

National Human Trafficking Awareness Day

January 11, 2012
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

New Jersey State House Annex
Committee Room 4
125 West State Street
Trenton, NJ 08625



Co-sponsored by:

- NJ Office of the Attorney General
Division of Criminal Justice
NJ Human Trafficking Task Force
- ATTAC - The Atlantic County
Task Force on Human Trafficking
- The HEAAT Foundation -
Helping to Educate &
Advocate Against Trafficking
- Junior Leagues of New Jersey



Agenda

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- 9:30 a.m. Doors Open**
- 10:00 a.m. Asha Vaghela**
Deputy Attorney General, Division of Criminal Justice
- 10:05 a.m. Stephen Taylor**
Director, Division of Criminal Justice
- 10:15 a.m. Vernon Addison**
Special Agent, FBI
- 10:35 a.m. Seth Kaper-Dale**
Pastor, Reformed Church of Highland Park
- 10:45 a.m. Project Stay Gold**
Jefferson Township Middle School
- 11:30 a.m. Jeffrey Chiesa**
New Jersey Attorney General
- 11:35 a.m. Holly Austin Smith**
Survivor
- 11:45 a.m. “A National Search for Human Worth”**
Screening of trafficking documentary Sex & Money
- 12:45 p.m. Questions and Closing Remarks**

Biographies

Jeffrey S. Chiesa

New Jersey Attorney General

Jeffrey S. Chiesa served as Chief Counsel to Governor Chris Christie from January 2010 through December 2011, when he was nominated to be New Jersey Attorney General by Governor Christie.

Prior to his appointment as Chief Counsel, Chiesa served as Executive Director of Governor Christie's Transition Team. Chiesa was previously a partner at the law firm of Wolf & Samson in their litigation group.

Prior to joining Wolf & Samson, Chiesa worked in the U.S. Attorney's Office in the District of New Jersey from 2002 – 2009, last serving as the Executive Assistant U.S. Attorney. He also served as Counsel to the U.S. Attorney and as Chief of the Public Protection Unit. Chiesa was involved in all aspects of the U.S. Attorney's Office, including the management of the Criminal, Civil, Appeals and Special Prosecutions Divisions.

As a unit chief, he supervised a group of Assistant U.S. attorneys primarily responsible for the investigation and prosecution of criminal cases involving bank robbery, child pornography, human trafficking and identity theft. Prior to joining the U.S. Attorney's Office, Chiesa was a partner at the law firm of Dughi and Hewit, where he litigated civil matters, including the representation of medical professionals and hospitals.

Chiesa is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame, where he earned his Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting. He earned his Juris Doctorate from The Catholic University of America.



Stephen J. Taylor

NJ Division of Criminal Justice Director

Stephen J. Taylor, began his service as Director of the Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ) on January, 8, 2010. Prior to joining DCJ, Director Taylor was a partner in the law firm of Taylor, Colicchio & Silverman, LLP, in Princeton. He previously served 20 years as a prosecutor, first in the Essex County Prosecutor's Office, then in the U. S. Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey.

In 1986, Director Taylor commenced his 12 years of service in the Essex County Prosecutor's Office. He was assigned to the Homicide Investigations Unit in 1990, and from March 1995 through April 1998, served as the Director of the Homicide Unit.

In 1998, Director Taylor joined the U.S. Attorney's Office in Newark, where he prosecuted a variety of cases, including Social Security fraud cases, complex narcotic conspiracy cases involving electronic surveillance, racketeering cases, and organized crime. In 2002, he was appointed Chief of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force in the U.S. Attorney's Office, and in 2005, served as the Chief of the Terrorism Unit.

Director Taylor obtained his undergraduate degree from the University of Delaware, and his law degree in 1985 from Villanova University School of Law. After law school, he clerked for the Honorable Leonard D. Ronco, New Jersey Superior Court Judge in Essex County.



Biographies continued

Asha Vaghela

*Deputy Attorney General
NJ Statewide Human Trafficking Task Force*

Asha Vaghela is a Deputy Attorney General specializing in Human Trafficking in the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice's Gangs and Organized Crime Bureau, and chairs the New Jersey Human Trafficking Task Force on behalf of the Attorney General. She prosecuted political/public corruption and white collar crime cases before leading the Human Trafficking Unit.

Before joining the Attorney General's Office, Ms. Vaghela was an Assistant District Attorney in New York City with the Bronx County District Attorney's Office. As Trial Counsel to her bureau, Ms. Vaghela supervised, trained, and assisted her bureau's ADAs with all aspects of their case preparation and trials. While serving as Trial Counsel, Ms. Vaghela also prosecuted felony cases from inception through trial including domestic violence cases, adult and child homicides, child physical and sexual abuse cases, adult sexual abuse, internet crimes against children, and cold hit DNA cases.

Ms. Vaghela graduated from Rutgers University with a major in English Literature. She graduated from Seton Hall University School of Law and received awards for outstanding oral advocacy and the Best Public Service Clinician. She is a member of the New York and New Jersey Bars and is a member of the Governor's Advisory Council Against Sexual Violence.

Vernon I. Addison

Special Agent

Special Agent Vernon I. Addison was born and raised in Philadelphia, PA. Special Agent Addison has 19 years of law enforcement experience which began in 1992 with the Abington Twp. Police Department as a police officer. In 1995, he joined the FBI as a Special Agent and was assigned to the Newark Division.

During his career, Special Agent Addison has successfully investigated fugitive, bank robbery, gang, public corruption, and civil rights cases. Special Agent Addison has investigated numerous human trafficking cases involving domestic servitude, commercial sex, and labor trafficking and believes that they are some of the most difficult and rewarding cases to investigate. Special Agent Addison also routinely provides human trafficking training to local and county law enforcement, educational institutions, and civic organizations.

Rev. Seth Kaper-Dale *Reformed Church of Highland Park*

Rev. Seth Kaper-Dale has co-pastored the Reformed Church of Highland Park for 10 years. He is a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, and spent formative time in Ecuador and India before coming to RCHP.

Seth and wife/co-pastor Stephanie Kaper-Dale have been married for 15 years and have 3 daughters. Seth co-formed Who Is My Neighbor Inc (HP community development agency), started RCHP-Affordable Housing Corporation and spearheads much of the Immigration work of the church.

ProjectStayGold

Movements begin when people are pushed and motivated by a cause that is greater than they are. In the case of Project Stay Gold, young people, students have identified a global issue, are committed to this cause. We are proposing real solutions to confront and abolish human-trafficking and modern-day slavery.

Facing the shocking statistics of our day: there are an estimated 27 million slaves around the world; the largest number in human history. Human Trafficking is the world's second largest illegal crime. In addition, 100,000 humans are trafficked throughout the United States each year. Project Stay Gold desires to start the conversation. Using the power of education we hope to raise awareness, advocate for abolition, and support rescue and prevention missions. Project Stay Gold seeks to awaken a modern-day abolitionist movement among the students inside our schools and our classrooms. Young people are highly sensitive to issues of injustice and are motivated by empathy to make a difference and to bring about positive change in our world. Project Stay Gold believes that our students have the capacity to be the history makers of today.

Please join this abolitionist movement and together we will abolish modern-day slavery.

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Jefferson Township Middle School
1000 Weldon Road
Oak Ridge, NJ 07438

Student List

Andrew Del Rosario	Katy Kasauskas
Mark Dominquez	Luke Langner
Skylar Farmer	Nicolette Lehman
Cristina Ferucci	Meredith Obaytek
Nathaniel Hirschman	Kathleen Stoppiello
Ina Joseph	Taylor VonBartheld

Teacher List

Dr. Nancy Harris
Teacher of the Gifted and Talented
Mr. Daniel Papa
8th Grade Social Studies Teacher
Ms Sharon Ciliento
8th Grade Language Arts Teacher

Holly Austin Smith

Survivor

Holly Austin Smith was born in Mount Holly, NJ. She is 33 years old and currently lives in Richmond, VA with her loving fiancé and their Miniature Schnauzer. She received a B.A. in Biology with a Minor in Writing from the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey in 2000. She works at an environmental microbiology laboratory and is currently writing a memoir. Holly was trafficked in 1992 when she was 14 years old in Atlantic City, NJ. Although the experience lasted only a few days, she says the effects lasted for years following. She hopes that, through writing and speaking, her story will help other survivors to heal and grow and will help bring more awareness to the prevalence of and effects from domestic minor sex trafficking. To reach her by email, please visit www.HollyAustinSmith.com.
