

# Mich's PROMISE



Seek Justice Love Mercy Walk Humbly

2019

## A Word from the Executive Director

Dear Freedom Fighters,

I would like to begin by thanking all of you for engaging in the fight to end Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking! The Lord has been busy and 2019 was a whirlwind of good things happening for and through Micah's Promise. There is not enough space for me to tell you about all of it, so I will start with the blessing of meeting with First Lady of Georgia, Marty Kemp. What a surprise to learn that our Governors wife is a regular person like you and I. Even better still, she is as passionate as we are about the issue of DMST and leading Georgia to do better for our children. We believe there will be future collaboration and increased awareness and anti-trafficking action through her creation of the GRACE Commission.

We have also continued to partner and collaborate within our community to bring evidence based and trauma informed trainings on the issue of DMST in different venues. We are especially grateful to the different churches, sororities, civic organizations, state agencies, and coalitions that have provided us these opportunities.

We are super grateful for the generosity of the philanthropic community in Columbus as well as the individuals who listened to the Lord and provided and continue to provide financial support. We have raised \$1,455,000 of the \$1,850,000 we need to build and staff our therapeutic treatment facility. WOW, right?!! Though we still have goals to reach and surpass we will celebrate 2019 as a year of many high fives in the fight against DMST and the Restoration for Stolen Childhoods!!

Blessings,



Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9

## What your investments have provided

**5** interviews with the media



\$1.5 million raised for the Capital Campaign

**2** meetings with the First Lady of Georgia

**2** college interns



over 400 runners at the Jingle Run for Freedom

**3422** people reached through community events, trainings & presentations

**18** presentations given on DMST & Micah's Promise

**178** kids reached through #NotaNumber

**20** DMST 101 trainings held

## Survivor Story

Jessica was born in Louisiana, but she didn't stay there long. In fact, she never stayed anywhere long. Her mother moved constantly, stringing Jessica's childhood through different towns, cities, and states. Jessica didn't know her father at all. She saw him just once. Because they never put roots down, Jessica never had things that are staples in most homes – a room of her own, a mattress. For a time, she and her mother were even homeless. Jessica's mom did what she could to bring in a few dollars. Sometimes her mother brought a man home for the night. Some nights she didn't come home at all.

They moved to Atlanta when Jessica was ten. Soon after, her mother left her with a nineteen-year-old male babysitter named Ervin. It was the beginning of a nightmare. Ervin molested her sexually, then threatened to hurt her if she ever told anyone. Confused and scared, Jessica kept quiet. The abuse continued for the next two years.

When Jessica was twelve, her drug-addicted mother disappeared. It was not unusual for her mother to not come back at night, but this time she did not come back at all. Jessica didn't know what to do. Ervin told her how she could make some cash. He introduced her to an old man. Desperate and knowing she needed money to survive, she agreed to sleep with him.

Ervin soon became Jessica's pimp. He controlled who she had sex with and when, where she lived, and the money she earned. It was a miserable life for a young [child], but Jessica saw no options. She had no family or friends to help her. She was trapped.

In 2010, when Jessica was fifteen, the nightmare took an even darker turn. A "client" who Ervin arranged for her turned out to be an undercover policeman. She was arrested and put in a juvenile detention facility – all for a crime [that was committed against her]. The judge gave her two choices: jail or a program for young women called Wellspring Living. Scared and numb, she chose the program.

Excerpt from "The White Umbrella" by Mary Frances Bowley

(Jessica ultimately found hope & healing through the therapeutic program at Wellspring Living in Atlanta, Georgia. )

# Micah's Promise in Action



# Mission

To provide transformational life-change to survivors of domestic minor sex trafficking & build a supportive community for reintegration.

# Vision

We are dedicated to eradicating the issue of  
Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking

# Our Values

Community Action

Truth

Freedom

Restoration