Courtney's House

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Tina Frundt is the founder and director of Courtney’s House. Ms. Frundt, herself a survivor of domestic sex trafficking, now dedicates her life to helping women and children heal from domestic sex trafficking and commercial sex exploitation.

After realizing there was no specialized housing available for sex trafficked children in Washington, D.C., Ms. Frundt founded Courtney’s House in August 2008. Since its inception, Courtney’s House and Ms. Frundt have helped over 500 victims escape from being trafficked. She also trains law enforcement and other non-profit groups to rescue and provide resources to victims. She is also a member of the Washington, D.C. Anti-Trafficking Task Force.

Ms. Frundt has been featured on numerous national television shows and publications, including The Oprah Show, The Montel Williams Show, CNN, and Redbook Magazine. In 2010, she was awarded the Frederick Douglass Award. The award is given to an individual who has survived slavery and is using their life in freedom to help others. She also testified before the U.S. Congress about her own experiences and the need for greater protection and services for trafficked persons.

Frequently Asked Questions

Does Courtney’s House provide housing for the survivors?

While we operate as a drop-in center for survivors to come by to talk, eat, or pick up items from our donation closet, we do not have housing. However we hope to open a group home whenever we gain the necessary funds.

How did Courtney’s House get its name?

Courtney’s House is named after one of Tina’s daughters. When we open a group home it will be named after her other daughter Shae.

Why do you refer to victims as “survivors”?

We believe that every individual who was trafficked is already a survivor because he or she was surviving every single day on the street.

How do the survivors hear about Courtney’s House?

Some of our survivors hear about our services through street outreach and our by survivors for survivors hotline. However, the majority of our survivors are referred by their parents.

If you would like Tina to speak at an event or training session, please fill out the speaker request form on our website.

www.courtneyshouse.org/Speaker_Request.html
Courtney’s House is a 501c(3) non-profit organization that is committed to providing a loving environment for girls and boys who are survivors of sex trafficking. We currently provide services children in the DC, Northern Virginia, and Southern Maryland area.

Our mission is to provide survivor focused, trauma informed, and holistic services to survivors of sex trafficking.

Services
- Intake Assessments
- Survivor & Parent Support Groups
- Intensive Case Management
- Mentoring
- Tutoring
- Survivor Hotline
- Street Outreach

Volunteer Opportunities
- Mentor
- Tutor
- Fun activity coordinator
- Chaperone
- Street Outreach
- Hotline
- Fundraising

What is DMST?
DMST stands for domestic minor sex trafficking. Domestic minor sex trafficking involves American and lawful permanent residents children/adolescents who are used in the commercial sex industry and are under 18 years of age at the time of victimization.

According to the Federal Trafficking Victims Protection Act “sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has attained 18 years of age” is considered a severe form of trafficking.

DMST includes, but is not limited to, the following:
- Prostitution by a pimp/trafficker/family member
- Stripping
- Survival sex
- Pornography

DMST

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Common Terms

Trafficker/Pimp- Person who buys and sells women and children with no regard for their wellbeing

John- Person who buys sex from women and children with no regard for their wellbeing

Quota- An amount of money that victims must provide to their trafficker/pimp every night

Bottom- A trafficker/pimp who has multiple women/and or girls under his control will pick one of them to help supervise and control the others. The “bottom” will collect money for the pimp and tell on the other girls, but the “bottom” is also controlled by the pimp and most often endures the most abuse.

Track- A set area known for prostitution activity where women and girls who are under pimp control are sent by their trafficker/pimp.

Runway/Kiddie Track- Where young girls, usually ages 11–16 years old, who are under pimp control are sent by their trafficker/pimp

Daddy- What pimps require their victims to call them

Wife-in-law- What women are required to call the other women in the “stable”

Stable- A group of victims who are under a pimp’s control

Gorilla pimp- A violent pimp/trafficker

“The Life”- Being involved in pimp control

Seasoning- When a pimp rapes, beats, manipulates, intimidates etc a victim in order to her break down

Trick- Can mean a person buying a victim or the act of prostitution

Turn Out Folks- Pimp who first put the victim on the street

Turn Out- To be forced into prostitution

Folks- Reference to a pimp

Renegade- Someone who is involved in prostitution on their own and has no pimp

Squaring Up- Getting away from the trafficking situation

Trade Up, Trade Down- When pimps buy and sell women

Branded- When pimps tattoo their names on the victims

Choosing Up- When a victim looks at a pimp that does not own her in the eye, or when another pimp manipulates a victim into going with him. The victim has to give her new pimp all of the money she made for her old pimp that evening.

Eyeballing- Looking into a pimp’s eyes

Pimp circle- When several pimps circle a victim and may kick, hit, punch, or scream at the victim to discipline them