

SPEAKER SERIES



THE COVERING HOUSE

SAFETY. DIGNITY. FREEDOM.

The Covering House provides therapeutic recovery services to survivors of child sex trafficking. Services are offered in their residential facility and in client homes over the course of 12-15 months.

The Covering House provides residential housing for minor survivors of sex trafficking, operating a long-term therapeutic home. They also work with youth and adults in the community to provide counseling, educational, and supportive services.

SPEAKER

JESSICA WILKINS

LMSW currently serves as the Administrator of Community Based Services at The Covering House, where she is tasked with building, implementing, and overseeing programs to raise awareness of commercial sexual exploitation of children and reducing the risk of kids falling into trafficking through community engagement. She has provided education and general knowledge of commercial sexual exploitation to students, parents, and staff all over Missouri and even Pensacola, FL. Jessica holds both a bachelor's and master's degree in social work and has used her knowledge to serve the St. Louis area and beyond for the last 8 years.

Resources to Learn More

Books

Renting Lacy by Linda Smith w/Cindy Coloma

Girls Like Us by Rachel Lloyd

White Umbrella by Mary Frances Bowley

The Slave Across the Street by Theresa L. Flores

TV/Film

Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: Season 16, Episode 15

Trust - starring Clive Owen and Catherine Keener

I Am Jane Doe - documentary that features a young lady from the Ferguson area (Currently on Netflix)

Online

Myths Facts and Statistics

polarisproject.org/myths-facts-and-statistics

Ways to Get Involved

Time: Volunteers welcomed for agency events/committees, office assistance, Stock our Shelves, KITE (Kids Impacted Through Empowerment), Mentor Program, FAST (Fellas Against Sex Trafficking)

Resources/Give: Attend annual fundraising events, Quilt Square Society (Monthly Giving Campaign)

Awareness: Learn more on the issue and encourage others to do the same, denounce the buying and selling of other human beings, write a letter to your legislator, speak out against insensitive conversation/jokes, create spaces for people to learn and change ideas/misconceptions

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