



NORMA HOTALING, founder of SAGE, transcended homelessness, addiction and prostitution to transform her suffering into opportunity and hope for others. Determined to create exit strategies for others like her, she spent the next eighteen years of her life creating a safe haven for victims of sex trafficking. She also called attention to inequities in the criminal justice system and focused on the demand side of sex trafficking by developing new programs and policies for men and boys.

To commemorate the anniversary of her passing on December 17th 2008, we offer three awards paying tribute to Norma's legacy and recognizing individuals continuing her life's work.

Together we can celebrate Norma and honor those who are carrying on her vision.

"It is an honor to pay tribute to Norma's legacy by recognizing individuals and organizations who have continued her life's work. We are thankful for the generous donations from so many that have enabled us to recognize these champions in the fight for freedom. Together, we can continue to reach those who suffer the oppression of modern slavery. In addition, we can reduce demand, and focus on developing policies and programs that prevent human trafficking."

— LAURA J. LEDERER, President, GLOBAL CENTURION



Survivor-Centered Service Provider

KATHLEEN MITCHELL, Founder, DIGNITY House

"Receiving this award is very unexpected and so much appreciated! In the beginning of this movement Norma and I would stay up all hours of the night talking about what programs should look like and she always guided me in the right direction. Our belief of right and wrong was always the same...it is about the survivors and survivor run programs that will impact the women and children the most. In Sisterhood I thank you Norma and thank you Global Centurion for this honor."

While serving a sentence for prostitution, Ms. Mitchell founded DIGNITY House in 1989 as a support group for women wanting to leave the sex industry. Since its inception, DIGNITY has expanded its programs to include counseling, addiction recovery, job placement, street outreach, and much more.



Abolitionist Award for Law and Policy Development

JAMES DOLD, Former Senior Policy Counsel, Polaris Project

"I truly feel that some of the most important work I've done in my life has been helping to establish a legal framework across our country to eliminate all manifestations of modern-day slavery. I am honored to receive this award and to be a part of a movement that has brought about a new abolitionist era dedicated to making the life of this world a little less savage and a lot gentler for the most vulnerable among us."

Over the last three years, Mr. Dold has led efforts to pass 40 laws across eighteen states, providing prosecutors with the tools they need to protect victims of trafficking, more effectively target traffickers, and help victims rebuild their lives.



Innovative Demand Reduction Program

MELISSA FARLEY, Founder, Prostitution Research & Education

"I honor Norma Hotaling's work on behalf of survivor-led services. I appreciate this award and will use it to continue research on sex buyers and to support abolitionist laws."

Melissa Farley has co-authored several studies on the attitudes and characteristics of men who buy sex and various deterrence efforts. Her findings strengthen the proposition that state and federal laws against sex trafficking should be enforced against johns. In 1995, Dr. Farley founded Prostitution Research & Education (PRE). PRE has conducted collaborative multi-country research on the sex industry. She has consulted with several cities in the U.S. as they craft new policies to deal with increasing evidence that violence is at the heart of sex trafficking, and as cities confront men's demand for commercial sex which creates and expands trafficking.