

# 2014 Year in Review

# Message from the President

It is estimated that 38 million people are trapped in some form of modern day slavery around the world, generating over \$150 billion per year from this crime. The physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual devastation victims suffer from this crime makes them often times beyond rehabilitation. In the face of such a horrific situation, many anti-trafficking organizations have formed over the past decades. In the early years, right before and after the passage of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act in 2000, almost all of us worked on the rescue, restoration, and reintegration of victims. Around 2005, a few of us began to realize that we needed to look more holistically at the crime of human trafficking, and we compared it to other forms of trafficking like drugs and arms. There we found a triangle of activity – supply, demand, distribution, and we applied this model to human trafficking: supply (the people being bought and sold); distribution (the traffickers, who are in it for the money) and demand (the buyers – whether for labor, sex, or organs – who fuel the market for human trafficking). We understood that we needed to focus on all three aspects of the problem, and that of the three corners of the triangle, the demand side was the least understood and the most important on which to focus attention. Global Centurion Foundation was born out of this understanding, and our mission is to fight trafficking by focusing on demand. GC employs a unique, three-pronged approach to addressing demand:

- 1. Research and Development: GC has been in the forefront of several innovative research projects this year, including a project to provide an empirical analysis of organized criminal involvement in human trafficking. We have always known that organized crime has been involved in trafficking but evidence of the nature and scope of that involvement has not been available. Our project will provide legislators, policy-makers, law enforcement and community leaders with new ammunition to fight traffickers.
- 2. Education and Awareness: We are proud that we are serving as the Subject Matter Experts for the largest Demand Reduction Training Program in the world: the U.S. Department of Defense Combating Trafficking in Persons. In the past year, we have helped develop trainings that have reached 94% of personnel in all four branches of the military.
- **3.** Collaboration and Cooperation: This year, GC has worked with over 25 survivor-centered service providers on a project entitled, "The Health Consequences of Human Trafficking." One critical mission is to help make survivor voices heard. We began this work before Congress passed a law creating a Survivor Council to advise the President's Interagency Task Force on Trafficking. We remain committed to working together with other anti-trafficking organizations to eradicate human trafficking.



I hope upon reviewing the following report of our progress that you will be as encouraged and excited as I am about what we have accomplished this year and will continue to support our efforts in the future.

Warmly,

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Laura J. Lederer, J.D. President & Founder

#### **About Global Centurion Foundation**

Global Centurion Foundation (GCF) is a non-profit organization fighting modern slavery by focusing on the demand side of the equation – the perpetrators, exploiters, buyers, and end-users of human beings who fuel the market for commercial sex and forced labor. 2014 was an exceptionally busy and productive year for us. Below we have summarized a few of our most important projects and activities from 2014.



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## **RESEARCH PROJECTS**

I. Transnational Organized Crime (TOC) and Trafficking in Persons (TIP): Establishing the Link



During the last fifteen years, criminal gang activity in the United States has become a serious problem. At the same time, human trafficking has emerged as one of the fastest growing crimes in the U.S. In 2011 & 2012, Global Centurion Foundation:

This year Global Centurion worked on a Department of Justice funded contract to help establish evidence of a link between organized crime and trafficking in persons.

Utilizing case law from successful human trafficking prosecutions, we set up a series of search protocols to identify federal cases in which organized crime was involved in human trafficking in the United States from 2000 to 2013. The search protocols used Westlaw, Lexis-Nexis, Bloomberg Law and PACER to look for organized crime charges and human trafficking charges where there were three or more participants in the crime. In total GCF searched through databases of hundreds of thousands of cases, to identify a universe of criminal cases where defendants were charged from "RICO" statutes and Title 18, Chapter 77, "Peonage, Involuntary Servitude and Human Trafficking" statutes. In 2015 we will code over 100 data-points from the cases that will provide a comparative legal analysis of transnational organized criminal involvement in trafficking in persons.

# II. The Health Consequences of Human Trafficking

Over a period of two years, GCF interviewed over 100 domestic survivors of sex trafficking from across the United States. The study provides the first solid evidence that women and children who are trafficked into prostitution are physically, mentally, and emotionally devastated by the crime, and this devastation is lasting – with illnesses, injuries, and impairments continuing often for decades.

The study used a mixed methods approach (interview and survey) to gather qualitative and quantitative information

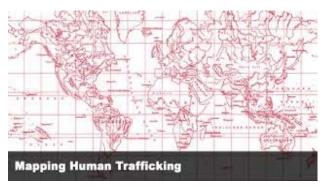




from survivors. Preliminary findings demonstrate that victims suffer tremendously: 99.1% had physical health problems; 98.1% had mental health problems; 95.1% were the victims of violence at the hands of traffickers and buyers; 84.3% reported serious substance abuse; and over half reported pregnancy, miscarriage and abortion during the time they were trafficked, with many reporting multiple abortions.

The most shocking finding was the fact that 87.8% of victims had sought health care during the time they were trafficked and been treated by a health care provider for the immediate or acute health problem, without knowledge or understanding of the larger context of trafficking causing the health problems. We published the full study in the Loyola University Chicago School of Law Annals of Health Law in the winter of 2014.

## **III.** Mapping Hubs of Demand

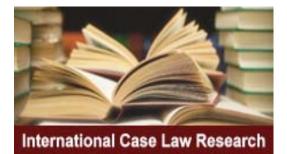


Global Centurion continued its work identifying and mapping major hubs of demand for sex trafficking and labor trafficking around the world. Most current information on human trafficking focuses on the victims, including the number of victims, their age, their nationality, and the harms they have suffered. These maps focus for the first time on the end buyer/user/exploiter. They give viewers a global look at the various types of demand. For example, in sex trafficking, major demand hubs are created by sporting

events such as the Super Bowl or World Cup; U.S. and other military presence or R & R (rest and recuperation) in economically or politically unstable countries; and child sex tourism. In labor trafficking, any product that is labor intensive (i.e., requires many human beings to produce) has the potential for creating conditions of demand for labor trafficking and slavery. These include garment worker factories; agricultural work; construction work, mining of diamonds, gold and other valuable minerals; domestic workers, and more. This project is on-going: "hubs" of demand are added to the maps as they are identified and documented.

#### IV. International Human Trafficking Case Law Database

GCF's anchor research project is an International Case Law Database, the purpose of which is to create a searchable, longitudinal database of all forms of human trafficking including sex trafficking, labor trafficking, forced labor, bonded labor, debt bondage, involuntary domestic servitude, forced child labor, child soldiers, child sex trafficking, child sex tourism, commercial sexual exploitation of women and children. Most data on trafficking is currently calculated through a process of extrapolation.



This project uses case law (U.S. and foreign national) to obtain data on perpetrators, victims and the patterns of these crimes within and between countries, creating victim profiles, perpetrator profiles and crime profiles. According to the U.S. Department of State, over 15,000 human trafficking cases (arrests,



prosecutions, convictions) have been reported by 160 governments in the last ten years. Global Centurion has developed a unique methodology for identifying, analyzing, and coding these foreign national cases and extracting relevant data points to include in the database. Collection of the raw data is on-going (with a total of 7,000 cases from around the world collected) and will continue over the coming years.

## DEMAND-FOCUSED EDUCATION AND AWARENESS PROJECTS

#### I. Department of Defense Combating Trafficking in Persons (CTIP) Project



For the second year, Global Centurion served as Subject Matter Expert (SME) for the U.S. Department of Defense Combating Trafficking in Persons (CTIP) Office. In that capacity, GCF worked on four education and awareness programs for DoD personnel.

The first was a General Awareness Training required for all servicemen and women. It provides basic information on trafficking in persons, and teaches DoD personnel how to understand the root causes of human trafficking; identify

vulnerable populations; initiate preventive internal protocols; and establish response protocols to TIP allegations. In addition, GCF also served as Subject Matter Expert for specialized trainings for Acquisition and Procuration Workforce; Military Law Enforcement; and Leadership Training, as well as a Refresher Course for personnel who have already taken the General Awareness Course.

## II. Preventing Trafficking After a Natural Disaster: A Train the Trainer Project

Following the earthquake in Haiti (January 12, 2010), Global Centurion brought a dozen NGOs together in partnership to form the Haiti and Human Trafficking Coalition, which operated in Haiti for over a year. For the Coalition, GCF spearheaded a series of low-tech, grass-roots social marketing and education campaigns to raise awareness about how vulnerabilities following a natural disaster can lead to human trafficking.



GCF also developed specialized briefings for relief and

development workers, health providers, U.S. military, UN peacekeepers, and private contractors, emphasizing the importance of best behaviors while defending or protecting vulnerable and at risk populations. The work took place in three phases. In 2014, during the third phase, GCF developed a Train the Trainers course for colleagues in Haiti. We also tailored the program for use in other geographic areas and with other kinds of natural disasters. GCF conducted a literature review for work on TIP and natural disasters, and created a generic packet of materials including an Emergency Phase, Interim Phase, and Wrap-Up Phase for Preventing TIP During and After a Natural Disaster.



# III. Global Centurion Educational Curriculum

In 2014, Global Centurion Foundation completed a demandfocused introduction to an overview of human trafficking for middle school and high school children and teens. The curriculum describes various types of human trafficking (sex trafficking and labor trafficking; international and domestic trafficking; adult and child trafficking). The course introduces students to international, foreign national and U.S. law and policy on human trafficking, how to identify victims, and common health concerns among trafficking victims as background for a demand-related approach.



The primary purpose of the program is to create age-appropriate modules to reach young men and boys to help them make informed choices and reduce the demand in addition to helping young women and girls understand the triangle of activity in human trafficking. The curriculum includes a syllabus, teacher-training manual, basic materials and exercises, special in-class and extra-curricular projects, and inter-active media technologies activities. An opportunity to test the curriculum in September in 2014 Orange County, California schools was postponed following a change in the Board of Education leadership there. A copy of the curriculum is available upon request.

## IV. Street Gangs and Sex Trafficking: Concentric Circles of Care Training



In 2010, Global Centurion Foundation identified and analyzed over two hundred U.S. based cases in which gang members were involved in human trafficking. Over the next two years, GCF identified street gang sex trafficking patterns and modus operandi, including recruitment methods, types of coercion and control, age of trafficking victims, and more. Using this data, we published a paper, **Sold for Sex: The Link Between Street Gangs and Sex Trafficking**, and drew up a set of policy recommendations for government officials, policy-makers,

community leaders and educators, holding meetings attended by the Department of Justice, Department of Homeland Security and Health and Human Services.

GCF's policy recommendations for federal and state legislators resulted in new laws addressing the link between street gangs and sex trafficking. We should also note that a number of renowned NGOs including Polaris Project, Shared Hope, Courtney's House, and others, have followed in GCF's footsteps, creating their own Street Gang Sex Trafficking Projects, building off and utilizing information from GCF's initial work.

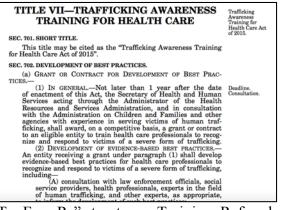
In 2014, GCF updated our research, adding dozens of new cases of street gang sex trafficking in the United States. In addition, we created a model project for communities to use to educate families, friends, schools, communities, and religious entities about the problem of street gang sex trafficking. The focus was on early age intervention – before boys are recruited into gangs and before girls become



targets and victims. GCF is working to identify a philanthropic organization to support the next phase of this work.

# V. Briefing on Health Consequences of Human Trafficking and Legislation for Health Providers on Human Trafficking

Following the publication of GCF President Laura J. Lederer's article on the Health Consequences of Human Trafficking in March 2014, Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ), contacted GCF and asked for a private briefing on the results of the survey. In April of 2014, Dr. Lederer went to the Hill and gave a briefing to ten legislators. Over the next two weeks, three legislators worked on a draft bill on health and human trafficking. Based on recommendations from GCF, the draft legislation was designed to address the problem of health providers unwittingly aiding the crime of trafficking by treating victims and sending them



back out to their traffickers. The draft legislation has a "One T – Four Rs" structure – Training, Referral, Reporting, Research, and Resources.

## VI. Hearing on Health Consequences of Human Trafficking

On September 11, 2014, the Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled, "Examining H.R. 5344, The Trafficking Awareness Training for Health Care Act of 2014." The bill was a direct result of the survey of survivors that GCF completed earlier that year. Authored by Rep. Renee Ellmers (R-NC), the bill set out guidelines for training health care workers to identify and assist victims of human trafficking, including providing for the development of best practices for health care workers and a pilot project to ensure that best practices are effective. GCF President Laura J. Lederer testified at the hearing, discussing the survey and its preliminary findings. Others testifying included Katherine Chon, Senior Advisor in the Administration for Children and Families, U.S. department of Health and Human Services; Dr. Hanni Stoklosa, Emergency Physician at Brigham and Women Hospital, and Vednita Carter, survivor, and Founder of Breaking Free.



# **2014 SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Annual U.S. Department of Defense

SOUTHCOM Human Rights Roundtable Presenter December 11, 2014

# Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children,

**3-Day Seminar** Participant Oxford University,, United Kingdom November 2014

**Faith Theological University Training** Baltimore, MD November 22, 2014

#### **Global Health Missions Conference**

Speaker Louisville, KY November 6, 2014

#### **Yale University**

Interview on the Link between Past and Present Slavery New Haven, Connecticut October 31, 2014

## University of Virginia Law School

Speaker Charlottesville, VA October 2, 2014

**Board of Directors, World Hope International** Dinner Speaker 2014

## Filmed, Demand-Focused Documentary

Washington, DC September 9, 2014

#### **Exploit No More**

Training on Demand-Focused Approach to Trafficking in Persons Madison, Wisconsin September 6, 2014

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Trafficking in America Conference

Health and Human Trafficking Roundtable Speaker West Palm Beach, Florida July 16, 2014

#### Washington Center for Internship

Training on Demand-Focused Approach to Trafficking in Persons Washington, DC June 19, 2014

#### **Blackstone Law Intern Orientation**

Training on Demand-Focused Approach to Trafficking in Persons June 17, 2014

## **Coalition Against Sexual Exploitation**

Speaker Washington, DC May 2014

# **U.S. Department of Defense NORTHCOM** Washington, D.C.

March 11, 2014

# **EndCrowd: Coming Together to End Trafficking**

Taping on Demand Reduction for Podcast March 2014