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Welcome to the Stop Child Trafficking Now (SCTNow) E-Newsletter!

A Word from Dr. Laura Lederer

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In February, I spoke at Clarion University, a small liberal arts university in Pennsylvania. Almost 300 students came out on a cold, sleeting night to learn about human trafficking, and many of them stayed to sign up for the SCTNow Walk.

After describing the nature and scope of the problem of contemporary forms of slavery, here is what I said:

If we think about human trafficking like drug trafficking, it is a triangle of activity:

Distribution

Supply

Demand

A good deal of time has been spent on "supply" - creating shelters and a comprehensive set of services for Trafficking In Persons (TIP) victims. Focus has also been on "distribution" - prosecution and conviction of the trafficking. Unfortunately, the last corner of the triangle has been neglected.

Our campaign is targeting the "demand" side of this problem, asking,

"what do we know about the end user, the customer, the buyer of children? How can we dry up demand? How can we build programs that are perpetrator focused?" In addition to law enforcement efforts targeting the trafficker (the distributor), we also need to arrest, prosecute, convict, and sentence the customers. This is the only way to stop child sex trafficking.

We are in the foothills of consciousness in this work. We need an Army of Angels to help us create programs and operations focused on demand. The SCTNow Campaign is creating that army.

Please join us today by signing up on the SCTNow website at www.sctnow.org.

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Did You Know?

Worldwide, there are over one million children entering the commercial sex trade every year and approximately 30 million children have lost their childhood through sexual exploitation over the past 30 years. (UNICEF)

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For updates on the SCTNow campaign, join our Conference Call on Monday, March 30, 2009 9:00pm - 9:30pm EST. (NEW TIME)

Conference Dial-in Number:
(218) 339-4600

Participant Access Code:
552434#

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