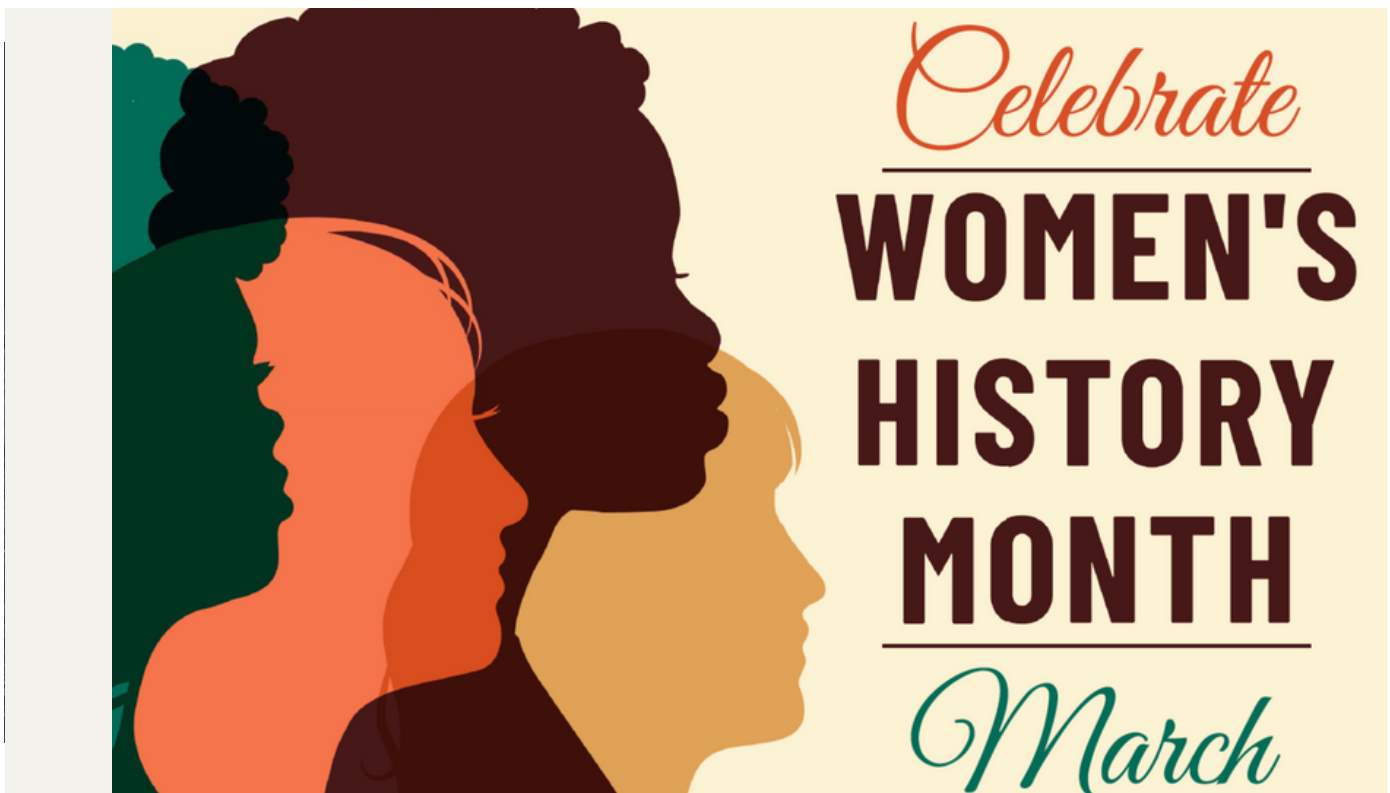


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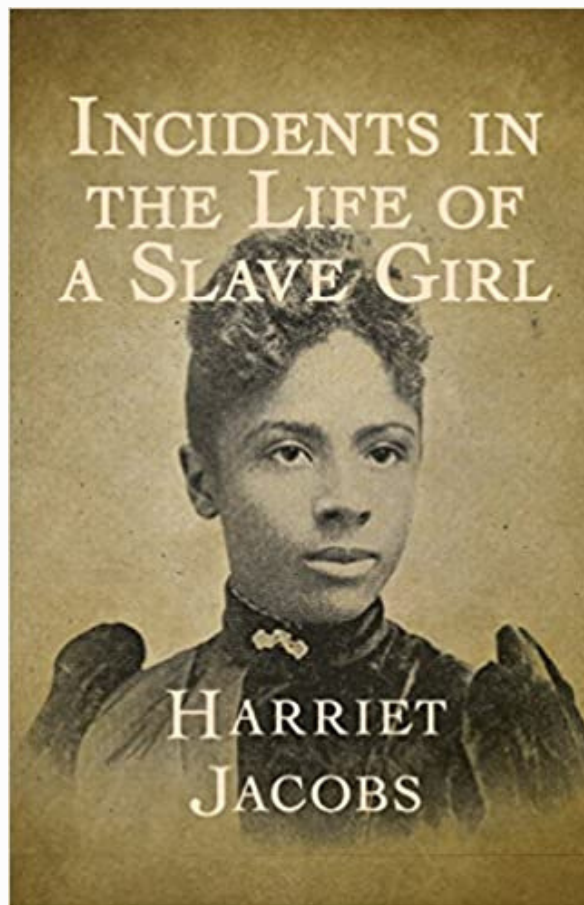
Monthly Newsletter of the Red Cord



HOW TO BE FIERCE AND FREE

"WOMEN FROM THE PAST TEACH US ABOUT FIERCENESS AND SHARING THEIR VISION FOR FREEDOM," SAYS PRESIDENT OF THE RED CORD, AHSHA MORIN. "WE CAN LEARN ABOUT THE AMAZING WOMEN WHO HAVE FOUGHT FOR FREEDOM IN HISTORY AND TODAY CAN HELP KEEP OUR VISION FORWARD TO CONTINUE THE FIGHT! DURING THE ATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE AND THE DAYS OF THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD WE WITNESSED THEIR STRENGTH, VISION, AND PURE DETERMINATION IT TOOK TO FREE SLAVES EVEN AT THE COST OF LOSING THEIR LIVES. THOSE WOMEN SAW A VISION OF FREEDOM FARTHER IN THE FUTURE THAN JUST THE CURRENT TIME THEY LIVED. THEY UNDERSTOOD THAT IF THEY DID NOT RISE TO THE CALL OF FIGHTING THEN, OUR FUTURE WOULD LOOK VERY DIFFERENT THAN IT DOES TODAY. LEARNING ABOUT THE WOMEN ABOLITIONIST OF THE PAST HELP OUR CURRENT FEMALE FIGHTERS STAY STEADFAST TO THE MISSION OF FREEING ALL THOSE IN BONDAGE. THOUGH SLAVERY LOOKS DIFFERENT TODAY THAN IT DID IN CENTURIES PAST, THE FIGHT AND VISION IS STILL THE SAME.... ALL HUMANS SHOULD BE TREATED WITH DIGNITY AND LIVE IN COMPLETE FREEDOM."

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Voices from the Past

During this Women's History month, let's honor the women, past and present, who give voice to the cause of freedom. From the time of slavery in America, you remember the name of Harriet Tubman, but another woman with the same first name you may not know is Harriet Jacobs. This fascinating woman from North Carolina endured slavery and sexual harassment. She escaped but stayed hidden in horrible conditions for seven years. Over time, she finally gained her freedom, began a school and wrote her powerful autobiography, *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl*, published in 1861, that detailed her life and captured the horror of slavery for so many.

Sounding the Message Today

Slavery continues today, although it looks much different. Women make up 49% of all trafficking victims. Additionally, girls make up 23% of the total number. Sexual exploitation has a global share of 59%, followed by forced labor (34%). In the past 15 years, women and girls together represent more than 70% of the identified trafficking victims. (Source: UN)

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CONQUERED.

- HARRIET JACOBS -

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For nearly six years, Rebecca Bender was trapped in the dark, violent world of sex trafficking. When she escaped her trafficker, she knew she wanted to fight to change culture and offer hope to survivors, so she launched Elevate Academy. It is currently the largest online school for human trafficking survivors in the world. She works closely with the Oregon Department of Justice and is a leading voice in the fight against trafficking nationally. Find out more about Rebecca:

<https://www.rebeccabender.org/>



HOW TO BE FIERCE AND FREE (CONT.)

Being Fierce and Free Today

·How can you be a voice for the enslaved and shape history as a freedom fighter?

Learn more and get involved here in southwest Oklahoma:

<https://theredcord.org/upcoming/>

·Be a prayer warrior --

<https://theredcord.org/prayer/>

·Join our Text to Pray team. Receive a prayer alert when prayer is urgently needed.

Register your phone number:

<https://verified-broadcast-9201-5jcrmm.twil.io/subscribe.html>

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March Blog – Women's History Month

Ahsha Morin, The Red Cord President



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A Fight for the Future

When I think of a woman with great strength and stubbornness, I think of my mother who has had the most influence on me. Many women I have come in contact with have given me strength and insight of what it means to be a wife, daughter, friend, abolitionist, lover, fighter, and prayer warrior. I think of women who have supported me through very dark and trying times in life and those that I have been blessed to support during their dark times. We all influence each other with grace and patience, support, and truth, understanding and prayer. We all fight battles. How can we be a positive influence for each other to build each other up? It is a fight we must continue for our future daughters. Not just for freedom from bondage, but freedom to be ourselves!

We need to continue this legacy of freedom by educating our daughters about the tactics of human trafficking and how society views women.

We must teach them the power they hold to make a change for the future generations for complete freedom. We need freedom from an oversexualized culture that targets our young girls to exploit their own bodies for acceptance and praise.

We need strong female adult role models that can be open and honest with future female generations about the positive and negative experiences they have encountered about sex and relationships. Their leadership will allow younger girls to ask questions and understand what previous generations have had to encounter. This will fan the flame and fight for freedom and help instill resilience to carry on the fight!



Here is what we did together in February:

- **Bray-Doyle -- Teacher educator training**
- **Lawton Public School --Discussion panel, Mental Health Focus.**

COMING THIS MONTH:

- **Ft. Sill -- Human trafficking training with SHARP**
- Red Cord Team Building -- CPR training**