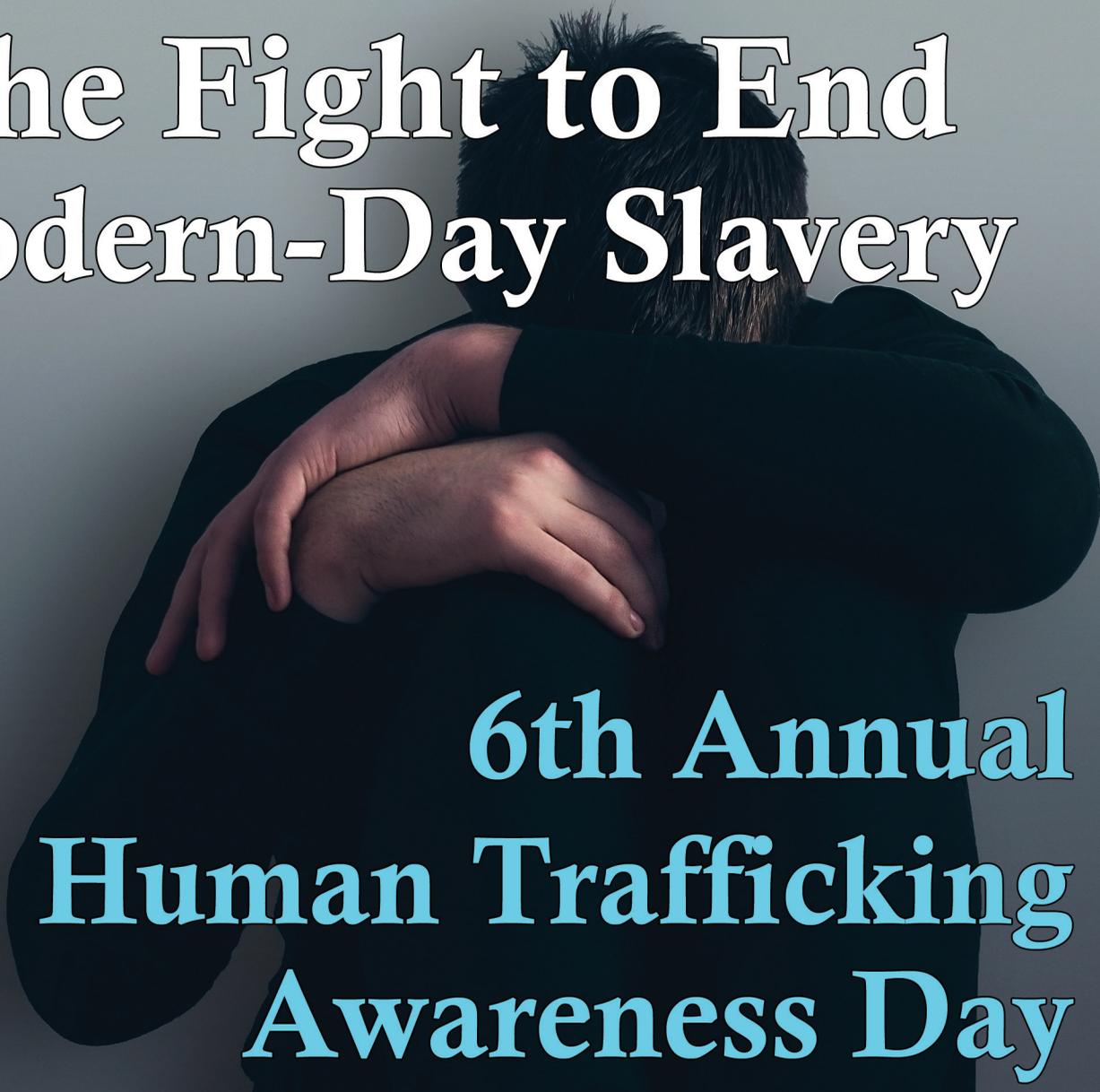


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# The Fight to End Modern-Day Slavery



## 6th Annual Human Trafficking Awareness Day



Presented by Senator  
Brian Williams  
via Zoom

January 26, 2021

# WELCOME

1:00 – 1:15 p.m.

Senator Brian Williams  
Assistant Minority Floor Leader

## PANEL DISCUSSION

1:15 – 2:45 p.m.

### **MODERATOR: Alison Phillips**

Alison Phillips is the director of the Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force in the Missouri Attorney General's office. This multi-disciplinary task force focuses on unified and informed statewide efforts to combat human trafficking. Ms. Phillips is also an adjunct professor at the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) where she teaches a course on human trafficking. Ms. Phillips has been active in the anti-human trafficking movement since 2012, through consulting, event planning, coalition building, training, public speaking (including a Ted Talk) and community engagement. Ms. Phillips earned a master's degree in criminal justice and criminology from UMKC in 2017, received UMKC's 2018 Community Engagement Award and was the 2020 recipient of Restoration House's Cry Purple Award.

### **HEALTH CARE: Heidi Olson, RN, MSN, CPN - Children's Mercy Hospital, Kansas City, Certified Pediatric Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) and the SANE Program Manager**

Heidi Olson has a wide range of experience in pediatric and forensic nursing. In her current role, she performs forensic exams on children who have been victims of sexual assault, runs the day-to-day logistics of the SANE program, follows up with victims and their families after discharge and communicates with law enforcement, child protective services and a large multi-disciplinary team. Ms. Olson also serves as an expert witness during trials for victims of sexual assault. In the last two years, Ms. Olson has reviewed over 1,200 pediatric sexual assault cases and has presented more than 200 presentations around the United States on human trafficking, child-on-child sexual assault, pornography and exploitation. Since 2019, Ms. Olson's team has identified numerous trafficking victims using an evidence-based screening tool while the victims are being treated by health care professionals. Ms. Olson started and leads the human trafficking work group at Children's Mercy Hospital, works with the Anti Internet Child Exploitation Team (a Canadian non-profit organization) and organized Empower KC, a community event to raise awareness about sexual exploitation in Kansas City. She was also an adjunct clinical instructor at UMKC and the University of St. Mary's.

### **LAW ENFORCEMENT: Sgt. Daniel Nash, Missouri State Highway Patrol Human Trafficking Unit**

Sergeant Dan Nash began his career with the Missouri State Highway Patrol in 1995 as a patrol officer for Troop D in Springfield, working in Cedar and St. Clair counties. In 1997, Sgt. Nash became an investigator in the Narcotics/Vice Unit and spent six years conducting covert and overt narcotics and vice investigations. In 2003, he transferred to the Criminal Investigation Unit in Springfield and spent the next 15 years investigating homicide and assault cases and officer-involved shootings. In 2012, Sgt. Nash began investigating human trafficking cases in the Criminal Investigation Unit, and in 2018, he participated in the first Interdiction for Protection of Children training in Missouri, provided by the Texas Department of Public Safety. In 2019, Sgt. Nash developed the Interdiction for the Protection of Children (IPC)/Human Trafficking program in Missouri. This unit investigates possible human trafficking cases in Missouri and provides expertise and investigative assistance with human trafficking, sexual exploitation and child sex crime investigations to various agencies. This unit also coordinates various IPC/Human Trafficking training in Missouri for members of the highway patrol and other law enforcement agencies.

## **PROSECUTOR: Jo Leigh Fischer, Johnson County Assistant Prosecutor**

Jo Leigh Fischer is the chief assistant prosecuting attorney for Johnson County. She prosecutes crimes against children, sexual offenses, child pornography and other major felonies. Ms. Fischer currently trains law enforcement officers from across the state on a variety of topics, teaches legal issues for the Missouri State Highway Patrol and Interdiction for the Protection of Children, as well as develops curriculum for these topics. She is the chair of the Missouri Child Fatality Review Panel Multi-Disciplinary Team and a member of the Illicit Massage Business Working Group and the Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys Special Victims Sub-Committee. She received the Child Safe of Central Missouri Hero Award and the Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys President's Award. Previously, Ms. Fischer was an associate at Armstrong Teasdale LLP, handling fire, explosion and electrocution litigation cases. While at Armstrong Teasdale, she was awarded the Up and Coming Lawyer Award by Missouri Lawyer's Weekly. Ms. Fischer has previously been an instructor for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Prior to working at Armstrong Teasdale, Ms. Fischer was an assistant prosecutor for Jackson County, where she tried a variety of cases, ranging from driving while intoxicated related offenses to drugs, arson, homicides and crimes against children. While working in Jackson County, she taught for the Missouri Judicial College, Kansas City Police Department and was a member of the faculty for the National District Attorney's Association.

## **VICTIM ADVOCACY: Karolyn Schrage, RN, BSN, RISE Coalition, Choices Medical**

Karolyn Schrage serves as the Victims' Response Team coordinator for the RISE Coalition (Regional Intervention for Sexual Exploitation) of southwest Missouri. She is a member of the Missouri Attorney General's Human Trafficking Task Force and the Coalition Against Human Trafficking (CAHT) in the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Western District of Missouri. Ms. Schrage also serves as the executive director of the LifeChoices Health Network in Joplin. The multiple clinic locations and medical mobile unit offer sexual health medical services including testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections and limited obstetrician care. For more than 20 years, she worked in Kenya and established rural primary health care clinics with an emphasis in women's health.

## **YOUTH/SCHOOLS: Russ Tuttle, The Stop Trafficking Project**

Russ Tuttle is the director of BeAlert, the prevention and awareness arm of The Stop Trafficking Project. The primary method of implementation of BeAlert is through presentations designed to educate and empower students and guide adults from awareness to action. The BeAlert strategy has a proven impact in a variety of settings. Mr. Tuttle uses his strengths of communication, leadership, team development and compassion to combat the crisis of domestic minor sex trafficking (DMST). He brings 30 years of passion and experience in the not-for-profit world to The Stop Trafficking Project team and is the primary communicator of the program's vision and mission. He is also an active member of several coalitions and task forces in Kansas and Missouri. Mr. Tuttle spent much of his childhood and teenage years in India, an upbringing that inspired him to serve and help others.

# CLOSING REMARKS

2:45 - 3:00 p.m.

## **Christine McDonald: survivor, leader, advocate**

Christine C. McDonald is an internationally recognized author, speaker and consultant, known for her unique ability to construct conversations and ignite change for under-served and marginalized populations. Ms. McDonald experienced two decades of homelessness, addiction, human trafficking, commercial sexual exploitation, 103 arrests and 7 prison sentences. These life experiences have positioned her to inform and improve individual and systemic responses to these complex challenges. Ms. McDonald has received numerous honors and awards, including the 2009 Inspiring Change Honor, the 2010 Ex-Offender of the Year Award from the Kansas City Crime Commission and The Second Chance Foundation, the 2014 Missouri Abolitionist of the Year Award and the 2015 Missouri Champion from the Missouri Mental Health Foundation for her work. Ms. McDonald has presented over 150 keynote speeches, facilitated 50 workshops, provided legislative testimony on numerous occasions and shared more than 100 inspirational and faith presentations. She is a member of the Missouri Attorney General's Human Trafficking Task Force, the Supreme Court Commission on Human Trafficking and is the director of Christine's Place in partnership with Relentless Pursuit and the E3 Foundation.

# HELPFUL RESOURCES

## **Missouri**

**Missouri Coalition Against  
Domestic and Sexual Violence**  
573-634-4161  
[www.mocadsv.org](http://www.mocadsv.org)

**Stop Human Trafficking  
Coalition of Central Missouri**  
866-590-5959  
[stophumantraffickingmo.com](http://stophumantraffickingmo.com)

## **National**

**National Human Trafficking Hotline**  
888-373-7888  
TTY: 711  
Text: 233733  
[humantraffickinghotline.org](http://humantraffickinghotline.org)  
Chat available on website

**National Domestic Violence Hotline**  
800-799-7233  
TTY: 800-787-3224  
[thehotline.org](http://thehotline.org)  
Chat available on website

**Deaf Crisis Line**  
Video: 321-800-3323  
Text: HAND to 839863

**National Sexual Assault Hotline**  
800-656-4673  
[rainn.org](http://rainn.org)  
Chat available on website