



GUEST SPEAKER | BRITTANY DUNN, COO at SAFE HOUSE PROJECT

Brittany Dunn has the honor of helping leading Safe House Project as the Chief Operations Officer. Prior to Safe House Project, Brittany Dunn spent 10 years in International Business Development at CareerBuilder.com working around the world. Brittany Dunn has a B.A. in Economics and English from Wellesley College. She has her MBA, and graduated top of her class from Thunderbird School of Global Management. She is a military spouse, mother of two, continual learner, world traveler, and protector of the vulnerable.

SAFE HOUSE PROJECT'S MISSION

Safe House Project is a national leader supporting survivors of sex trafficking in America by accelerating safe house networks and ensuring restorative healing and empowerment. Our vision is to see Communities across America unite to end domestic sex trafficking and restore hope, freedom, and a future for every survivor.

THE PROBLEM

- Hundreds of thousands of people are trafficked in the United States each year, including 300K American children
- 1% of victims are identified
- ~150 beds are available in the US to provide rescue, restoration and reintegration for child sex trafficking victims
- Without a safe place to go, 80% of rescued children end up back in their trafficker's hands

SAFE HOUSE PROJECT'S ANSWER

Founded in 2017, Safe House Project has quickly established itself as a leader in the counter-sex trafficking arena and is working to increase the capacity of safe houses available in the US to survivors through funding local organizations. Safe House Project brings "Awareness & Prevention" to the public, as well as "Escape & Empowerment" opportunities to survivors, establishing a holistic approach to the fight against sex trafficking.

A survivor's healing journey begins at rescue or escape. Healing is a process, and survivors move through the continuum of care as they work to rebuild their life:

- **ESCAPE.** When a victim escapes, they require emergent care housing. The purpose of this house is to make victim feel safe and provide a place to sleep and a hot meal.
- **RESTORE.** Long-term safe houses are usually a 12-month program, which includes educational development, career development, medical attention, legal counseling, and multiple types of therapy and counseling.
- **EMPOWERMENT.** Upon graduating a program, there are various paths forward for a survivor--going home, placement into a trained foster care family, vocational school, college, or transition in place housing. Regardless of their specific path, we aim to create new pathways for educational and economic empowerment for survivors.

SAFE HOUSE PROJECT'S DIFFERENCE

Throughout 2019, Safe House Project has funded and mentored 6 safe houses throughout the United States. This has resulted in an increase of 32 beds for children, 95 survivors receiving care in a restorative care home, 50 survivors being extracted by rescue partners, children being rescued before victimization, and over 9K people educated in person on trafficking.

In 2020, we are partnering with 8 organizations to increase national capacity of safe housing by 160 beds.