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THE RED CORD NEWSLETTER



Greetings Red Cord Subscribers!

November was a new and exciting month for The Red Cord!

Here are some highlights:

- *Cement Public Schools became the first school in Southwest Oklahoma to have their students trained through Unlock Freedom!!! Way to go, Cement!*
- *We are so grateful to Duncan Public schools for hosting us twice - once for teachers and once for parents. Informing our adults is crucial in this fight!*
- *We were able to bring Fight the New Drugs amazing series, "Brain, Heart, World" to Lawton! Thanks to all who showed up!*



The Gift of Dignity

December is a season marked with the joys of gift giving and receiving. We take this time to reflect on our blessings, and look forward to the ones to come, as we celebrate with our family and friends.

This month, The Red Cord's theme is The Gift of Dignity. Human dignity is the acknowledgement of the intrinsic value of every human being. We are all endowed with certain rights and we believe protecting these are important. But victims of human trafficking have been stripped of this gift and have been forced to forget that they have value and worth. Many believe the lies traffickers tell them and are unable to see the beauty of the holidays because of that.

This season, The Red Cord would like to focus on restoring dignity back to our survivors. This month, we will be promoting donations for RISE - Oklahoma's only youth shelter for human trafficking victims. Please consider supporting RISE this season as they faithfully continue to service Oklahoma's sex trafficked youth.

<https://squareup.com/store/rise-corp/>

Each dollar given helps restore the gift of dignity, healing, and love back to our most vulnerable population - our children. Please visit RISE's website to view their current tangible item needs as well.

Thank you for your generous heart and your willingness to impact the lives of others.

Happy Holidays from The Red Cord Team

A look back at Freedom Gala 2019

Our last Freedom Gala was an amazing night, filled with great food, fun prizes, and an inspiring guest speaker, Jaco Booyens.

Are you ready for the next one?!

Get your tickets today for Freedom Gala 2020 before they are gone!

Order here <http://theredcord.org/>



The end of the year is coming and we are a 501c3 for those looking for tax-deductible charities!

Click below:

<https://secure.processdonation.org/theredcord/Donation.aspx?donationrefid=F98CJ6689698E>

Monthly Milestone:

We were able to share *Unlock Freedom's* curriculum with Cement Public School students! Let's go, Bulldogs!



The Freedom Gala is getting closer! Have you secured your tickets?



Tim is a former homeland security operative, with almost two decades of federal law enforcement experience. In 2013, Tim left the government and founded his own task force that serves in the intel gathering, baiting, and capturing of traffickers around the world. To date, Tim's organization has rescued over 3,000 children and led to the arrest and sentencing of 1,292 traffickers. He was recently appointed, by the White House, to the Private - Public Counsel to End Human Trafficking. Tim is also the CEO of *The Nazarene Fund*.

This year, we are offering a select amount of *VIP* opportunities to meet Tim Ballard before the program.

We have 1 Platinum and 2 Golds left!

For more information on becoming a sponsor, securing your VIP spot, or buying tickets, please visit our website at theredcord.org

We still have tickets available!

<https://secure.processdonation.org/theredcord/events.aspx?eventRefID=7DDBHCJ97DJ62F1>

Have you been catching our podcasts?
Check out our monthly podcast, *Action
is the Antidote*, hosted by TRC's
Brandon Radaker!

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8DzytpendZSQJP_75LRKgA/featured

Pornography is often referred to as the "gateway" drug to purchasing sex. It is highly addictive and attacks the brain the same way as heroin, cocaine, and meth.

If you or someone you know is struggling with porn addiction, there is hope for
breaking free!

It is never too late to retrain your brain. Check out Fortify for assistance in your journey!

<https://www.joinfortify.com>

~ Fact of the Month ~

Human trafficking is the fastest growing crime in the world. -

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Abolitionist Corner

"Highlighting the Fighters of the Past and Present"



Laura Anyola Tufon



Not much is known about the early years of Laura Anyola Tufon. Growing up in the war-torn cities of Cameroon, Tufon was lost to the world during her childhood. She graduated high school and modestly continued her education at university the following year. Her focus, during her early adult life, was on human rights and how to implement them into her country's system.

As she grew older, Tufon began to view how other areas of the world had fought for their fundamental rights and how peaceful they were compared to her Cameroon. She decided then that she was going to make a difference – she was going to change her country.

Cameroon is a challenging environment in which to combat modern-day slavery. Various issues combine to create populations vulnerable to human trafficking; these include poverty, cultural factors, and other societal issues such as various traditions.

Tufon's organization, Bamenda Archdiocesan Justice and Peace Commission (based within the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Bamenda), was started in 2002. She was appointed as the Coordinator at that time. Despite working on a variety of human rights-type issues within Cameroon, Tufon has

made it a priority to combat human trafficking, and the exploitation of children.

In 2009 the organization founded a program of prevention, enabling a community to come together and support at-risk children. Additionally, the community-based program was meant to stop survivors from being re-trafficked. She has continually engaged with victims and provided support and services as necessary.

In 2013, almost 300 victims and families had received some form of assistance or education because of her organization's efforts within the legal system to provide remuneration and compensation to trafficking survivors. In the year of 2012, she was able to help identify 80 victims, and provided assistance to over 100. She has not only tirelessly provided assistance to victims, but her organization continues to advocate at a policy-level for better implementation of the laws, including the prosecution of more traffickers. In 2013, Tufon was given a *Hero Acting to End Modern Slavery Award* in recognition of her efforts to combat trafficking.

In the 2014 TIP (Trafficking In Persons) Report, Cameroon is listed as a Tier 2 country. It is a source, destination, and transit country for sex trafficking, and a source country for forced labor. Men are trafficked in forced labor situations throughout Europe, and Cameroonian women and children are trafficked internally and abroad for sexual purposes.

While the government does prosecute traffickers, it has a long way to go concerning the amount of services and support available to victims. Though Tufon has been threatened with multiple death threats for her work rescuing slaves, she continues to fight on. She spends a lot of her time speaking on the necessity for concerted and heightened media engagement in the current drive to stem the tides of modern forms of slavery in the Cameroonian society.

Many Cameroonian girls are trafficked to Kuwait and Lebanon, or used as sex slaves and servants in the North Westerner (regional term) area of Cameroon. "Nobody consents to be abused," Tufon stated at a journalist conference in Cameroon in 2014. Regardless of where you are born or what social status you have, Tufon spreads the message that we are all equal and deserving of human dignity above all else. "We need more people speaking up and taking action to fight this problem in the Cameroon and in the world."

In 2019, Tufon is still working to fight the evil hand of human trafficking in her home country of Cameroon. Though her efforts are not widely known, she is one of the many, modern-day abolitionists who are making a difference in our world one life at a time.

Spotlight Resources

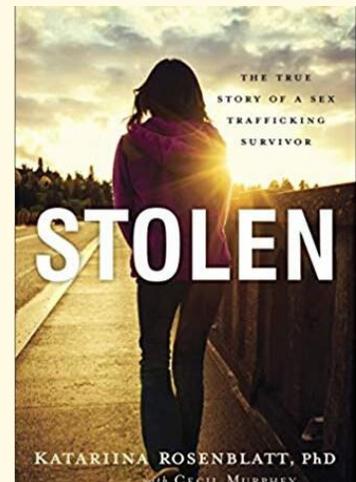
"17-YEAR-OLD: How I Escaped an International Trafficking Ring"
(Article)



"We are Thorn."
(Video)



"Stolen: The True Story of a Sex Trafficking Survivor"
(Book)



Our next general meeting is Sunday,
December 8th, at 6PM.

Hilton Garden Inn. Lawton, OK



"The Gift of Dignity."

Are you interested in joining The Red Cord Team? Would you like to know how you can help combat human trafficking in Oklahoma? Take the next step and come see us! If you have a skill, platform, or a heart to serve, The Red Cord might be perfect for you.