



Heather Stockdale
Director of Operations

Heather's professional experience and expertise within the Trafficking and Youth Development fields serve her vision to pursue strategies that support holistic health and growth of youth while also building capacity to support communities in the fight against Human Trafficking.

Stockdale has been instrumental in anti-trafficking initiatives since 2009, working with federal partners, law enforcement, prosecutors, medical providers, and youth serving agencies nationally to forge multi-disciplinary partnerships. Stockdale's passion for child advocacy, youth development and policy began during her time working under the Office of the Child Advocate. Her aspirations and dedication to these areas later led her to a career at the Governor's Office for Children and Families (GOCF). At GOCF, she was named the Director of the Statewide Task Force on Commercial Sexual Exploitation, led the State's Trafficking initiatives, and served as the Division Administrator of Youth Development. During her tenure for State Government, Stockdale was a founding member of Georgia Care Connection Office Inc., where she served on the Board of Directors. She was then nominated and appointed by the Board to serve as the Executive Director of Georgia Cares in December 2013. Stockdale served as the CEO of Georgia Cares for 7 years until joining the Street Grace team. In her role at Street Grace, a passion for child advocacy, policy, social justice, and innovative solutions are joined in the fight to end modern day slavery.

Throughout her career, Stockdale has been the recipient of several awards including Atlanta's top 30 under 30 Nonprofit Leader in 2016 and the League of Women Voter's Bright Star award in 2019. She has been able to present at numerous conferences and events across the country in an effort to educate the public on the issue of child trafficking. Additionally, she received her advanced certification in both Program Management and Human Trafficking in 2020. Ms. Stockdale serves on several advisory boards and groups for trafficking and youth related issues, is a member of the Junior League of Atlanta, and is a proud graduate of the University of Georgia.

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.