



Panel Discussion Participants Soroptimist International of Chino Hills/Inland Empire March 4, 2017

Moderator: Sasha Rivera

Alexandra (Sasha) Rivera is a sophomore at Scripps College in Claremont, CA with dual-major in English Literature and French Studies. She is a writer for Scripps Voice student newspaper and holds an Editor and Chief position for the nationwide student publication, "The Odyssey Online" magazine for Scripps. Sasha became involved with activism against human trafficking during her junior year of high school when she met a former Soroptimist, La Veda Drvol. She was the organizer of the Chino Hills Walk Against Human Trafficking for 5 years. That year and her senior year Sasha acted as the youth volunteer coordinator, and was in charge of organizing volunteers and clubs from local high schools that participated in the event. For two years, as a president of a poetry club, she lead an anti trafficking poetry contest in Diamond Bar High School and published books of the best and inspirational poems, that were distributed to various organizations that support victims of Human Trafficking. She continues to be involved in activism for women's rights and human trafficking issues in her college and plans to become a Soroptimist in the future, like her mother, who is a member of Soroptimist International club in Chino Hills.

Ann-Michelle Ellis, Coordinator of Coalition Against Sexual Exploitation (CASE), San Bernardino County

Anne-Michelle Ellis was hired in December of 2010 as the first Coordinator for the San Bernardino County Coalition Against Sexual Exploitation which had been active for nearly two years at the time. She previously worked for Operation SafeHouse, a shelter for runaway and homeless teenagers in Riverside (1996-1999, 2004-2010) as a Childcare Worker, Grant Writer, Fundraiser and Education & Employment Coordinator and Case Manager. She also worked for Third Level Crisis Intervention Center in Traverse City, Michigan (2002-2004) as a Crisis Hotline Counselor and Community Resource Manager. She was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religious Studies from the University of California, Riverside in 2003 and is currently pursuing a MSW at Loma Linda University.

Tamara Ross-Deputy District Attorney of San Bernardino County

Tamara Ross was raised in Tallahassee, FL where she received her B.S. in Journalism at Florida A&M University in 1994. Mrs. Ross obtained her J.D. degree in 1998 at the University of Southern California Law School in Los Angeles. She began her career as a Deputy District Attorney for San Bernardino County in 2000, prosecuting a variety of misdemeanor and felony cases. In 2005, DDA Ross was assigned to the Juvenile Division, where she developed a strong interest in cases involving sexually exploited youth. Her insights into the issue and vocalization about the lack of treatment resources for children arrested for prostitution activity led to the development of the San Bernardino County Coalition Against Sexual Exploitation (C.A.S.E), a multi-agency coalition with the primary tasks of ending sexual exploitation within the county, and providing effective restoration options for its victims. DDA Ross has received numerous awards and recognition for her work from local and state governments, as well as "Certificates of Special Congressional Recognition" from Congressmen Joe Baca and Jerry Lewis. DDA Ross has been a part of the District Attorney Office's Human Trafficking Unit, prosecuting pimps and panderers, since 2014.

Rob Myers -Co-founder of PLUR Life Ministries, pastor/ missionary /evangelist

Rob Myers founded PLUR Life Ministries with his wife Colleen, the Operations Director/Chaplain in April of 2009. As President, he works full time on all aspects of the Plurway rave outreach ministry, Camp 33 Spiritual Adventure ministry and the future development of the Hangar 33 discipleship ministry. This includes being a pastor to ravers that need our help. On rave outreaches Myer is referred to as a "Rave Dad". The Rave Moms are in charge of most of the decision-making, with the Dads having veto power for possibly dangerous situations. The Rave dads also provide food and other refreshments, prayer, rides, counseling, and act as security guards when necessary. The organization overall uses a religious approach to combatting human trafficking by sending volunteers to raves to watch out for dangers like drug overdoses and to make sure ravers do not fall into the hands of any traffickers while under the influence.