



Kathy Givens
Community Advocate, TX

Kathy serves as the Community Advocate of Street Grace Texas. She is a mother, author, playwright and survivor of sex-trafficking. After many years of living in silence, Kathy decided to journal what happened to her as a way of dealing with the surreal experience. That journal became a book. That book became a stage play. Thus, she mustered the strength to join the movement against sex trafficking. Partnering with several nonprofit organizations, Kathy's goal is to raise awareness, fight for those who are being trafficked, mentor those who have overcome it and help other survivors share their stories.

She is now using her voice to inspire others to take action against such a horrible atrocity. She has spoken to faith-based organizations, students, medical professionals, and politicians. In 2018, Kathy was invited into The Oval Office to witness FOSTA-SESTA be signed into law. Her story was also read on the House floor.

During her time as a Program Director, Kathy developed a trauma-informed restorative care program for adult survivors of human trafficking. Kathy has dedicated her life to following the principles and beliefs instilled by her mother: Stand for what is right. Speak up about what is not.

"I don't believe my escape was just for me. By the grace of God, I can now go back and be a light in the darkness for others to find their way out too."- Kathy Givens

About Street Grace:

Street Grace is a faith-based organization that utilizes evidence-based demand reduction strategies to eradicate the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) through **prevention/ protection, policy and pursuit.**

CSEC is sexual activity with a child in exchange for something of value given to the child or a third person.