

Survivor stories

Cristina flew from Bucharest to Lisbon where a friend's boyfriend promised her a job serving drinks in a cafe. But instead she was taken to a town in southern Portugal and forced into street prostitution. Cristina was expected to give her traffickers 200-500 euros a day. Her traffickers verbally and physically abused her, one time breaking several of her teeth. They took her passport and forced her to use heroin and methadone. A Romanian friend helped Cristina escape and contacted Portuguese law enforcement officials, who took her to the government's trafficking shelter after taking her statements. Her resilient spirit prevailed. With the shelter's assistance, she relocated to London, where she is currently living and working. US Department of State

The United States Secretary of State's Office tells the story of Harriet, who ran away from home when she was 11 years old. She moved in with a 32-year-old man who sexually and physically abused her and persuaded her to become a prostitute. In the next two years, Harriet became addicted to drugs and contracted numerous sexually transmitted diseases. The police arrested Harriet when she was 13 and charged her with committing prostitution. Harriet was placed on probation for 18 months in the custody of juvenile probation officials. She remains in a juvenile detention facility and has never been assisted in any kind of shelter for child sex trafficking victims.

Survivors like Harriet and Cristina desperately need our help. Join us today.

5 easy steps to hosting a Box Of Change Campaign

1. Choose a place, date & time
2. Determine how many Freedom Chains you might sell at your drive
3. Order your chains at www.f-4-c.org/order or email us at info@f-4-c.org or call us at 305-897-4730
4. Promote & host your drive
5. Share your success and your story in email, blog, letter, pictures or video



Are you aware?

Are you aware that 3,287 people are sold or kidnapped and forced into slavery every day? Not many people are. That's 136 an hour and that's just the reported cases. Are you aware that most of these are children and most of them are sold repeatedly for sex? Again, it's a little known fact but it's real and it's happening all around us -- even here in the US. Trafficking in women and children for sexual exploitation is one of the most serious human rights violations in today's world. Protecting children from violence, exploitation and abuse is an integral component of protecting their freedom to survive, grow & develop. Are you aware that the global sex slavery market generates \$32 billion in profits each year? I bet it will astonish you that the only crime to outpace it is illegal drugs. This is amazing as the average human is sold into slavery for less than \$100. Are you aware that UNICEF has written that at any time there are 2 million children being trafficked in the global sex trade? Are you aware that 300,000 American children are at risk of child sexual exploitation and about 55% of the girls living on the streets are engaged in sexual slavery? They can start as a troubled youth or as a valedictorian -- the crime of trafficking is about opportunity, not about the child.

