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FROG IN A WELL

In Slavery life is changed, not ended

A story of human trafficking, survival, and advocacy

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The Hope

- The Job Offer
- Trust, Faith, & Promise
- American Dream
- Arrival in United States of America



Manipulated, Tricked & Trapped

Trust	changed to	Trauma
Faith	transformed to	Fear
Promise	broken to	Slavery
Dream	melted into	Hell



Threats

- Arrested
- Handcuffed
- Jailed
- Deported



Perpetrator Operations

- Psychological Fear
- Control
- Bank Loan/Debt Bondage
- Fraudulent Immigration Letters
- Assassination Attempt
- Kidnap kids
- Job and Family Services
- Abuse



Victims Brainwashed

- Shame
- Stigma
- Struggle
- Sacrifice
- Surrender



State of Mind



Surviving the USA

- State issued I.D.
- Social Security Card
- Work Permit
- Freedom



Red Flags

- ❑ School System : Snow Jackets, Free Meals
- ❑ Hospital : ER
- ❑ Walking not talking on snow streets
- ❑ Law Enforcement Agencies, Police, Wage & Hour Division, US Department of Labor
- ❑ Churches, Temples, Mosques
- ❑ Attorneys, Legal Aids
- ❑ Non-Profit Organizations
- ❑ Community



Victims Fail

- Parent
- Provider
- Protector
- Person (Human Being)



Victims Lose

- Voice
- Courage
- Hope
- Freedom



US Advisory Council Report

- Rule of Law
- Public Awareness
- Victim Services
- Labor Laws
- Grantmaking



FREEDOM

- F : Faith
- R : Relationship
- E : Education
- E : Empowerment
- D : Determination
- O : Optimistic
- M : Merciful



Transformation

Victim to Survivor to Human

Pain to Pleasure
Darkness to Light
Slavery to Freedom
Stigma to Success

SURVIVORS

Keep Smiling, Keep Shinning, Keep Sailing.....



Blessings: God & Community

- FBI
- St. Saviour Parish
- Cincinnati Works
- SmartMoney Community Services
- Social Catholic Services
- Sisters of Notre Dame
- Cincinnati Children's Hospital
- Survivor Advocate
- Co-Chair, U.S. Advisory Council on Human Trafficking
 - Rule of law, victim services, procurement and supply chains, public awareness and outreach
- Advisory Board for Urban Institute Project
 - Bending Towards Justice: Perceptions of Justice among Human Trafficking Survivors



Take Home Message

- Victims Lives Matter
- Survivors Voices Count
- Victims Live Freely
- Survivors be treated Equally
- Engage, Educate, Empower, Employ – Survivors
- Slavery is a struggle, not a fate or destination



The Liberator Award -Survivor Category



Change Your Life

When a Victim “DECIDES”

...to push through the fear, that is Power

...not to *let the rapes define them*, that is Pride

...not to *surrender*, that is Strength

...to *work towards wellness*, that is Self-Love.

We MUST recognize and acknowledge their Truth



Thank You!!

- National Human Trafficking Resource Center: 1-888-373-7888
- SMS text: “HELP” or “INFO” at 233733
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