# ORGANIZATIONS

## LOCAL AND NATIONAL

**The Wellhouse** (Odenville, AL) [the-wellhouse.org](http://the-wellhouse.org)  
Provides residential therapeutic programs to female victims of human trafficking who have been sexually exploited, offering medical, spiritual, mental and emotional care.

**4theONE Foundation** (Denton, TX) [4theone.org](http://4theone.org)  
Dedicated to the location and recovery of missing and exploited teens.

**Refuge For Women** (Lexington, KY) [refugeforwomen.org](http://refugeforwomen.org) - Provides specialized long-term care for women who have escaped human trafficking or sexual exploitation. With multiple locations across the U.S., Refuge for Women offers up to 12 months of safe housing, at no charge to the resident, with around the clock care as clients progress through evidence-based, trauma-informed programming.

**Let My People Go** (Chicago, IL) [Impg.org](http://Impg.org)  
Dedicated to building a network of well-equipped churches capable of loving those most vulnerable in their churches and communities. Practically, this “love” is evidenced throughout the congregation as the church identifies, empowers, protects and includes those who traffickers would normally target.

**Poiema Foundation** (Rockwall, TX) [poiemafoundation.org](http://poiemafoundation.org) - Educates the public and raises awareness in order to prevent sexual abuse, sex trafficking and other methods of sexual exploitation. Facilitates the restoration journey of survivors by providing for their physical, psychological, emotional and spiritual needs.

**Thistle Farms** (Nashville, TN) [thistlefarms.org](http://thistlefarms.org)  
Dedicated to helping women survivors recover and heal from prostitution, trafficking and addiction by providing a safe place to live, a meaningful job and a lifelong sisterhood of support.

**Street Grace** (Norcross, GA) [streetgrace.org](http://streetgrace.org)  
A faith-driven organization collaborating with faith, business and community leaders providing a comprehensive path to end the sexual exploitation of minors.

# ORGANIZATIONS

## INTERNATIONAL

**A21** (Santa Ana, CA) [A21.org](http://A21.org) - Reaches (education & awareness), rescues (partners with authorities to secure the freedom of victims and the conviction of traffickers) and restores (empowers survivors of trafficking on their journeys toward restoration and independence).

**International Justice Mission** (Washington, DC) [ijm.org](http://ijm.org) - Rescues children, women and men by disrupting the slave trade. Works with local governments to rescue victims and throw their oppressors in jail.

**Agape International Missions** (Roseville, CA) [aimfree.org](http://aimfree.org) - Rescues, restores and reintegrates survivors of sex trafficking through Christ's love and gospel. Protects, equips and empowers vulnerable and exploited communities, reduces demand and equips the local church to do the same.

**Hope For Justice** (Nashville, TN) [hopeforjustice.org](http://hopeforjustice.org) - Exists to bring an end to modern slavery by preventing exploitation, rescuing victims, restoring lives and reforming society.

**Rahab's Rope** (Gainesville, GA) [rahabsrope.com](http://rahabsrope.com) - Provides alternatives to sex work and restores hope and purpose to the lives of women and children in India.

**Shared Hope International** (Vancouver, WA) [sharedhope.org](http://sharedhope.org) - Dedicated to bringing an end to sex trafficking through a three-pronged approach – prevent, restore and bring justice.

**Tim Tebow Foundation** (Jacksonville, FL) [timtebowfoundation.org](http://timtebowfoundation.org) - Preserves and strengthens healthy family units as the key to lowering the trend. Works in conjunction with rescue organizations on the front lines and aids in the literal rescue of those enslaved. Supports the survivors' long-term recovery by providing comprehensive resources for healing, including sharing the gospel.

**Love146** (New Haven, CT) [love146.org](http://love146.org) - Journeys alongside children impacted by trafficking today and prevents the trafficking of children tomorrow.

**The Samaritan Women** (Baltimore, MD) [thesamaritanwomen.org](http://thesamaritanwomen.org) - Advances quality care for sexually-exploited persons through faith-based transformative residential care programs, collaborative research and supportive shelter mentorship.

**Jasmine Grace Outreach** (MA) [jasminegrace.org](http://jasminegrace.org) - A team of survivors and those in recovery guides those who need help. Offers addiction support, exit strategies, recovery groups, mentoring, coaching and awareness.

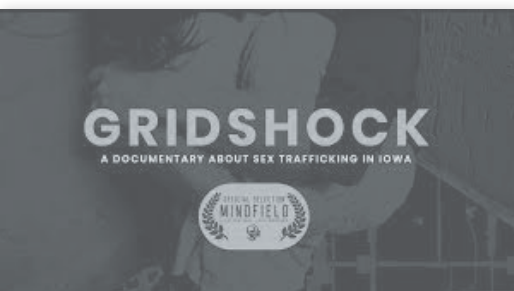
# MOVIES/DOCUMENTARIES

**Gridshock** (2019) – Warning - this documentary is very graphic, but informative.

**Priceless** (2016) PG-13 – a Christian drama depicting the rescue of a young woman who is being sold into slavery.

**8 Days** (2015) – a drama about a teen girl with an overprotective mother who was kidnapped, enslaved and rescued eight days later; filmed in cooperation with Homeland Security and is a very realistic scenario.

**In Plain Sight: Stories of Hope and Freedom** (2014) – a gripping documentary from a Christian point of view that focuses on six modern-day abolitionists in six different cities as they fight sex trafficking across America. Through engaging interviews with numerous victims, stories of hope and freedom emerge as each survivor shares how her life was impacted.



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# BOOKS

**Find Your Way Home: Words from the Street, Wisdom from the Heart** By Women of Magdalene with Becca Stevens (Abingdon Press, 2008)

An easy read about the Magdalene residential community for women who have survived lives of prostitution, violence and abuse. It highlights the 24 rules they live by in the home and includes excerpts from the women about how those rules have impacted their lives and promoted healing.

**Forgotten Girls: Stories of Hope and Courage** By Kay Marshall Strom and Michele Rickett (InterVarsity Press, 2009)

This is a collection of stories from real-life girls around the world about surviving violence, abuse, discrimination and injustice and how God had a hand in turning their lives around and giving them hope. It is a good book for a group to read together and includes discussion guides.

**Redeeming Love**

By Francine Rivers (Multnomah, 1997)

“Redeeming Love is the tale of a young woman in the Old West who was sold into prostitution in youth. The book depicts the journey of Angel, from adolescence to adult years, finding peace, real love and redemption through God’s grace. I felt the story was slow to reach completion, but realistically, a person cannot go through, and heal

from, a lifetime in human trafficking overnight; it takes time to tell the story. The subject matter is weighty, and at times difficult to digest. This book, though historical fiction, is a good depiction of what trafficking and prostitution can be like, no matter the time or place. If you like Christian fiction and would like to know a little about human trafficking, I would recommend this book.”

*Review by Larissa Heanssler*

**Slave Stealers: True Accounts of Slave Rescues Then and Now**

By Timothy Ballard (Shadow Mountain, 2018)

“I’ve read several biographies from the Civil War era, including the biography of Harriet Jacobs who was featured in this book. Modern child-trafficking has many parallels with the slave trade, preying on innocent victims for immoral purposes. As in the 1800s, we need to raise awareness of what is really happening in the world around us so that we can be motivated and take action to put an end to it. Read this book to put a face on the issue and get engaged in this modern civil war.”

*Review by Dawn Rutan, see her blog post:*

*<https://bit.ly/2XkQclg>*

# BOOKS

**NEED HELP?** National Human Trafficking Hotline: 1-888-373-7888 (TTY:711) \*Text 233733

**Stolen: The True Story of a Sex Trafficking Survivor** By Katariina Rosenblatt and Cecil Murphy (Revell, 2014)

“The first chapters tell of a period of her life when she was 13, just telling the story. In the rest of the book, because she is now a PhD and a counselor, she interjects what is going on with a victim and why they are responding to situations the way that they do. The most beautiful thing about the book is her talking about accepting Christ as Savior when she was 12 at a Billy Graham Crusade and the message she heard at the altar. “Jesus will never leave you or forsake you.” Although many years of her life were spent confused, wondering and dysfunctional, she had a sensitivity to the Holy Spirit that saved her life more than once.”

*Review by Pam Gardner*

**The Diary of Jasmine Grace: Trafficked. Recovered. Redeemed.**

By Jasmine Grace Marino (CreateSpace, 2016)

“In her true story, The Diary of Jasmine Grace, this modern-day abolitionist reflects on the values and experiences that influenced her. From dating a man who would eventually sell her body, to finding redemption in the back seat of a car, Jasmine reveals the strengths, vulnerabilities and processes that changed her. She opens a door

into her life as a prostitute, sharing her diary and the struggles that eventually landed her a seat in a 12-step program, a job in the anti-trafficking movement and a place in a community church. Speaking candidly about her years as a prostitute and heroin addict, Jasmine discusses how faith influenced her, and she sheds light on the road to recovery, relapse and redemption.”

*Review by amazon.com*

**The Water Keeper** By Charles Martin (Thomas Nelson, 2021)

The Water Keeper is an action packed novel of a former priest involved in rescuing girls from human traffickers. The characters draw you in and make it an engaging read even though the subject matter is dark. The author helps to highlight the dangers and complications of trafficking and its many costs for the victims and rescuers.

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