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***Profile***

**\****Author, Speaker, Non-Profit Founder and Activist. Freelance writer with experience in travel journalism with a focus on global community, peace-building, creating safety and security for victims of sexual violence.*

***Education, Certifications & Award***

*University of North Texas (2018)*

**•***Majors:Bachelor of Social Sciences; Sociology*

**•***Minors:Peace Studies*

***•****Certifications: Peace Corps Prep (2018)*

***•****City of McKinney, Texas: Proclamation for a successful college career & graduation*

***•****Facilitator of “Stewards of Children” Curriculum (2014) Evidence-informed prevention training program that teaches adults how to recognize and respond to child neglect and abuse.*

***•****Awareness training with the Collin County Council on Family Violence*

**•***Awards: State of Texas; Collin County District Attorney’s Award (Awarded 2015)*

*“For your inspiring devotion to victims of Child Abuse and Human Trafficking”*

*•Collin College: Certificate of Excellence in Communications (2015)*

***Relevant Employment & Experience***

***•****Collin County Anti-Human Trafficking Awareness Task Force (2013-2016)*

*Founder & Activist, organizing county wide meetings of the collective body of all organizations, law enforcement and advocates to promote awareness, solutions, strategies to eradicate human trafficking in our community.*

***•****Dallas Task Force(2014-2016)*

*Attend monthly Dallas Task Force meetings and events. Support their fight against human trafficking and domestic violence.*

*•Assist Dallas District Attorney’s office with Prostitution Diversion Initiative to fight sexual exploitation and trafficking.*

*•Sponsor of:*

*“Private Violence” film premier event.*

*“Miss Representation” film on Women’s Empowerment*

*“8 Days” film on Human Trafficking*

*“In Plain Sight” film on Human Trafficking*

*“Operation Underground” documentary on global Anti-Human Trafficking rescue units*

* *Author, If Only I Could Sleep: A Survivor’s Memoir (Published October 2013)*

***#4*** *on Amazon Memoir Bestseller List*

*Reviews on Goodreads*

***•****Humanitarian Travel Leader & Volunteer (2009 to present)*

* *Juarez (2009)*
* *Built houses, supplying needs for local schools and community*
* *Kenya (2010)*

*Traveled alongside ZOE ministries*

*Built houses, visited orphanages, schools and hospitals*

* *Rwanda (2011)*

*Built houses, visited orphanage as well as learning the history of the Rwandan Genocide.*

*•Cambodia (2013)*

 *Working with a local organization, Sao Sary Foundation (SSF), in search of survivors of minor human trafficking and place them in safe places.*

* *Owner, McAndrew’s Bookshop & Café, LLC (October 2003-2005)*

*Member of the American Booksellers Association*

*Managed all operations of bookstore including inventory, accounting, and marketing.*

*Authored articles of interest for advertising and marketing purposes.*

*Coordinated special events and readings for new book releases.*

*Carried over 15,000 titles*

*Operated in-store Café with premium wine and coffee collection*

*Frequently hosted authors for book signing events*

*Annual participant in Book Expo America (New York)*

***Media & Writing***

*Barefoot Writer*

 *Featured Cover as Author*

 *Article on the accomplishments of my visit in Rwanda and the work set forth.*

*North Texas Daily of University of North Texas*

 *Weekly article writing for university newspaper*

*“He Said She Said” Column*

*#StandWithMe Documentary Film*

*Interview appearance as professional in regards to sex trafficking*

 *Portrayed partnership with Make-A-Stand Lemonade, Inc. to fight modern slavery*

*Stephanie Henry- Professional Introductory Piece*

*Two-minute film created as an introductory piece for all professional speaking engagements.*

*Created by Still Motion Studios, featuring Stephanie Henry, speaker.*

*“If Only I Could Sleep” Book Trailer*

 *Created by Still Motion Studios in conjunction with “Utopia” novella from the memoir.*

 *Briefly depicts the essence of “If Only I Could Sleep” to encourage a deeper look into the book.*

*Radio Interviews*

 *KLAK of McKinney, TX*

 *WSJS News of Washington, DC*

 *KUSH Radio of Cushing, OK*

 *WCKR NewsMaker Show of Rochester, NY*

*Recent TV Appearances (2013 to present)*

 *Good Morning Texas, WFAA Studios Dallas*

 *Fox 4 News Dallas*

 *NBC Portland*

 *Good Morning Oklahoma*

 *Dee Armstrong Show*

 *Channel 5 News NBC DFW*

 *CBS 11, “Texans with Character” segment*

***Speaking Engagements***

* *Keynote Speaker at “Not Here” Conference, Portland, Maine; Topic: Human Trafficking (April 2014)*
* *Speaker at ARISE International Gala, DeSoto, Texas; Topic: Memoir & Motivation (August 2014)*
* *Session Speaker at McKinney Youth Summit, McKinney, Texas; Topic: Human Trafficking & Our Youth (May 2014)*
* *Keynote Speaker at Dallas Parks Rotary Club, Dallas, Texas; Topic: Memoir & Human Trafficking (October 2013)*
* *Luncheon Speaker for Collin County Children’s Advocacy Center, Plano, Texas (April 2015)*
* *Luncheon Speaker, Genesis Women’s Shelter, Dallas, Texas; Topic: Domestic Violence & Prostitution (November 2014)*
* *Speaker at local premier, McKinney, Texas; Topic: Jennifer Siebel Newsom’s “Miss Representation” (June 2013)*
* *Panel Speaker, Anti-Human Trafficking Movie Screening Event, “In Plain Sight”(October 2013)*
* *Collin County Chapter of the Texas Tea Party, McKinney, Texas; Topic: Education of Sex Trade in our local community (May 2015)*
* *Speaker, Sponsored event and Panelist for”8 Days” Movie. Brought to Collin County through Interact Organization, a student lead organization through the McKinney Independent School District.*
* *Keynote Speaker; Collin County District Attorney’s Office Annual Victim’s Assistant Luncheon*