

SEPT 2023

THE RED CORD

ISAIAH 61:1



RISE UP!

“Rise up; this matter is in your hands. We will support you, so take courage and do it.”

Ezra 10:4

Rise Up! It’s the theme of this year’s Red Cord Freedom Gala. But more than that, it’s an encouragement for all of us to take our responsibility seriously to **Rise Up** against the evils of human trafficking.

But how do we do that? How do we put knowledge into action?

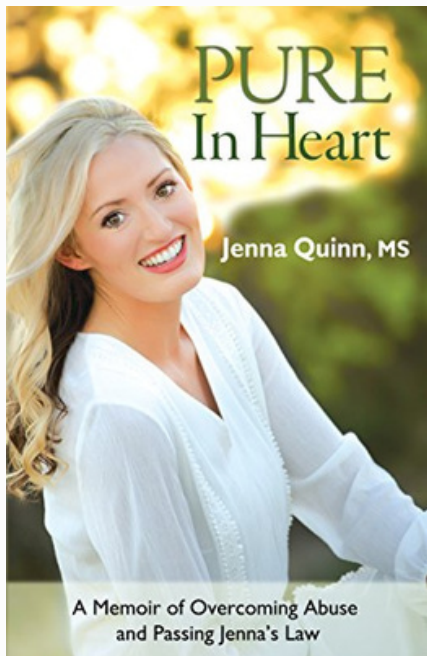
At the Gala, on September 30th, that will be the central question that will be addressed. Answers will be offered through the messages of the speakers, through opportunities to invest in the work and through accepting the personal challenge to make a difference right where we are.

Noted anti-trafficking advocates, Jenna Quinn and Jason and Kristin Weiss, will offer personal stories and specific calls-to-action for all of us.

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AND I'M NOT AFRAID ANYMORE."***

***JENNA QUINN
TRAFFICKING SURVIRO***



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Jenna Quinn, a human trafficking survivor, will share her story of the power of God. She has been a guest on Joko Booyons podcast, The Bottom Line. In episode # 52, Jenna says, "I'm free! I use to be afraid of the dark. But I know the One who created the light and I'm not afraid anymore." Jenna shares her journey in her book **Pure In Heart: A Memoir of Overcoming Abuse and Passing Jenna's Law**. Find out more about Jenna at <https://jennaquinn.net/> Listen to The Bottom Line podcast featuring Jenna: <https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/jacoboooyens/episodes/Ep52-Speak-Up-And-Dont-Be-Silent---The-Bottom-Line-e1v1c50>

In 2013, Jason and Kristin Weis founded The Demand Project in Jenks, Oklahoma. This organization addresses the multifaceted fight against human trafficking and the commercial sexual exploitation of children. They started an organization that not only addressed the crimes against children by partnering with law enforcement, but also the prevention of victimization through education, and the restoration journey for survivors. Learn more about The Demand Project <https://thedemandproject.org/>

The Demand Project website lists some practical ways for us to **Rise Up**. Please read this month's blog to discover ways The Red Cord needs your help. (cont.)



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One of those ways to offer much needed support is through donations. And a fun way to do that is through participating at the auction at the Freedom Gala. Some of the auction items available include:

- InvisaWear necklace, with subscription
- Wine basket
- StarFish Jewelry
- TRC Merch basket
- Human Trafficking books
- Cole Street Cafe
- 180 Restorations
- Diamond Defense: his and hers gun range package

We still have more coming in!

We look forward to seeing you on September 30th as we Rise Up! together.



September 2023 Blog

Ahsha Morin, The Red Cord President

Rise Up and Make a Difference Today



At the Gala this month and throughout the year, we seek to inspire you to **rise up** and make a difference in your sphere of influence. We recognize it is time that we all take a stand against those who seek to harm our most vulnerable and exploit them at the expense of their human rights. You have the power to be a light in the darkness.

We always have opportunities for you to **rise up**.

Click here to see the ongoing list of needs: <https://theredcord.org/get-involved-2/> The list includes: sending donations; attending a training, reading this blog every month, following us on social media, and praying often and specifically.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ahsha Morin".

We have an immediate need for Volunteer Trainers. This is your opportunity to bring awareness directly to our community.

Responsibilities include:

Public speaking experience preferred: to a range of ages and backgrounds.

- Learning as much as possible about all areas of human trafficking.
- Being comfortable discussing hard to hear information and the response from listeners.
- Having day time availability (preferred) for trainings. Approximately 2-8 hours a month.

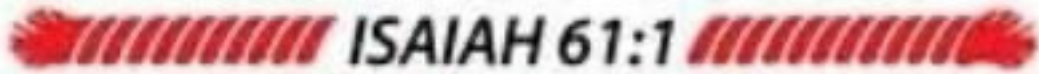
Steps of Training Procedures

- 1.Complete background check (\$20)
- 2.Set up face to face meeting time and location.
- 3.Training practice with PowerPoint presentation
- 4.Order training t-shirt (\$20)
- 5.Perform training with a seasoned trainer.
- 6.Learn other presentations if desired.

Please contact me if you are interested or if you have questions. By Email: redcord@theredcord.org or by phone: 405-294-2727

Thank you for taking seriously the opportunities available be involved. Thank you for taking seriously the scripture: "Rise up; this matter is in your hands. We will support you, so take courage and do it." Ezra 10:4

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**Uniting SW Oklahoma Against
Human Trafficking**



**Monthly Community Training,
Tuesday, September 19 6:30 – 7:30 pm,
Fort Sill Federal Credit Union,
1614 NW 67th St, Lawton**

**The Red Cord Freedom Gala,
Saturday, September 30, 4:00 – 9:00pm,
McMahon Centennial Complex
Lawton, OK**