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Merry Christmas from SCTNow!



"Shaniya Speaks Out" Fund

Most of the nation has heard about the sad, tragic story of 5-year-old Shaniya Davis who was brutally trafficked, raped, and murdered by her mother's boyfriend in November. This story is a grim reminder that child sexual slavery is indeed happening in our own backyards. Shaniya's death has projected her father, Bradley Lockhart, of Fayetteville, North Carolina, into the national spotlight. Brad's lawyer, Mike Freed, contacted SCTNow founders Ron and Lynette Lewis soon after taking this case. Mike's wife Crystal, is the Jacksonville, Florida, community ambassador for SCTNow and they both share our passion to put an end to this atrocity by going after

predators.

Recently, Ron and Lynette visited with Brad and Mike in Fayetteville. Following a 2 1/2 hour meeting we are all enthusiastic about the partnership. Shortly thereafter, Brad and Mike appeared on "Nancy Grace" and were able to promote SCTNow. Sundy Goodnight, SCTNow's national campaign director, was flooded with emails and phone calls following this program, with many new people joining our cause. While we mourn the loss of Shaniya, we agree with her father Brad that there is a unique opportunity to educate and activate those who will fight with us to save innocent children.

SCTNow has created a new fund called the Shaniya Speaks Out Fund for anyone wishing to donate in Shaniya's honor. Brad Lockhart, along with others, are speaking frequently around the nation and we expect these platforms to only increase in the months to come as awareness grows. With the first year for SCTNow under our belts, we can sense a national momentum growing like never before. We remain a grassroots organization of passionate abolitionists who will not rest until the days of child sexual slavery are ended for good.



Operative Teams In the Field Update

SCTNow operatives are in full force. The Director of the Operatives, Greg Wark, shared yesterday that the Ops teams are currently targeting two specific cases of human slavery and the predators associated with those cases. Greg also reported that the Operatives were receiving unprecedented support by authorities both internationally and nationally. The Operatives expect to have both cases completed in January 2010. **Stay connected for updated information about the operatives missions in future SCTNow e-newsletters!**

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Sponsor an operative to rescue a child from slavery. [Donate](#) today!

Help SCTNow Win a \$15,000 Grant!

SCTNow has been chosen as one of three Project 7 Finalists to win a \$15,000 grant! Project 7 is a company passionate about social change. The winner will be voted on by individuals like YOU!

Voting will begin online at project7.com on Christmas Day through January 31-- and every vote counts! Winners will be announced in February 2010. Please tell your friends and family to go to project7.com and cast their vote.

SCTNow UNF Ambassador Given Award

Victoria Elian, a student at the University of North Florida and current SCTNow campus ambassador, was chosen by a committee as one of the two 2009-2010 Albert D. Ernest Jr. Caring Winners. As one of her awards, she selected to support Stop Child Trafficking Now as her charity of choice. Albert D. Ernest donated \$1,000 to SCTNow in Victoria's name.

All Albert D. Ernest Jr. Caring Award finalists and winner have demonstrated a commitment to volunteer service, show initiative and innovation to problem solving, and exhibit their advocacy for positive change.

SCTNow would like to congratulate Victoria on this achievement and for choosing SCTNow as her charity of choice!

Stop Child Trafficking Now Tote Bags Make a Difference

By Asher Fogle

SCTNow partnered with [Nomi Network](#) and [Hagar International](#) in 2009 to make a tangible difference in the lives of trafficked women. Handmade tote bags may seem like a simple, small solution, but for 23 women in Cambodia, it meant three months of life.



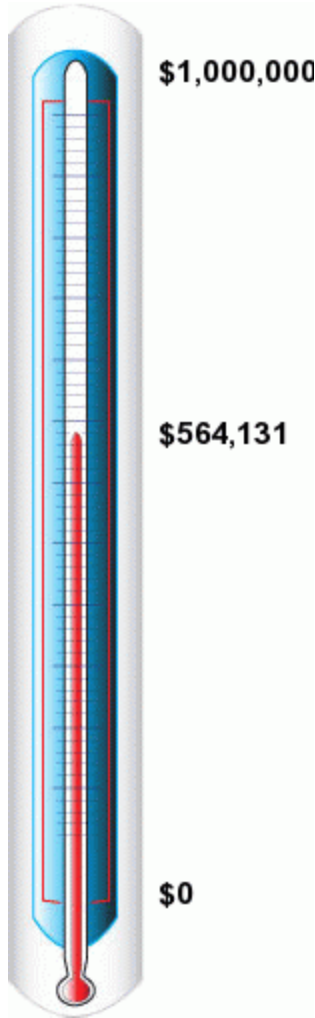
With a \$20,000 grant from [Humanitarian International Services Group](#), and the help of Nomi Network, SCTNow commissioned 2,500 bags. The orders helped provide funding for the salaries of 23 formerly-trafficked women employed by Hagar International during the summer.

SCTNow helped generate some necessary income to keep the business going. In addition to three months of employment, the money also provided transportation, childcare and health insurance for these women and their children.

"The women are talented, gifted individuals, they just have no opportunities," Supei Liu, Nomi Director of Product Development, says. "I think often we are where we are because of the opportunity presented in our life. After I came back from my trip to Cambodia, something in my heart wanted to help. So I am glad this project has given these women more opportunities."

The bags were distributed during the SCTNow walk and campaign in September. As people carry them, Sundy Goodnight, SCTNow National Campaign Director says, they generate awareness about human trafficking. "The tote bags were an integral element of the campaign," she says. "Knowing that, even as a new organization, we were able to be a part of giving 23 former sex-trafficked victims jobs for the summer was incredibly rewarding. I am so thankful to HISG for the grant they gave us that made this entire project a possibility. I hope we are able to incorporate the tote bags into our campaign for years to come."

Over Halfway to \$1 Million: Fundraising Continues!



**Our nationwide fundraising goal is
\$1 million by December 31, 2009!**

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We're 56% to our goal!

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