

Anti-Human Trafficking Panel Discussion w/Q&A

Heartland Church
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Ankeny, IA 50023

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Meet Your Local Professionals

Mike Ferjak; Retired Senior Investigator with Iowa Department of Justice, Iowa Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force/ DCI Cyber-Crime Unit, United State Army & Army National Guard. Currently Mike is a Consultant and Trainer with 25 years experience in training government enforcement and regulatory investigative personnel on basic and specialized investigation methods and techniques. Mike is a retired law enforcement professional with extensive training and experience as an officer, investigator and Chief. Retired career military officer with 27 years of service in the United State Army.

Celine Villongo; is the Human Trafficking Coordinator for the Iowa Attorney General's office. In her role she collaborates with other statewide agencies to raise awareness about trafficking around the state, facilitate active participation amongst stakeholders, and develop best practices for serving victims of crime.

Ruth Buckels; is the AMP (achieving maximum potential) Statewide Coordinator for Youth & AMP; Shelter Services in Ames, IA. AMP is an advocacy program focusing on youth voices initiating system change in the child welfare system. AMP youth educated Ruth on Human Trafficking in Iowa by sharing their trafficking experiences. With permission, Ruth shares Iowa trafficking stories; creating awareness and increasing safety. Ruth has been a licensed foster parent since 1988 and an adoptive parent since 2008. Over 80 teens have resided with Ruth & AMP; her family. Fifteen youth have become permanent family members; making 19 total children and counting. Ruth has parented multiple survivors of human trafficking and advocates for all Iowa's youth to learn about this crime and how it is thriving in Iowa.

Kelly Saull; is the outreach advocate for Braking Traffik, a program of Family Resources Inc. Braking Traffik is dedicated to eradicating sex trafficking in Iowa and Illinois. They strive to achieve this goal through education, legislative advocacy and community partnerships.

Megan Schneider; is Lead Specialist for Teens Against Human Trafficking. TAHT is a nonprofit organization, founded in Ankeny IA by a high school student. Teens Against Human Trafficking mission is to raise awareness about human trafficking through the powerful voice of young people. TAHT founder, Lexi says "It's an organization by teens, for teens, to save teens."

Joy Fopma; Development Director for Wings of Refuge, an organization committed to the restoration of survivors of domestic sex trafficking. Wings of Refuge, based in Iowa, is a safe place for female survivors to focus on holistic healing and restoration; while empowering them to a life of hope and possibilities. Joy is a mother of five and resides in Iowa Falls with her husband, Aaron. Her experiences working as family teacher, youth ministry leader and small business owner have given her the foundation to serve as the Development Director for Wings of Refuge. Joy is also a survivor of childhood sexual abuse and personally knows the power of overcoming.

Any Questions call or text Brenda Long 515-556-2588