**Faith-based Model 17**

**Shared Hope International, Out of State**

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**Faith-based Model (Out of State): Churches Against Trafficking**

**Mission:** to eradicate sex trafficking!

**Their Story:**

Their story begins in 1998 when U.S. Congresswoman Linda Smith traveled into the heart of the brothel district in Mumbai, India where she witnessed the brutal exploitation and sexual slavery of women and children. She established Shared Hope International to rescue and restore women and children enslaved in sex trafficking.

**Their Impact:**

Our constant efforts to bring an end to sex trafficking has led us through successes in prevention, mercy through restoration, awareness and the seeking of justice.

**Their Approach:** Shared Hope International is dedicated to bringing an end to sex trafficking through our three-prong approach: Prevent, Restore and Bring Justice

**Prevent:**

**Training:**

We equip first responders and community members to identify warning signs of trafficking and employ intervention techniques to rescue child trafficking victims.

**Awareness:**

We advance the prioritization of ending child sex slavery by initiating campaigns that raise alarm in communities.

**Collaboration:**

We share our expertise and resources to accelerate solutions to combat sexual exploitation.

Restore:

**Programs:**

We support safe homes, medical care, education, vocational training, therapy, and outreach and intervention services for survivors.

**Partners:**

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**Stories of Hope:**

Survivors of trafficking share their story to encourage others to seek healing and advocate for justice.

Bring Justice:

**State Laws:**

The Protected Innocence Challenge grades each state on the strength of its laws addressing child sex trafficking and produces legal analysis for stakeholders.

**Access to Services:**

Through research, advocacy and collaboration, the JuST Response project works to improve protections and access to trauma-informed, specialized services for juvenile sex trafficking victims.

**Ending Online Facilitation:**

Shared Hope’s research and advocacy targeted at eliminating the facilitation of child sex trafficking online.

**Past Events: Intersecting Crime Victims with Their Faith Community:**

**Just Faith Summit: Check out this year’s event in Minniapolis, next event in 2020.**

[**http://www.justconference.org/faith-summit/**](http://www.justconference.org/faith-summit/)

**Resources: https://sharedhope.org/resources/**

Faith Action Kit:

This package designed to equip church leaders with the most comprehensive array of tools to raise awareness in their communities.

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