



Welcome Jacqueline Babb, NCJW & JCAST Chicago Development & Engagement Director

Jacqueline Babb is the newest member of the JCAST Chicago team as Development & Engagement Director for JCAST Chicago and NCJW Chicago North Shore. She is a Certified Nonprofit Professional and brings twelve years of experience in the nonprofit sector to JCAST Chicago. Jacqueline is on the faculty of the School of Business and Nonprofit Management at North Park University and the faculty advisor for its Nonprofit Leadership Club. She is involved in the community as a member of the Steering Committee of the Winnetka Community House, an incoming Board member for the Glencoe Public Library, part of the Glencoe Readers Are Leaders Week, and as the co-chairperson of the Bernie's Book Bank Book Lovers' Lunch fundraiser.

Jacqueline has said, "The facts around sex trafficking in our local area are staggering. I am concerned about the local women and girls who are exploited in the sex trade. I appreciate the opportunity to represent JCAST Chicago to build awareness to eradicate sex trafficking in the Chicagoland area."

Don't Miss Women Hold Up Half the Sky

Running through January 22, 2017 at the Illinois Holocaust Museum, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, Women Hold Up Half the Sky identifies one of the central moral challenges of the 21st century - full equality for the world's women. It is inspired by the book *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide*, by Pulitzer-prize winning authors, Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn. Like the bestselling book, the exhibition features ordinary women who have accomplished extraordinary things. It challenges visitors to open their eyes, minds, hearts, and most of all, to take action to improve women and girls' lives locally and worldwide. NCJW Chicago North Shore and JCAST Chicago are community partners of the exhibit. [Click here](#) for more information.

JCAST Chicago November Blog

JCAST Chicago Intern Haley Braun recently had the opportunity to attend the opening of a new exhibit at the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center. The exhibit, entitled "Women Hold Up Half the Sky" reflects upon the struggles worldwide to achieve equality for women. Inspired by Nicholas Kristof's and Sheryl WuDunn's Pulitzer-Prize-winning book *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide*, the exhibit seeks to share solutions and be a catalyst for change both here at home in Chicago, and around the world. [Click here](#) for the full blog post:

Women Hold Up Half the Sky Related Programs

The Illinois Holocaust Museum is offering a wide variety of programs, films, and panel discussions in conjunction with the Women Hold Up Half the Sky Exhibit. All programs, films, and panel discussions are free to the public. Museum exhibitions and Gallery Talks require Museum admission. [Click here](#) for



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Steering Committee

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information and see highlights below. Listed programs are at the Holocaust Museum unless otherwise noted.

Film Screening: A Walk to Beautiful

December 1, 2016, 6:30 pm

Gallery Talk: Local Women and Sexual Violence

December 10, 2016, 11 am and 1 pm

Gallery Talk: Labor Trafficking in Chicago

January 8, 2017, 11 am and 1 pm

Gallery Talk: Sex Trafficking in Chicago

January 14, 2017, 11 am and 1 pm

COURT SIDE

Monday, November 21, 2016

Chicago Cultural Center 10 E. Washington Chicago

The Honorable Federal Judge Virginia Kendall and Her Story Theater have created a unique evening specially designed for Chicago Area Judges and Litigators involved with cases on sex trafficking and those interested in learning more on the issue. Her Story Theater will present COURT SIDE, a reading of pieces from the highly acclaimed plays written by Mary Bonnett from her Chicago Sex Trafficking Cycle: Shadow Town, The Johns, Money Make'M Smile and Mongers. The performance brings to life the world of the sex trafficked victim; the workshop brings in-depth knowledge plus discussion, together they allow the audience a far greater understanding into its complexity and impact on the victim. The performance begins at 6:30 pm and is followed at 7:30 pm by a workshop. A pre-performance reception for legal professionals only is at 5:30. There is no charge to attend but please register at CourtSide.brownpapertickets.com.

Sexual Violence: Stories of Survival and Hope

December 11; 2:00 pm

Illinois Holocaust Museum, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie

Hear from advocates who work with local women and girls faced with sexual violence both in war areas and in "safe" communities. The panel includes: Anne K. Ream, Voices and Faces Project, Polly Poskin, Executive Director, Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault, and Angela Martinez, American Jewish World Service. The panel discussion is presented as part of the Women Hold Up Half the Sky exhibit. Women Hold Up Half the Sky identifies one of the central moral challenges of the 21st century - full equality for the world's women. The exhibition features ordinary women who have accomplished extraordinary things. It challenges visitors to open their eyes, minds, hearts, and most of all, to take action to improve women and girls' lives locally and worldwide. NCJW Chicago North Shore and JCAST Chicago are community partners of the exhibit. [Click here](#) for more information.

Film Screening: Dreamcatcher

January 12, 2017; 6:30 pm

Illinois Holocaust Museum, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie

The award-winning documentary Dreamcatcher follows former Chicago trafficking victim Brenda Myers-Powell who created the Dreamcatcher Foundation in order to help other women escape prostitution. The film screening is presented as part of the Women Hold Up Half the Sky exhibit. [Click here](#) for more information.

The Demand that Drives Illinois Sex Trafficking

January 15, 2017; 2:00 pm

Evanston Public Library, Evanston

There are more people living in slavery today than at any time in history. Sex trafficking is one form of modern day slavery that is prevalent in Chicagoland. Experts will discuss the demand for prostitution in Illinois and important ways communities are fighting back. The panel includes: Laura Jansen, lead author of Our Great Hobby: An Analysis of Online Networks for Buyers of Sex in Illinois, and researcher, University of Chicago, Caleb Probst



**Featured Organization
The Dreamcatcher
Foundation**

The [Dreamcatcher Foundation](#) fights to end human trafficking in Chicago. Our not-for-profit organization works to prevent the sexual exploitation of at-risk youth and helps current prostitutes find confidence and stability beyond the limitations of their current lifestyle. The Dreamcatcher Foundation fosters confidence, courage, independence, and inner strength within young people in disadvantaged areas. Our harm reduction approach allows Chicago's most disenfranchised young women take advantage of all of the mentoring services we offer and improve their lives through education, empowerment, and prevention.

Founded in 2008 by Brenda Myers-Powell and Stephanie Daniels-Wilson, Dreamcatcher is a survivor-led and survivor-focused not-for-profit organization that has worked to prevent the sexual exploitation of at-risk youth and to help current victims find confidence and stability through education and individualized care and services. Their harm reduction, holistic, eclectic approach offers the clinical and practical applications to encourage and empower Chicago's most disenfranchised and disadvantaged young women.

[Click here](#) for more information.



Take Action!

Here are some things you can do today to take action against Sex

and Lynne Johnson, Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation (CAASE) and Laura Ng (Moderator), Executive Director, Traffick Free. The panel is presented as part of the Women Hold Up Half the Sky exhibit. [Click here](#) for more information.

Every Person Has a Voice

January 23, 2017, 3:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Chicago Bar Association, 321 S. Plymouth Court, Chicago

This program will provide an in-depth look at issues, concerns and remedies aimed to address the exploitation of individuals through human trafficking both domestically and globally.

Panelists and speakers will discuss what trafficking is, provide current research and trends concerning trafficking, and describe how ending demand is the key to preventing the further exploitation and abuse of individuals through sex trafficking. [Click here](#) to register.

Updates and Information

National Human Trafficking Hotline

National Human Trafficking Resource Center is changing its name to the National Human Trafficking Hotline. The National Human Trafficking Hotline will still serve as the same confidential, multilingual hotline that provides survivors of human trafficking with vital support and a variety of options to get help and stay safe and will also continue to be a source of actionable tips for law enforcement and expertise for the anti-trafficking community.

For almost ten years, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has made it possible for the National Human Trafficking Hotline to become a nerve center that unites local efforts into a national movement that helps survivors restore their freedom and works towards eradicating human trafficking. With your help, Hotline staff have answered more than 100,000 calls, identified more than 30,000 cases of human trafficking across the United States, and provided more than 8,000 tips to federal, state and local law enforcement.

National Human Trafficking Hotline

1-888-373-7888

help@humantraffickinghotline.org

www.humantraffickinghotline.org

Selah Freedom: Volunteers Making It Happen

Selah Freedom has possession of our first Chicago-area home and plans to welcome survivors home for the holidays! Many volunteers have participated in the extreme home makeover" of each room in the house - completely gutting it to make it new and beautiful for survivors! Volunteers from Northern Illinois Conference of UMC, the Jewish Coalition Against Sex Trafficking and National Council of Jewish Women Chicago North Shore, Willow Creek North Shore, J C Light Co., Well Done Painting and so many more have come together to completely transform this home to perfection! [Click here](#) to learn more about Selah Freedom.

Traffick Free Drop-In Center

On November 1, Traffick Free signed a lease for Chicago's first low-demand overnight drop-in center for all adult women who are commercially sexually exploited in our city. Renovations have begun and they hope to open the drop-in center doors in 2-3 months. The drop-in center will serve two primary purposes: as both an emergency safe space for adult women who need a place to rest; shower; access clean clothes, food and hygiene products; and case management; and as a supportive place for those who have left the Life to mentor others and be in a community where

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* Send a Letter
Send a letter calling on local leaders and law enforcement to enforce laws and end demand. [Visit our website](#) to print out constructions and a sample letter.

* Hang a Flyer
Victims may visit bus stations, grocery stores, currency exchanges, and gas stations. Hang a poster featuring the hotline for the National Human Trafficking Resource Center. and help them escape to safety! [Visit our website](#) for more information and to print flyers.

* Write a Letter to the Editor
Write a letter to the editor when you learn publicly about arrests of perpetrators of sex trafficking. Commending the media, the police departments involved, and local authorities keeps sex trafficking in the news and encourages more enforcement. [Visit our website](#) for a sample letter to the editor.



Resources

Books:

Sex Trafficking: Inside the Business of Modern Slavery by Siddharth Kara

Girls Like Us: Fighting for a World where Girls are not for Sale by Rachel Lloyd

The Johns: Sex for Sale and the Men Who Buy it by Victor Malarek

The Natashas: Inside the Global Sex Trade by Victor Malarek

Women Hold up Half the Sky: Turing Oppression into Opportunity for Women

everyone has had similar lived experiences. Once the drop-in center is open, we will begin with two overnights per week and use the information gathered by participants who access the space to inform how we expand to five nights, seven nights, and ultimately, 24/7. [Click here](#) for volunteer opportunities with Traffick Free.

TAKE ACTION

Toiletry and Gift Card Donations Needed Year-round!

Donation Drop off locations:

Encore & More: 1107 Central Ave, Wilmette
Hadassah Thrift Shop, 405 Lake Cook Rd, Deerfield
Hadassah Office, 60 Revere Dr #800, Northbrook
Temple Shalom, 3480 N Lake Shore Dr, Chicago

If you or your organization would consider organizing a collection drive or a packing program, please contact Beth Gordon bbgordon1@gmail.com or Donna Fishman at donna@jcastchicago.org.

Street Dignity Bag Packing List:

These items are needed in small, travel sizes. One of each item will be packed in a gallon ziploc "street survival" bag. These items may be packed in ziploc or other small tote bag, or donated in bulk. (You might even Ask your local businesses if they have items to donate and share this list.)

toothbrush and toothpaste (* ask your dentist!)

hand sanitizer

hand lotion

granola or power bar

pack of tissues

Gallon Ziploc Bags

\$5 McDonald's Gift Cards

Prevention Bag Packing List:

The Dreamcatcher Foundation regularly visits girls living in at-risk communities, including teen-aged single mothers. These items may be packed in a tote bag and donated in bulk.

shampoo

liquid body soap

dove soap

deodorant

lotion or moisturizer

perfumed body spray

Gift or tote bags

* Bulk items, hotel toiletries and gift cards to McDonalds (\$5), Target, Dollar Store, CVS or Walgreens (any amount) are always welcome*

JCAST Chicago on the Move

JCAST Chicago has been busy giving presentations across the Chicago Metropolitan area, for Jewish and secular groups. Please help JCAST secure speaking "gigs" at Jewish organizations. Contact Donna at info@jcastchicago.org with names and contacts at synagogues, chavurot, and other Jewish organizations.

Worldwide by Sheryl Wudunn and Nicholas Kristof

Podcasts:

IN PLAIN SIGHT Podcast to End Human Trafficking Each week, the IN PLAIN SIGHT Podcast features a an inspiring speaker who may educate you in your work to end human trafficking around the globe. [Click here](#) for a link to the website.

Websites:

[Polaris Project](#)

[National Human Trafficking Resource Center](#)

[URI North America](#)

[Heartland Alliance](#)

[STOP-IT Initiative Against](#)

[Human Trafficking](#)

[American Jewish World Service](#)

[Chicago Alliance Against Sexual](#)

[Exploitation](#)

[Selah Freedom](#)

[National Domestic Workers](#)

[Alliance](#)

Sex Trafficking in the News

More and more our news feeds are filled with stories about sex trafficking - some positive and some negative. Here are a few article links that may be of interest.

- [Focusing on the Clients of Street Prostitutes: A Creative Approach to Reducing Violence Against Women - Final Report](#)
- [Germany's Legalized Prostitution Industry Looks Like a Real Life Horror Movie](#)
- [7 Men Accused in Sex-Trafficking Ring in U.S. and Mexico](#)
- [Chicago police officer charged with sex-trafficking minor](#)
- [Harvard Cancels Rest of Men's Soccer Season Over Lewd Ratings of Female Players](#)

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