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Location: The Ballantyne Hotel, 10000 Ballantyne Commons Pkwy, Charlotte, NC 28277



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General Admission Includes: Conference, Breakfast and Lunches, and Welcome Reception

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JASON SISNEROS

Jason Sisneros is a battle-tested business strategist and investor whose success in the boardroom fuels an unrelenting fight against one of humanity's darkest evils: child sex trafficking.

Having built and exited dozens of companies while advising giants like Nike, Comcast, and Microsoft, Jason could rest on his achievement, but he chooses not to. Instead, he risks his life as an undercover operative with SERT Ministries, personally funding and supporting rescue missions that pull innocent children from the clutches of traffickers around the world.

A powerful voice at major anti-human trafficking conferences, Jason moves audiences with raw stories of survival and redemption, showing how ethical capitalism can become a force for profound good. He channels the wealth and networks he's earned into fighting domestic violence and food insecurity, driven by an unshakable belief that truly successful entrepreneurs have a moral duty to protect the vulnerable.

Jason's mission burns with urgency: to empower business owners to achieve freedom and prosperity—so they, too, can join the fight and help build a world where no child is bought or sold. His life proves that real legacy isn't measured in exits alone, but in the lives restored and the darkness confronted.



STEPHEN SCOGGINS

Stephen's message is clear: True success isn't about more, it's about meaning. And the most powerful life you'll ever build is the one aligned with your soul.

From homelessness to serial 9-figure entrepreneur, Stephen Scoggins is a battle-tested business strategist, bestselling author, and founder of Unstoppable Solutions by Scoggins International Inc. Named by USA Today and The Wall Street Times as one of the fastest-growing entrepreneurs in 2023, Stephen has built and exited multiple companies and mentored thousands through his I.A.M Integrated Method, aligned, sustainable success. With over 48 million podcast views, his hit show Build empowers purpose-driven leaders to scale without selling their souls. But Stephen's true calling? Awakening high-capacity entrepreneurs to build from the inside out, not for applause, but from purpose.

A bold voice against hustle culture and a champion of integrated entrepreneurship, Stephen teaches a heart-centered, soul-aligned path to business and life. Through transformational keynotes, immersive education, and faith-infused frameworks, he empowers leaders to create legacy-level impact without losing who they are.



CLAY VAUGHAN

Clay Vaughan is a seasoned revenue executive and the Chief Marketing Officer at Safe House Project, where he's all about practical growth that makes a real difference.

Over the past decades, starting with his work founding Good Agency, Clay has built his career on rolling up his sleeves and delivering honest, results-driven strategies. What really motivates him, though, is his personal commitment to ending human trafficking. His agency supports non-profits with targeted grants designed to boost awareness and empower those fighting on the front lines. Alongside his wife, Emilee, Clay works closely with organizations, developing results-focused campaigns and partnerships that truly change lives.

Clay's passion for this cause isn't just something he talks about—it's shaped by his own experiences. Early in his career, he spent several years working with youth in Limbe, Haiti, and Trenchtown, Jamaica. There, he saw firsthand how vulnerable communities can fall prey to exploitation, a reality that ignited his drive to help build safer, stronger communities.

At Safe House Project, Clay combines his deep expertise in business growth with his heartfelt dedication to social impact. His focus isn't on flashy achievements but on the steady, genuine work of driving sustainable revenue while fighting for a future free from human trafficking.



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DR. ALISSA TERTICHNY

Dr. Alissa Tertichny serves as the Chief Program Officer at Wellspring Living, where she provides administrative and clinical oversight for the organization's therapeutic programs for women and youth who have experienced or are at risk of commercial sexual exploitation. Her professional background includes serving as the Associate Director of Clinical Case Management with Counseling & Psychological Services at Kennesaw State University, in addition to clinical and programmatic roles at Wellspring Living's community-based and residential treatment programs for women and youth. Alissa is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with expertise in working with interpersonal trauma, eating/body image concerns, and autism spectrum disorder. Alissa earned her BS in Spanish & International Health from Clemson University, Master of Social Work from Kennesaw State University, and Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision from University of Georgia. Alissa is an Approved Clinical Supervisor (ACS), Registered Yoga Teacher (RYT-200), Certified Art4Healing® Facilitator, Certified Daring Way™ Facilitator (CDWF), and Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI®) Practitioner.



HARMONY DUST

A survivor of exploitation turned UCLA Alumna of the Year, Harmony has dedicated her life to helping women and girls break free from cycles of abuse and exploitation. As the founder of Treasures—a survivor-led, trauma-informed organization serving those exploited and trafficked in the commercial sex industry—she has become a leading voice in the anti-trafficking movement.

Backed by lived-experience, a Master's in Social Work, and over two decades of fieldwork, Harmony speaks on trauma recovery, exploitation in the digital age, and evidence-based strategies for healing and empowerment. Her message resonates with both survivors and the professionals who serve them.

Harmony's advocacy has led to Congressional recognition and opportunities to train the Department of Justice, FBI, and service providers worldwide.

Her memoir *Scars and Stilettos* chronicles her journey through abuse, exploitation under the control of a pimp, and ultimately, transformation. She also created *Free to Thrive*, a comprehensive, survivor-centered curriculum that guides women on a path toward healing, self-discovery, and restored identity.



KEELIN WASHINGTON

Keelin Washington is a nonprofit leader, program strategist, and public speaker dedicated to supporting survivors of human trafficking. She serves as the Senior Director of Programs at GenerateHope, a long-term residential program providing comprehensive care and healing for survivors. In this role, Keelin oversees multi-state programs and leads strategic initiatives that prioritize ethical leadership, accountability, and survivor-centered systems of care.

Keelin contributes both professional expertise and lived experience to statewide and national efforts to combat exploitation. She is a member of the California CSEC Action Team Advisory Board and serves as a Board Member on the Safe House Project Certification Board, where she helps establish and uphold standards of excellence for residential programs serving survivors. Her work reflects a strong commitment to trauma-informed practice and systems-level change.

As a speaker and advocate, Keelin challenges audiences to move beyond awareness toward action, addressing the realities of exploitation, resilience, and ethical leadership. Her work is grounded in justice, dignity, and redemption, with a focus on building sustainable pathways for long-term healing and empowerment.



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MARK STEENBARGER

Mark Steenbarger entered anti-trafficking work in 2018, inspired by his wife's work with survivors. With a passion for storytelling as a tool for healing, he saw an opportunity to merge filmmaking with therapeutic outcomes. As a filmmaker, director, and producer, Mark crafts films that evoke emotion and support recovery. He holds an MFA in Film from the Vermont College of Fine Arts.



ALIA PARAMORE

Alia Paramore is a 21-year law enforcement veteran and Captain with the Greenville Police Department in Greenville, SC. She has a bachelor's degree in sociology and a master's in criminal justice. She recently graduated from the Joseph F. Rice School of Law at USC with an Executive Credential in Police Leadership. She has been married to her husband and best friend Luke for 13 years and they live in a rustic log cabin in the Foothills of SC with their 2 Alaskan Malamutes and Husky/Samoyed mix. In 2023 Alia was crowned Mrs. South Carolina, and she used her platform, "The Blue Heart Initiative" to educate the community about human trafficking and sexual exploitation. She is a fierce advocate for more advanced training for law enforcement and has facilitated and overseen numerous trafficking operations. Alia also currently serves as a co-chair for the Upstate Regional Human Trafficking Task Force attached to the State Task Force through the SC Attorney General's office.



DAN EMR

Dan Emr, Founder and Executive Director of Worthwhile, is a visionary leader with over 13 years of hands-on experience supporting survivors of human trafficking both in India and the U.S. His global upbringing in Ukraine, combined with a background in business, uniquely positions him to drive innovative solutions to one of society's most pressing issues. Under his leadership, Worthwhile has launched groundbreaking initiatives, forged partnerships with over 250 social service agencies, and reaches more than 4,000,000 people annually through national awareness campaigns and speaking engagements. Committed to long-term impact, Dan has built Pennsylvania's most comprehensive survivor support network, offering housing, employment, and restorative programs that empower survivors to reclaim their lives. His work is not just about advocacy, it's about action, resilience, and real-world change. Through his expertise, passion, and powerful storytelling, Dan continues to inspire and mobilize communities to fight human trafficking.



AMANDA PULLEY

Amanda Pulley, MSW, is a nationally recognized trainer, consultant, and lived experience expert in the anti-trafficking field. With over a decade of professional advocacy experience and advanced training in trauma-focused modalities, Amanda specializes in helping organizations develop effective, trauma-informed programs for survivors. She is a certified Brainspotting practitioner and the Training and Certification Coordinator for Safe House Project, where she develops industry-leading curriculum for direct service providers. Amanda is passionate about equipping programs with the tools and knowledge needed to support survivors in building safety, resilience, and lasting healing.



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PAULA HAINES

Paula Haines is the CEO of Freedom a la Cart, a nonprofit social enterprise that combines workforce development, wraparound support services, and a thriving café and catering business to help survivors of human trafficking build new lives of stability and purpose. Since joining Freedom in 2013 as a volunteer, board member, and founder of the Eat Up Columbus fundraiser, Paula has applied her entrepreneurial expertise, including a decade leading a boutique marketing agency, to shape Freedom's mission-driven culture and brand.

Under her leadership, Freedom a la Cart has grown into an organization with 45 staff members, more than half of whom are survivors of trafficking or related trauma. By centering survivor perspectives, investing in leadership development, and building intentional pathways from program participant to professional colleague, Paula has helped transform Freedom into a nationally recognized model for survivor-led impact. Paula's leadership has earned accolades including the 2017 Pillar Award, Woman of Inspiration (2024), and Columbus CEO's 2025 CEO of the Year. Freedom a la Cart has been recognized as Best Small Nonprofit, Best Caterer, and Aspire Social Enterprise of the Year for its innovative blend of business excellence and social change.



PHIL JONES

Phil Jones is CEO of EPIC Baking Company and a seasoned global business leader known for building high-performing teams and unlocking potential—both in organizations and in people. He also holds several Board of Director roles, contributing strategic insight and leadership beyond his executive responsibilities.

With more than 35 years of executive leadership experience, Phil has held senior roles across some of the world's most respected consumer and food brands. Prior to EPIC, he served as President of Darnel North America and previously held roles including Senior Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer of CSM/Brill North America, President and Managing Director of HJ Heinz UK & Ireland, and spent 18 years at The Coca-Cola Company in senior sales and marketing leadership roles.

Throughout his career, Phil has been driven by a deep belief that when people are trusted, challenged, and supported, they consistently achieve more than they expect of themselves. He is recognized for building purpose-led cultures, leading with a customer-first mindset, and serving as a Trusted Advisor to customers, colleagues, and the communities that he serves.

Phil is happily married to Sasha, his wife of 30 years, and together they have three adult children who moved from England to the United States 10 years ago, each now fulfilling their ambitions and building meaningful lives in the U.S. Outside of work, Phil is an avid Manchester United supporter and a committed Christian, values that underpin his leadership, relationships, and sense of purpose.



NATE DAVIS

In this pivotal new role, Davis spearheads the anti-trafficking and anti-child exploitation efforts in North America, by partnering with law enforcement agencies by providing training, tools and equipment. After a long tenure in law enforcement, Davis joined Our Rescue in 2021 as the Deputy Regional Director of Asia, where he led substantial expansion of the organization's impact across the continent. Under his leadership, Our Rescue established a presence in three new countries, doubled the number of operations, arrests, and rescues in the region's most active office, and launched the organization's first owned electronic storage detection (ESD) K9 program.



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ALIA AZARIAH

Alia Azariah is a passionate advocate and survivor of trafficking, dedicated to ending human trafficking and empowering those affected by this grave violation of human rights. She is currently Director of Aftercare for Safe House Project, served for 3 years on the California CSEC Advisory Board, has testified as an expert witness in trafficking cases, has been recognized with the Resiliency award by the Ventura County District Attorney's Office, and mentors survivors across the country. In her career, Alia has had the opportunity to testify twice in front of UK Parliament and has spoken at the United States Capitol Building, been recognized on the floor of the California State Senate, and trained thousands at conferences around the country. Her focus lies in creating safe and sustainable communities for youth trafficking survivors through education, advocacy, service provision, and social justice. With a combination of professional knowledge, personal experience, and compassion, she diligently works at both local and national levels to create lasting change in the lives of trafficking survivors through specialized training and safe housing initiatives.



KRISTI WELLS

Kristi Wells is a nationally recognized leader in the fight against human trafficking, known for her expertise in nonprofit management, strategic growth, and fostering public-private collaboration. As the CEO and co-founder of Safe House Project, Kristi has dedicated her career to eradicating human trafficking in the United States through education, survivor advocacy, and innovative solutions.

Since co-founding the organization in 2017, she has led Safe House Project to become a unifying force in the anti-trafficking field, creating pathways for survivors to escape exploitation and rebuild their lives.

Under Kristi's leadership, Safe House Project has raised millions of dollars to support the launch of safe homes across America, significantly increasing the availability of housing and comprehensive care for survivors. The organization has trained hundreds of thousands of individuals—including law enforcement, medical professionals, educators, and military personnel—to recognize, report, and prevent trafficking. Safe House Project's impact extends beyond survivor services, as it also convenes over 500 stakeholders through the Trafficking Survivor Equity Coalition, advancing a coordinated national response to trafficking.

Kristi is a sought-after advisor to federal and state legislators, as well as Fortune 500 companies, where she provides insights on combating trafficking through collaborative, scalable solutions.

Her ability to bridge the nonprofit, public, and corporate sectors has been instrumental in driving systemic change, influencing legislation, and fostering innovative partnerships. Notably, her work has contributed to the creation of task forces across the country, uniting law enforcement, service providers, and community organizations to build a coordinated response to trafficking, which serves as a model for addressing trafficking at the community level.



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BRITTANY DUNN

Brittany Dunn is a nationally recognized expert in the fight against human trafficking, with extensive experience in both the public and private sectors. She earned a B.A. in Economics and English from Wellesley College and an MBA with distinction from Thunderbird School of Global Management. Before co-founding Safe House Project, Dunn spent a decade in mergers and acquisitions, leading international business development across Europe and Southeast Asia. Her corporate background in strategic planning and fostering cross-sector and cross-cultural collaboration now informs her innovative work in combating trafficking.

As co-founder and COO of Safe House Project, Dunn has redefined the national response to human trafficking by building a pioneering network of safe housing and holistic care for survivors while driving systemic change at every level of government. Appointed by Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin to the Governor's Commission on Human Trafficking Prevention and Survivor Support, she has shaped policy, enhanced protections, and created sustainable public-private solutions.

Her leadership has been featured in Forbes, The Hill, and CBN, and in 2024, she co-authored *Eradicating Human Trafficking: A Transformative Approach through Collective Impact*. A military spouse and proud mother of two, Dunn is dedicated to creating a safer, more equitable world for future generations.



KATHLEEN ARNOLD

Kathleen Arnold is the Senior Director of Programs for Safe House Project, a nonprofit organization that aims to combat human trafficking by providing safe housing, education, and training for survivors.

With 10 years of experience in trafficking services, program development, and nonprofit management, Kathleen is a leader in the anti-human trafficking field. Prior to joining Safe House Project, Kathleen held several leadership positions in nonprofit organizations focused on serving vulnerable populations, including developing from the ground up and directing a safe home for children who had experienced sex trafficking. She has a proven track record of developing and implementing effective programs that address the complex needs of vulnerable populations.

In her current role at Safe House Project, Kathleen oversees the organization's programs and services, including the development of safe housing options for survivors of human trafficking, educational and training programs for survivors and the community, and strategic partnerships with other organizations and stakeholders. She is dedicated to creating innovative solutions that empower survivors and promote awareness of human trafficking.

Kathleen has received certification as a Mindset Instructor and Trust Based Relational Intervention Practitioner from TCU, as well as gaining experience in Play Therapy, Restorative Circles, and Sexual Exploitation Treatment and Training Services. Kathleen is a founding member of the Roanoke Valley Human Trafficking Task Force and *Aspire*, a group of allies working to break down racial and ethnic barriers to treatment and services for vulnerable populations. She was the acting chair of the Roanoke Valley Violence Prevention Council in 2020. Kathleen holds a Bachelor's degree in Global Justice Studies from James Madison University and a Master's degree in Social Work from Radford University. Kathleen also received the Excellence in Research award in her MSW program. She is passionate about social justice and making a positive impact in the lives of those vulnerable to and impacted by sexual exploitation.



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ABBY GERMER

Abby Germer is the President of Refuge for Women, a national, faith based nonprofit providing long term, residential healing programs for women who have escaped sex trafficking and sexual exploitation. With more than 15 years of experience in residential care, Abby has spent her career walking closely with survivors and leading teams in trauma informed environments. Refuge for Women serves women across five locations in the U.S. with 81 beds, offering a multi year continuum of care that includes up to five years of safe housing and support. Abby's passion for this work began in 2009 while serving women in the red light district of Mumbai, India, and she has since helped launch and lead multiple Refuge for Women locations, serving as Board Chair, Program Director, Executive Director, and now President. She is known for her honest, compassionate leadership and her ability to speak about hard topics with clarity, grace, and hope.



DACIA HAMBY

Dacia Hamby is the CEO of One Voice, a faith-based nonprofit serving survivors of sex trafficking through residential, outpatient, and transitional living programs. With a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and certification as a Trust-Based Relational Intervention® (TBRI®) Practitioner, Dacia brings a deeply trauma-informed, survivor-centered lens to program design and organizational leadership. Before returning to her hometown of Lubbock, Texas, Dacia spent six years in Uganda working in social services, where she developed a deep commitment to walking alongside vulnerable individuals with dignity and respect. Her leadership experience spans both nonprofit and corporate sectors, equipping her to build sustainable systems rooted in accountability, innovation, and care. Under her leadership, One Voice has developed programming that prioritizes shared power, informed choice, and individualized healing pathways, and long-term restoration and autonomy.



KAM SIMMIONS

Kameron "Kam" Simmons is Vice President of Government Affairs at Flock Safety, where he leads strategic engagement and public policy efforts focused on advancing public safety through technology. Since joining Flock Safety, Kam has held progressive leadership roles within the organization, previously serving as Senior Director and Director of Government Affairs.

Prior to Flock Safety, Kam spent three years at DoorDash, where he served as Senior Public Policy Manager and Public Policy Manager, helping navigate complex regulatory and legislative landscapes at the state and local levels. He also served as Director of Public Policy and Government Affairs at Starsky Robotics, contributing to policy strategy during a pivotal period of innovation in autonomous technology.

Earlier in his career, Kam worked as a Public Policy Specialist at Squire Patton Boggs in Washington, D.C.

With nearly a decade of experience at the intersection of technology, public policy, and government relations, Kam brings deep expertise in legislative strategy, regulatory affairs, and cross-sector collaboration.



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MICHAEL GOLDSTICKER

Michael Goldsticker is the Director of Legal Affairs for Flock Safety, a public safety technology company, where he oversees complex litigation and related matters, with a focus on the Fourth Amendment, privacy, and other regulatory, legal, and policy issues. Previously, Michael was a law firm litigator and former federal prosecutor whom clients relied on to resolve disputes and represent them at trial and on appeal. His litigation experience includes class actions, multi-district litigation, arbitrations, and administrative proceedings. He has also represented businesses and individuals in large-scale government and internal investigations.

As a federal prosecutor in the District of Maryland, Michael oversaw sweeping investigations into violations of federal criminal laws, including those involving violent crime, corruption, conspiracy, and money laundering. Earlier in his career, he was a litigator at Williams & Connolly in Washington, DC, where he focused on complex civil litigation and criminal defense.

As both a prosecutor and in the private sector, Michael has tried numerous cases as a first-chair trial attorney before state and federal courts, juries, and arbitration panels throughout the country.

Michael is a former law clerk for the Honorable José A. Cabranes of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, as well as the Honorable Robert N. Chatigny of the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut. Michael graduated from Duke Law School Magna Cum Laude.

Outside of work, Michael enjoys Carolina Panthers football, Duke basketball, cooking, musicals, camping, biking, and hiking with his family.

