**Statistical Information;**

14 years old -average age of domestic minor sex trafficking victim. 97% female and 3% male

Georgia Cares 2015; Served 422 Youth, Received over 610 hotline calls. Referrals for youth have tripled since 2009. Since 2009, over 1,380 referrals of youth in 91 counties in Georgia. 11 months a victim has been in the life by the time referred to Georgia Cares

100 girls are sold up to 10 times per night in Atlanta

At any given time, More than 100,000 children are currently trafficked for sex in the U.S.

Between 244,000 and 325,000 children are at risk of sex trafficking in the U.S.

7 years average life expectancy of a child sex trafficking victim

20.9 million Victims of human trafficking globally – 26% are children

Between 2003 and 2007 the underground sex industry in Atlanta has grown by 22%

1 of every 4 girls and 1 of every 6 boys are sexually abused, most by someone they know

70% of victims reported having experienced physical or sexual abuse in their homes

78% of victims exploited through prostitution had run away four or more times in the past year

57% of victims had been raped before they were trafficked

FBI ranks Atlanta among the top 14 Cities known as center for sexual exploitation

Backpage.com is a $27 Million industry and is where most victims are advertised

The International labor organization estimates that forced labor and human trafficking is a $150 Billion Industry worldwide.

Pimps make up to $32,833 cash per week

Porn industry is a $57 billion revenue worldwide with $12 Billion from the US. More than all combined revenues of all professional football, baseball and basketball franchises or the combines revenue of ABC, CBS and NBC

Shared Hope case study of 134 Traffickers; 113 guilty with 26% serving no time, 69% sentences suspended, Average time sentenced 3 years, average time served 1.5 years, average probation time 2.2 years.

Human trafficking is the 2nd largest criminal industry in the world, second only to the drug trade.

Human trafficking is one of the fastest growing criminal enterprises because it holds relatively low risk with high profit potential. Criminal organization are increasingly attracted to human trafficking because, unlike drugs, humans can be sold repeatedly

**Quotes;**

“I was raped 43,200. Up to 30 men per day, 7 days a week for 4 years” – 12 year old victim. Her trafficker was 22 years old. I started at 10 a.m. and finished at midnight. Some men would laugh at me because I was crying. I had to close my eyes so that I wouldn’t see what they were doing to me, so that I wouldn’t feel anything.” He started beating me with a chain all over my body. He punched me with his fist, kicked me, pulled my hair, spit in my face, and burned me with a curling iron. All because a John/Buyer gave me a hickey.”

“I accepted a job as a nanny; instead, I was locked in the room above the garage and was beaten and raped repeatedly by the husband and his friends.”

“What I would want any law enforcement, cop, probation officer, or any judge to know is I’m more than just a stereotype they saw. I am more than just a junkie, a ho on the street. I am more than just a dead beat mom. I was on the street looking for help, looking for love, looking to be protected.” Under-age victim

“He did all these nice things for me and it made me love him even more” Trafficking Survivor

“It is impossible to protect all girls from guys like I was because that’s what we do. We eat, drink and sleep thinking of ways to trick young girls into doing what we what them to do.” Former Pimp

“You ain’t a person to me. You’re a dollar sign. You’re a product. You’re merchandise. Once you step into this world, you don’t have a name anymore. I don’t give a damn about you. I give a damn about what I can get out of you.” Former Pimp

“America’s response to trafficking today reflects the growing awareness and efforts of many stakeholders. We have seen changes to the way we investigate cases, prosecute offenders and respond to victims. Our response has developed strategically and collaboratively. I believe continue cooperation between law enforcement, service providers, the faith-based community and other professionals in our fight for justice.” Linda Smith, President and Founder Shared Hope International

“I was 14 when I met my “boyfriend” who turned out to be a pimp. Once I realized that I had been tricked and that he meant to put me into prostitution I started creating a plan to run away. I don’t know how he knew but later that night he told me to get in the car and he drove me into another neighborhood. At the end of the street he stopped in front of a house that was on fire and said, “I did this and if you ever try to run away I will burn your parents alive in the middle of the night.” After that I did whatever he said and never tried to leave.” Trafficking Survivor

“Why would I sell drugs when I can sell a girl 10 times per night? I only sell drugs once.” Former Drug dealer now Trafficker

“These are not just poor girls. There were four girls from Berkeley.” Actress/Producer Jada Pinkett Smith

“There was this one girl on Old National Highway, She was 14 years old. She was lost. I ask the trafficker why sell this child. The trafficker said because she can be sold multiple times per night.” Horace Roberts Criminal Investigation Division Special Operation

“I was taken to the Super Bowl by my pimp. He sold me to tourist who came to watch a football game, have a good time with friends and pay for sex. They went home to their families and I was arrested for prostitution.” “I spend my 15th Birthday in jail.” 15 year old victim