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HUMAN TRAFFICKING: IT'S CLOSER THAN YOU THINK

2020

BROOKLYN HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE AWARENESS EVENT

MONDAY JANUARY 13TH Brooklyn Borough Hall

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Eric Gonzalez, District Attorney

Kings County District Attorney's Office

The Brooklyn DA's Office is committed to protecting vulnerable community members from exploitation and holding accountable those who callously profit off of human trafficking.



Ariel Zwang, CEO Safe Horizon

We at Safe Horizon, one of the largest providers of services for victims and survivors of human trafficking, know that countless survivors have been rescued thanks to the courage of ordinary people who chose not to ignore their suspicions. **NOTES PAGE**

Notes

For Emergencies

Call 911

To Report Human Trafficking

Call the Kings County District Attorney's Office Hotline 718-250-2770

To Access Victim Services

Call Safe Horizon Anti-Trafficking Intake Line 718-943-8652

EVENT SCHEDULE

2020 JANUARY 13

Reception

5:00PM

Art provided by ArtWorks for Freedom. ArtWorks for Freedom uses the power of art to raise awareness about modern day slavery and human trafficking.

Special Performance

6:00PM

Choreographer: Ashlé Dawson **Dancers:** LaWanda Hopkins, Natasha Ayala, José Rincón, Marisa Mazzeo, Ashlé Dawson

Welcome Remarks

6:10PM

ADA David Weiss, Deputy Chief Kings County District Attorney's Office Eric Gonzalez, District Attorney Kings County District Attorney's Office

Opening Remarks

6:20PM

Anita Teekah, Senior Director Safe Horizon Ariel Zwang, CEO Safe Horizon

Keynote Panel:

It's Closer than You Think

6:30PM

Estelle Davis | New York Department of Labor Sgt. Gregory Graves | NYPD Dr. Coralanne Griffith- Hunte | Not On My Watch Beverly Smith |Safe Horizon Gabrielle Prieto | Not On My Watch

PANELISTS

It's Closer Than You Think

LAUREN FREY

Moderator Kings County District Attorney's Office

ESTELLE DAVIS

New York State Department of Labor (NYS DOL) Division of Immigrant Policies and Affairs (DIPA)

As the DIPA Counsel, Estelle provides legal support on labor trafficking cases and U/T Visa certifications. Prior to being DIPA Counsel, Estelle was a Supervisor for DIPA's Agriculture Labor Program. Before joining DIPA, Estelle worked in legal services in children's rights, women's rights, human rights, and criminal justice reform – and most recently at Cabrini providing legal assistance and social services to immigrant populations. Estelle also has experience in Trafficking and Domestic Violence cases through Safe Horizon. She is a graduate of CUNY School of Law, speaks English and Spanish, and is a member of the New York State Bar.

SGT. GREGORY GRAVES

New York City Police Department

Sgt. Graves is a 17 year veteran of the New York City Police Department and is currently the Training Coordinator for the Vice Enforcement Division. He has been with the Vice Division for seven years with past assignments to the Human Trafficking Team, Queens Vice, and Bronx Vice modules. Prior the Vice Division, Sgt. Graves was assigned to the Organized Crime Control Bureau, Internal Affairs Bureau, Housing PSA 1, Staten Island Auto Larceny, and the 120th Precinct.



Action You Can Take To Fight Human Trafficking

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ADA David Weiss

Kings County District Attorney's Office Deputy Chief, Human Trafficking Unit

David has been Deputy Chief of the Human Trafficking Unit since 2018 and an ADA in the unit since 2014. David led an investigation and prosecution which resulted in the takedown of hotel owners permitting prostitution in hotels in Brooklyn and Queens. David was also cross-designated as a Special Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York to bring federal sex trafficking charges in a case involving several underage girls. He was previously assigned to the felony trial zone handling cases involving violent assaults, robbery, and murder and the Healthcare Fraud Unit investigating doctors and pharmacists. David has been with KCDA since 2006.

Anita Teekah, Esq.

Safe Horizon Senior Director, Anti-Trafficking Program

Anita oversees a dynamic multi-disciplinary team of attorneys, social workers, trainers and administrative staff that provide holistic, wraparound services to all victims of human trafficking. Anita also spearheads ATP's policy and advocacy efforts and represents the program in national, state and local level coalitions, including the Alliance to End Slavery and Trafficking (ATEST), Freedom Network USA, and the International Labor Recruitment Working Group. On behalf of ATP, Anita has lobbied in support of reauthorizing the federal Trafficking Victims Protection Act. Prior to coming to Safe Horizon, Anita worked with child labor and sex trafficking victims and child laborers in the Philippines and was a litigator.

Lauren Frey

Kings County District Attorney's Office Task Force Coordinator, Human Trafficking Unit

Lauren works for the Kings County District Attorney's Office (KCDA) as the Brooklyn Human Trafficking Task Force Coordinator. Lauren develops strategies to increase identification of victims, supports investigations, and serves as a liaison to service providers, law enforcement agencies, and advocacy groups. Prior to working for KCDA, Lauren was an Associate Research Analyst at CNA. There, she supported research on human trafficking, counter-terrorism, violence reduction strategies, and transnational criminal networks. Further, she held the position as the Assistant Coordinator for Domestic Operations for an anti-human trafficking service provider, Rescue1 Global.



Dr. Coralanne Griffith-Hunte

Not On My Watch

Dr. Hunte is currently the Vice President of Training and the Long Island Director of Anti-Human Trafficking and Domestic Violence. Dr. Hunt is a Human, Industrial and Trauma Psychologist by trade and the founder and chairwoman of Created for Greatness Leadership Group, Inc. Dr. Hunt also serves as a Senior Legislative Advisor, working with government officials and organizations at the state, local, and federal levels to pass legislation favorable to the educational, human rights, mental health, domestic violence, human trafficking, anti-gang, mission for New York State families. Dr. Hunte was instrumental in advocating for the End Child Sex Trafficking Bill, signed into legislation in 2018.

Gabrielle Prieto

Not On My Watch

I am a Survivor-Thriver Advocate who does outreach to all five boroughs by providing human trafficking and domestic violence educational trainings to New York Citizens to empower them with the necessary tools and resources to combat the atrocities of their community welfare.



Voices of Hope Safe Horizon's Anti-Trafficking Program

Beverly is a proud member of Voices of Hope, Safe Horizon Anti-Trafficking Program's survivor leadership group. She is a labor trafficking survivor and hails from Jamaica. Beverly is deeply committed to educating the wider public and our communities about the truth concerning labor trafficking and to ensuring that we disrupt trafficker networks to prevent suffering and labor exploitation for future migrant workers.





Special Performance

Ashlé Dawson

Choreographer

Ashlé unites her own multi-cultural dance background with her identification within commercial and contemporary forms. Focused on subverting commercial outlets to make statement pieces which raise awareness on hot-button topics including immigration, self-love, human kindness and tolerance. Ashlé has performed in the Global Citizen Festival NYC and Media Projects, Battery Dance Festival, Time Square NYE Univision, Equity Fights Aids & Broadway Cares Easter Bonnet, and the So You Think You Can Dance competition. She has also been featured in "Dance" and "Dance Teacher" magazines.

Dancers

LaWanda Hopkins Natasha Ayala José Rincón Marisa Mazzeo Ashlé Dawson

Art Display

Art by ArtWorks for Freedom

This striking installation was created in partnership with Groundswell Community Mural Project, based in Brooklyn, NY. The artists worked together to research, design and create a 12 panel mural series. They learned during the process the global epidemic of human trafficking and that their own city of New York is not immune.



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"This mural is POWER, it's a voice for those victims whose voices will never be heard, it's eyes for those who could never witness or live through painful times, and it's ears for those who haven't heard what human trafficking is and how it affects us, victims or not. is for the world to see, and I loved every minute of helping create a masterpiece."

Tobi Oniyindi

"This topic was a very sensitive topic and it forced everyone to be serious and take a serious approach to it."

Raymond Reyes

"We tried to work using symbols that weren't too clichéd. To make them more figurative, like the bushes that workers were harvesting extended from chains.... think. It makes you think. Art is effective because when you see a whole bunch of colors and you see a couple of different images, it can make you feel a certain way about a topic."

Dakota Storm Austin

"I have learned that there is a struggle in each and every corner of this earth. I have also learned that there are many people that have no clue about human trafficking, and I used to be one of them. While I was working with this group of outspoken and multi-talented artists, I came to realize that it takes more than one voice to change the world."