

## **Stop Child Trafficking Now Launches 35 Walks Worldwide To Fight Child Trafficking**

*An International movement to bring awareness and raise funds for the global epidemic of child sex trafficking is spreading across the world. On October 2nd and 3rd, 2010 thousands will join together in 35 cities and on four continents in an international walk campaign to bring attention to the issue of child slavery.*

May 26, 2010 (FPRC) -- NEW YORK, NY -- Thirty-five walks around the world are planned for October 2nd and 3rd, 2010 to raise awareness and support the fight against child trafficking. Thousands will take part in Stop Child Trafficking Now Walks located in the United States, as well as Australia, Canada and Europe.

The 2nd Annual SCTNow National Walk Campaign is a volunteer campaign that the US State Department calls "historic". In just two years, SCTNow has grown from a national campaign to an international one and reached thousands with the truth of child trafficking.

"When my husband Ron and I founded this organization, our hope was to see an end to child slavery around the world in our lifetime. The expansion of our walks to 35 cities on 4 continents is a step closer in meeting that goal. We encourage everyone to stand up for the rights of children that are being violated through child sexual slavery by taking part in one of these walks," said Lynette Lewis, Co-Founder of SCTNow.org.

Child slavery is a growing issue throughout the world. UNICEF estimates that 2.5 million children, the majority of which are girls, are sexually exploited in the multibillion dollar commercial sex industry. According to the US State Department, an effective campaign must also attack the demand for child slavery. In addition to raising awareness, SCTNow is working to bring an end to child trafficking by going after the predators that are fueling the child sex industry.

A special walk is being held in Fayetteville, NC - in honor of 5-year-old Shaniya Davis. Her mother is accused of trafficking her own child in order to settle a drug debt. The five-year-old girl was found dead just off Interstate 87 in a wooded area. She was last seen alive at a motel with a man that is currently charged with kidnapping. Shaniya's memory is being honored through the Stop Child Trafficking Now Fayetteville, NC Walk.

Everyone is encouraged to take part in the SCTNow International Walk Campaign. A complete list of participating cities can be found by visiting the website at [sctnow.org](http://sctnow.org). For more information about starting a walk in your community or volunteering, please email [info@sctnow.org](mailto:info@sctnow.org). Join SCTNow in the fight to stop child trafficking throughout the world.

### About SCTNow:

Stop Child Trafficking Now (SCTNow), is an organization that has chosen to fund a new, bold approach that addresses the demand side of child trafficking. With the support raised through the walks, SCTNow will deploy Special Operative Teams, teams trained to identify and gather evidence against child predators, resulting in prosecutions.

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