

The Enitan Story
Advocate for Victims. Empower Survivors.



Labor Trafficking Convening

Thursday, May 18, 2023
Blaine, MN
Fire Station

A Bush Foundation Community Innovation Grant

Program of the event



The story behind the "Bag of Hope" is that of one of The Enitan Story's clients who was so grateful that their hopeless situation turned out to become a success.

The client received services at The Enitan Story having never met Ms. Oriola, The Executive Director of the organization nor any of their staff who worked tirelessly to get them the services they needed.

To appreciate Ms. Oriola, this bag was presented to Ms. Oriola as a gift in 2019. Ms. Oriola decided that this would be a bag that carries a lot of messages and therefore would not wear it, but rather, presented to The Enitan Story as a "Bag of Hope" for every client who has and will pass through the organization, giving them hope, regardless of how hopeless their situation might be.

The personalities of Enitan are strength, compassionate, leadership, loving, generous, responsible, humble, charismatic visionary, socially conscious, idealistic, and creative. Therefore, we hope to use these personalities to change the lives of victims and survivors for the better.

Program of the event

8:00 am	Registration
9:00 – 9:30	<p style="text-align: center;">Welcome</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MC - The Enitan Story Secretary, Rita Apaloo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Remarks by Executive Director, The Enitan Story, Bukola Oriola • Remarks by Director, Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), Ms. Kristina Rose • Remarks by Department of State Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Office
	<p>The Enitan Story @ </p>
9:30 – 10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remarks by Board Chairman, The Enitan Story, Yvette Toko
10:00 – 10:30	<p>The Bush Grant Report: Overview & Activities</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Coordinator, The Enitan Story, Osmara Gomez Carnalla
10:30 – 11:30	<p>Panel on Survivor Engagement: A Meaningful Approach to Engaging Survivors as Subject Matter Experts (SMEs)</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honorable Ronny Marty • Honorable Bella Hounakey • Kilomarie Granda • Amanda Colegrove - Moderator
11:30 -12:00	Lunch
12:00 – 1:00	<p>Panel on Labor Trafficking: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Responding to Labor Trafficking</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caroline Palmer, JD. Safe Harbor Director, MDH • Agent Bobbi Jo Pazdernik, DPS Assistant Special Agent In Charge, Predatory Crimes Section, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension • Honorable Ronny Marty, Subject Matter Expert (SME) • Honorable Bella Hounakey, Subject Matter Expert (SME) • Sarah Ladd, JD. Human Trafficking Child Protection Program Coordinator Child Safety and Prevention Unit, DHS – Moderator
1:00 – 1:15	<p>Recommendations from the Bush Grant Report</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Enitan Story Professional Affiliate Fellow, Hubert Humphrey Fellowship program, Officer Peter Metloli (Lesotho)
1:15 – 1:30	Closing
1:30 – 2:00	Networking

Presenters

Honorable Bella Hounakey is a Program Management for ACF's ORR with specific expertise in child welfare, migration, and mental health. Honorable Hounakey has worked with unaccompanied children from Central and South America as well as unaccompanied refugee minors in foster care operations for over seven years. Prior to ORR, Honorable Hounakey was an Asylum Officer with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services under the Department of Homeland Security and a monitoring and evaluation specialist at The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Honorable Hounakey holds a Master's Degree in Social Work from Western Michigan University and a Bachelor's degree in Spanish and Criminal Justice, Western Michigan University.



Honorable Ronny Marty is a Certified Public Accountant, hospitality manager, CEO of Marty Professional Cleaning Services in Florida, USA. Independent anti-human trafficking consultant. Former member of ISTAC International Survivor of Trafficking Advisory Council, former member of the US Advisory Council on Human Trafficking that served for two terms. He has worked and provided recommendations to federal and state agencies, private sector, and NGOs on how to combat Trafficking in Persons.

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Amanda Colegrove is the Safe Harbor Expansion Coordinator for the MN Department of Health. She manages the integration of a response to labor trafficking of youth through age 24 into Minnesota's Safe Harbor Program. She works with state agencies, survivor advisory groups, and tribal nations. Previously, she was the organizer for the Coalition Against Trafficking & Exploitation (CATE) in St. Louis, MO. She coordinated raising public awareness, trained law enforcement, social service providers, and healthcare professionals to recognize human trafficking in their professional setting.



Caroline Palmer, JD, MPH, is the Safe Harbor Director in the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) Violence Prevention Programs Unit. In this role she manages the state's multi-sector response to human trafficking/exploitation (sex and labor), with a focus on youth through age 24. Her responsibilities include grant oversight, program evaluation, technical assistance, training, and policy development. Before joining MDH Caroline served as the Public and Legal Affairs Manager at the Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault for over a decade. She is a Bloomberg American Health Initiative Fellow in the Violence cohort at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

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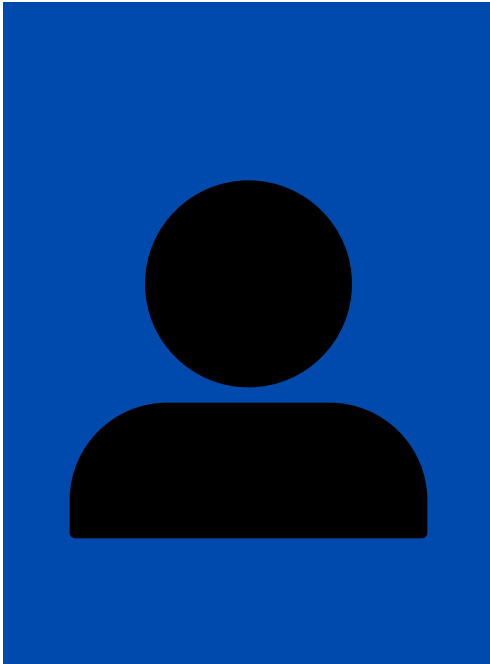


KiloMarie identifies as a bridge-builder, servant leader, and subject matter steward. Their personal change mission is to live humbly, speak honestly, inspire hope, and to share healing. Ms. Granda finds much of her calling and purpose in the following scripture verses; "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; ensure justice for those being crushed. Yes, speak up for the poor and helpless, and see that they get justice." Proverbs 31:8-9 And Do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God"-Micah 6:8.

Sarah Ladd, JD, is the Human Trafficking Child Protection Program Coordinator at the Minnesota Department of Human Services, where she co-leads efforts to improve the child welfare response to trafficking. Sarah is an attorney with over fifteen years of experience working with crime victims, and is on the steering committee of the National Child Welfare Anti-Trafficking Collaborative. She has published two scholarly articles on human trafficking response and is frequently called upon to provide technical assistance and training on trauma-informed, survivor-centered child welfare response to sex and labor trafficking. Sarah is passionate about co-leadership with survivor subject matter experts in the anti-trafficking field and human-centered, racial equity focused public policies, which are the focus areas of the Master of Public Affairs she is earning from the University of Minnesota Humphrey School of Public Affairs (projected 2023).



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SAIC Bobbi Jo Pazdernik of the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension has over 29 years of law enforcement experience, which includes 18 years as an undercover narcotics agent and the last eight years investigating and now supervising the Predatory Crimes Section.

In 2017, SAIC Pazdernik created the statewide MN Human Trafficking Investigators Task Force, which she has built to over 50 members that reach from corner to corner in our state. In 2019, the MN Women's Police Association awarded the Excellence in Performance Award to SAIC Pazdernik for her work in Human Trafficking Investigations.

SAIC Pazdernik received her Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice Leadership from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota.

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The Bush Foundation Community Innovation Grant

“Identifying Labor Trafficked Victims in MN” is a three-year project funded by the Bush Foundation Community Innovation Grant that began during the pandemic in 2020.

The goal of the Bush Foundation Community Innovation Grant is to facilitate the expansion of the MN Safe Harbor Law to include labor trafficking by building upon existing work in the area of labor trafficking. The main purpose is to raise Minnesotan’s consciousness of labor trafficking to the same level as their consciousness on sex trafficking.

“What can the state of MN do to help identify and provide services to victims and survivors of labor trafficking?”
Minnesotans said,

Educate. Fund. and Prosecute.

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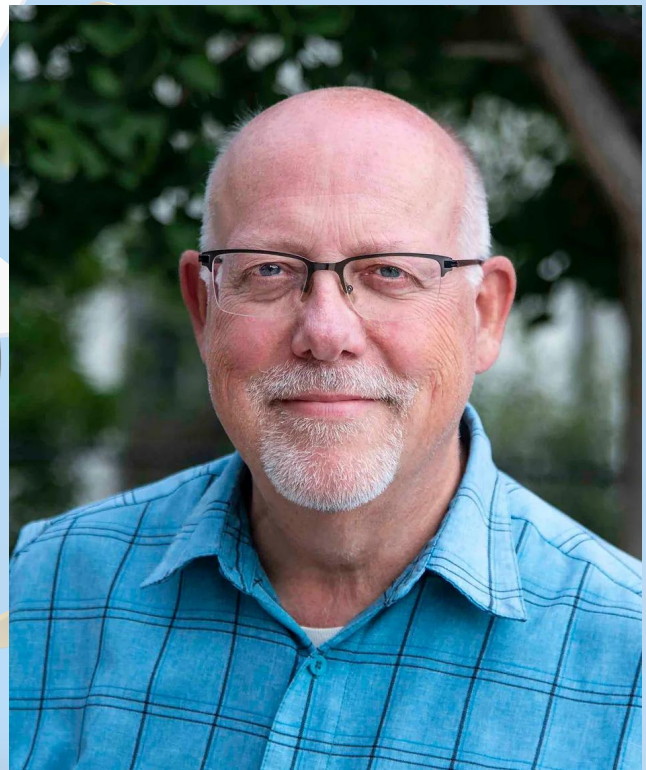
Minnesota can be more intentional about identifying victims and actually create laws and services that will be beneficial for the survivors.

- Culled from TES Labor Trafficking Survey

A report of detailed information will be available in the fall on our website at www.enitan.org.

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We will like to thank our funders in the private and public sectors including individual donors and volunteers who have helped us to fulfil our mission to advocate for victims and empower survivors of human trafficking and domestic violence in the past 10 years.



We will also like to honor our longest serving board member, Reverend Lyndy Zabel who spent 10 years without break until he stepped down recently.

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