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Welcome to the Stop Child Trafficking Now (SCTNow) E-Newsletter!

Tulsa Ambassadors Lead the Way!

Kristin and Jason Weis were supposed to be going on a date. But after taking a sincere interest in human trafficking a few years prior, they decided they couldn't miss out on an opportunity to hear Lynette Lewis, Founder of SCTNow, speak about the SCTNow campaign so they went to the home of a friend to find out about it.

At first they were a little apprehensive. "We had no idea what they were going to say," explained Kristin, "but when they started talking about the special ops team and going after the demand side... if you could have seen me and Jason, we were exploding with excitement."

Kristin and Jason are now the city ambassadors for the Tulsa, Oklahoma Walk and they have already raised over \$15,000 for the campaign.

One of the most exciting things we've seen throughout the campaign is how this cause can transform the most ordinary of individuals into pioneers. Kristin is a hairdresser and Jason is the off-campus director for the Victory Bible Institute. They have a little girl and boy, aged five and seven. "We're not professionals," Jason said. "We've never rallied a community. We've never been in this level of leadership before."

But after they saw a news story about a little girl being abused and having the pictures put on the internet they knew they had to do something. Jason called it "the defining moment" for him and Kristin.

From that point forward, they started working on raising awareness and getting involved in their community through organizations like Oklahomans Against the Trafficking of Humans and others. And when Lynette walked into the room, they knew right away they had found something special. Kristin recalled that, until hearing how SCTNow was working to fight the demand side of the problem, throughout their search "nothing sounded like a solution."

Since getting involved, they have managed to run a successful benefit concert, do a food drive, and get senators involved to empower legislation in Oklahoma to better protect victims of trafficking and persecute predators. They've passed out flyers, held up signs on the side of the road, and encouraged politicians to take a stand. When asked how they did it, Kristin replied: "You have to learn to communicate the vision and cast it out there so people can grab it and feel like they're a part of it."

When asked if they had any last words of encouragement, they both wanted to remind others just how important this cause is. "I really truly believe that everyone that's a part of this is going to be a part of history," Jason said. "This is where America is going to wake up."

We couldn't have said it better ourselves! Special thanks to Jason and Kristin for taking time out of their busy weeks to tell us about their efforts. If you're in Tulsa and would like to help Jason and Kristin organize, you can email them at Tulsa@SCTNow.org and join the WALK in Jenks at the RiverWalk this September 27. For more information, visit the website at www.SCTNow.org.

Become a Community or Campus Ambassador

Stop Child Trafficking Now is looking for Community and Campus Ambassadors across the globe who desire to raise the level of awareness and advocacy for ending child sex slavery.

By hosting a Stop Child Trafficking Now WALK on your campus or in your community the weekend of September 26-27, 2009, you can play a vital role in raising funds and bringing awareness to end child sex slavery.

If your campus or community is not listed below, please consider hosting an event in your area. For more information contact SCTNow via email at info@sctnow.org or call 212-333-SCTN (7286).

The campuses and communities listed in red are the newest additions to the SCTNow abolitionist movement.

COMMUNITIES:

New York, NY
Austin, TX
Chicago, IL
Colorado Springs, CO
Clarksville, TN
Dallas, TX
Denver, CO
Greenville, NC
Jacksonville, FL
Las Vegas, NV
Montreal, Canada
Nashville, TN
Palo Alto, CA
Phoenix, AZ
Raleigh, NC
Sacramento, CA
San Diego, CA
San Francisco, CA
Seattle, WA
Tulsa, OK
Washington, D.C.

CAMPUSES:

Appalachian State - Boone, NC
Austin Peay State University - Clarksville, TN
Baruch University - NYC
Calvin College - Grand Rapids, MI
College of New Jersey - Ewing, NJ
Duke University - Durham, NC
East Carolina University - Greenville, NC
Fashion Institute of Technology - NYC
Florida State University - Tallahassee, FL
Grove City College - Grove City, PA
Juilliard - NYC
Kings College - NYC
New York University - NYC
Nyack College - NYC
Oral Roberts University - Tulsa, OK

San Diego State University - San Diego, CA
Tennessee State University - Nashville, TN
University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill, NC
University of North Carolina - Greensboro, NC
University of North Florida - Jacksonville, FL

JOIN OUR FACEBOOK CAMPAIGN!

One of the most important ways to help SCTNow is to raise awareness for the WALK itself. We have started a [Facebook campaign](#) to make it easier to get your friends involved. SCTNow has created the group "WALK to Stop Child Trafficking," which includes information about the dates for the upcoming WALK, more information about our organization, and links to our website. To date, 7678 people have joined our Facebook campaign!

Through Facebook, if we can get each member to recruit 10 friends to join, who then rally 10 of their friends, who then encourage their friends to join...see where this is going? Membership is open, so join our grassroots movement and invite your friends to advocate for change. Remember, it's a big problem but together, there's nothing we can't do!

Message from the Operatives

A May 2009 CNN News Report stated that an estimated 1.2 million children are involved in prostitution in India. (<http://www.cnn.com/2009/WORLD/asiapcf/05/11/india.prostitution.children/index.html>) SCTNow knows something must be done to shut down the demand side (buyers) of the sex trafficking industry! For the past two weeks, the head of our Operatives Team has been in India training and equipping police on the issue of trafficking. However, more can be done. Over 200 highly trained, elite military men are waiting for deployment and ready to fight the war on trafficking. Your fundraising efforts, through the Stop Child Trafficking Now walks, are the key to deploying these operatives teams. Consider joining or leading a WALK in your community...and we CAN stop child trafficking now.

Steps to Sign Up to Walk Now!

Signing up to walk is as easy as 1, 2, 3...

Follow these three simple steps to join a SCTNow WALK near you!

- 1) Log on to www.SCTNow.org
- 2) Click "SIGN UP TO WALK NOW"
- 3) Click "REGISTER TO WALK OR VOLUNTEER"

Walking together, we will end child slavery in this generation!

Receipt of this E-Newsletter does not guarantee that you are signed up to walk in a SCTNow WALK. Please follow the above steps to SIGN UP today!