



**Policy Conference**

**Saturday, 2/1/20**

**8 PM**

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**Speakers: Kelly and Courtney Litvak** - Courtney Litvak is the Ambassador for Childproof America, a non-profit organization dedicated to safeguarding families against sex trafficking.

Courtney was born in Katy, Texas in 1998. She attended Cinco Ranch High School where she excelled as one of the youngest varsity swimmers on the highly competitive swim team. She received local and state medals for her freestyle and backstroke races and was being recruited for Division 1 and other college swimming programs.

Before devoting her work fulltime to Childproof America, Courtney fell victim to human trafficking in her upscale suburban community outside Houston, Texas. After being off the grid for several long and painful years, Courtney

returned to her family who remained fully committed to supporting Courtney on her journey of recovery. She successfully completed an intensive, residential, faith-based program for survivors where she received the trauma-informed treatment that has helped her overcome her traumatic past. She readily credits the love and grace of Jesus Christ for her physical, emotional and spiritual healing and restoration.

Courtney embraces a mindset of victory and is fully committed to using her knowledge of human trafficking to cast a net of education and prevention across the United States. She is fully loved, respected and supported by her family and friends.

**Litvak, Kelly** - Kelly founded Childproof America in 2017 and serves as the Executive Director.

Mrs. Litvak has over ten years of experience as a non-profit leader. She began her career in 2007 when she founded Tools 4 Life Books, an organization serving incarcerated

youth. The faith-based Tools 4 Teens book, authored by Mrs. Litvak segued into the Tools 4 Teens Program, supporting youth in detention centers and upon re-entry.

Her programs resulted in a sharp decrease in recidivism among her students. She serves on the Advisory Board for the Association for Missing and Exploited Children as their Vice President of Rehabilitation.

In 2016, her daughter was pursued by human traffickers in their suburban community and her family was forever changed. The tragedy forced the family to recognize significant gaps in support services for parents with missing and exploited children, leading to the formation of

Childproof America, an organization dedicated to safeguarding families against sex trafficking.

Ms. Litvak holds a bachelor's degree in Organizational Communications, with a concentration in Psychology from Ohio University. A college internship serving victims of domestic violence first sparked her interest in an at-risk population. Her deep compassion for hurting and vulnerable youth, combined with her own personal experience, are the driving forces behind her fierce call to serve as an advocate for anti-human trafficking.

In 2017 and 2018, Katy Magazine honored Kelly as Top 100 Women of Katy. In December 2017, Katy Magazine named Kelly Top 10 Outstanding Katy People of the Year. That following year she was honored as the Top 50 Most Giving Moms in Katy.

Kelly and her college sweetheart, Alan have called Katy home for nearly 25 years. They have two children, ages 18 and 21.

## ***TITLE: Beauty from Ashes: Our Family Survived Sex Trafficking – A Mother/Daughter Journey***

### **OUTLINE:**

- A. Kelly History - Author of book for teens and Executive Director of prison ministry. Gang rehabilitation.
- B. Courtney History - Suburbia, varsity athlete, Christian upbringing, foundation of strong value system
- C. Kelly, parenting Courtney, childhood and adolescence
- D. Courtney, trauma and the fallout, 2016
- E. On the radar for sexual exploitation at top ranking high school
- F. Gaining access through social media
- G. Parents desperate steps
- H. Turning 18 and gone

Parents failed attempts to navigate enormous amounts of confusing resources and victims of financial exploitation.

Courtney goes deeper into the dark world of U.S. human trafficking (weapons, drugs, money, exploitation)

- I. Outcry, Fall of 2018
- J. Rock Bottom & Broken
- K. The Refuge for Woman – Survivor Restoration and Healing Begins
- L. A Call to Action – Pain to Purpose, Childproof America Ambassador

### **ACTION:**

#### **Audience Instruction and Call to Action**

- A. Family Guides Program – A navigation tool for families in crisis
- B. Remove Stereotypes about a victim and trafficker

- C. How does a child become a target?
- D. Access points (social media, school, church, friends, trusted adults)
- E. EDUCATION is the critical key for PREVENTION – host an education event in your community.

**F. Top 3 Safety Tips to Human Trafficking Prevention**

1. Keenly understand the crime of human trafficking and child exploitation
2. Secure access points such as social media and gaming systems
3. Remove the mindset of “not my kid”. This crime doesn’t discriminate. Traffickers gain easier access when parents/caregivers are uninformed with a false sense of security.

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