Human Trafficking: In Our Own Backyard??

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- A Personal Story – Marta Sicajan, Survivor of Human Trafficking
- SWFL and Human Trafficking – Alex Olivares, SWFL Resource Center on Human Trafficking
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- The Shelter’s Role – Linda Oberhaus, Shelter for Abused Women and Children
- Panel Discussion
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Human Trafficking in the U.S. is on the rise.

- 400% increase in last 4 years
- Next to drug trafficking, it is the most lucrative business in organized crime
- Florida ranks third in the nation in human trafficking
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Panel Member Bios

Linda Oberhaus
- Executive Director, The Shelter for Abused Women and Children since 2007; responsible for management of Shelter and its numerous programs, as well as serving as a voice against domestic violence in community
- Previous Executive Director for Florida's largest domestic violence center in Tampa/Hillsborough County
- 25 years of professional experience in the human services field
- Named 2012 Person of the Year by Naples Daily News Columnist Jeff Lytle; 2009 Power Woman by Florida Weekly; Florida certified auxiliary Deputy Sheriff of Collier County since 2010
- Graduate of Leadership Florida, Leadership Collier and Leadership Hillsborough
- Masters in Social Work from University of South Florida
- Completed programs at the Harvard Kennedy School and Harvard Business School

Rafael (Alex) Olivares
- Coordinator, Human Trafficking Resource Center, Florida Gulf Coast University
- Adjunct professor, College of Arts and Sciences, Criminal Justice Department, Florida Gulf Coast University
- Previous Program Director, Human Trafficking Victims' Counseling Program, Catholic Charities; provided counseling services to more than 85 human trafficking victims
- Chairman, Southwest Florida Regional Human Trafficking Coalition (2011-2013); expanded to various counties and hosted several symposiums on Human Trafficking
- Presented numerous training programs to law enforcement, social services and mental health providers in SWFL
- Master's Degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from Hodges University and clinical psychology degree from Catholic University of Santo Domingo

Marisol Schloendorn
- Victim Advocate, Human Trafficking Unit, Criminal Investigations Division, Collier County Sheriff's Office since 2007
- 2014 Distinguished Services Award for Outstanding Victim Advocate from Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi
- Works on foreign and domestic human trafficking cases; provides services and referrals to victims and family members in homicide cases, death investigations, sexual battery and domestic violence cases
- Developed training and protocol materials on Human Trafficking with Florida Department of Children and Family Services; initiated annual community outreach event “A Day without Slavery”
- Participated in the development of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement basic and advanced training curriculum for law enforcement

Marta Sicajan
- Human trafficking and genocide survivor
- Leads local women's groups to empower and educate members about human rights and human trafficking
- Lucia's Letter, a WGCU radio program based on Marta's life, aired internationally and won a Peabody Award; “Beads of Hope” feature article on life story in éBella magazine
- Spokesperson for Footsteps to the Future, which mentors young women in and aging out of foster care
- Advocate for Miracles in Action, a non-profit group that helps Guatemalans living in extreme poverty
- Artist who sells her beaded handicrafts to help fund a future school in Guatemala for children with special needs