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No More Trafficking connects people and resources to collaboratively create and deliver training and solutions to end all forms of human trafficking and exploitation.

We believe this dream is possible when we all unite on mission together.

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Well-Deserved Recognition!

by: *Suzanne Lewis-Johnson, CEO*

In this month's newsletter, I'm excited to announce that the *National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA)* recognized Cortney Morgan, Founder and President of No More Trafficking, as a **NOVA Honorary Awardee in the category of Morton Bard Allied Professional Award.**

The Morton Bard Allied Professional Award recognizes outstanding leadership and tireless efforts in the advancement of crime victims' rights and the contributions of an individual in an allied profession to the field of victim advocacy. NOVA is the oldest national victim assistance organization of its type in the United States and is a leader in victim advocacy, education, and credentialing.

"Your unwavering dedication to assisting and empowering victims and survivors of crime is an inspiration to us all," NOVA Board President Jeannette Adkins wrote in the notification letter, *"Most significantly, your extraordinary compassion, leadership and ingenuity in your work has helped countless victims and survivors begin to heal in the aftermath of a crime."*

Cortney graduated Magna Cum Laude from the Georgetown Law Center. Early in her career with the US Department of Labor, she noticed a wide variety of programs serving people who had been trafficked overseas, with comparatively little attention paid to trafficking within the United States. Recognizing that systems are struggling to communicate with each other and close gaps in service to the trafficked and vulnerable, she founded No More Trafficking in 2012.

"As a result of Cortney's servant leadership, countless victims have found their voice again. They have recognized that they are worthy of being heard."

Cortney continues to serve as principle in the Law Office of Courtney Morgan, serving within and advising court systems, championing protocols and processes that raise the level of service to the most vulnerable, and being a voice for individuals who too often are held back from reaching their potential.

Congratulations, Cortney!



CALL TO ACTION - What you can do today to protect your family and community

As part of a monthly No More Trafficking series, we'll build on No More Trafficking CEO and former FBI Agent Suzanne Lewis-Johnson's comments during media opportunities and speaking engagements. Use the video tools and content below to facilitate community groups and professional groups and to begin conversations at home, work, school, sports arenas, and wherever you go, to protect against trafficker tactics and bring freedom.

Resetting the Conversation: Realities of Human Trafficking (part 1 of 2)

by: Carla Schillero

Aiming to bring understanding reflective of the REALITIES of human trafficking, Suzanne spoke at an event hosted by the *InfraGard Northern Ohio Alliance* and *Our Savior Lutheran Hinkley*, with the *InfraGard National Alliance*, a non-profit partner of the FBI helping to protect U.S. infrastructure. This NMT series will highlight segments of the event to lay a foundation of **truth** and **accuracy** about trafficking and how it begins. We'll explore: Where does it happen? What does it look like? Who is responsible? How will we stop it?

Truth must always be our starting point - to understand, correct course, and establish freedom. As Suzanne said in the presentation, evil's primary weapon is deception. Evil advances when truth is taken off-track, distorted, or ignored. Let's begin with a few basic realities of human trafficking.

REALITY #1 - Human trafficking occurs when a person induces sex or labor through force, fraud, or coercion.

REALITY #2 - Human trafficking is present right under our noses throughout all sectors of society.

REALITY #3 - Human trafficking is preceded by a person's vulnerability (coming out from under the protection of truth), and then carried out when that person's vulnerability is exploited with evil intent (creating a false narrative that mimics truth).

Going Deeper.....

- Find video and related material on our website at www.nomoretrafficking.org.
- Email us at info@nomoretrafficking.org if you need help finding the resources.
- Please preview the content before introducing it to others.



Start a Conversation

The importance of truth and accuracy

- How do the consequences of walking in truth and falling under deception differ?
- How might inaccurate information deter the goal of ending human trafficking?
- Why is the foundation of truth and accuracy so important as we discuss these issues?

Consider the realities of human trafficking presented in this newsletter.

- How would you describe human trafficking? Does your description align with REALITY #1?
- In what parts of society might we be more diligent and aware?
- What might a vulnerability look like in a person? How might that vulnerability be exploited?