



**CHILD SEXPLOITATION.  
EXPOSE IT. FIGHT IT. END IT.**

## **The Bitter Truth about the Sexual Exploitation of Children and Young Adults:**

- An estimated 2 million children, the majority of them girls, are sexually exploited in the multi-billion dollar commercial sex industry. [Source: UNICEF]
- "Buying and selling children is internationally recognized as a crime. Political leaders and human rights activists condemn it as a despicable, abhorrent act. Nonetheless, child trafficking thrives as a \$10 billion a year industry, spanning every region of the globe." [From Voice of America Report]
- Child sex tourism is defined as the act of traveling abroad to have sex with a minor [anyone under 18].
- "Child prostitution is not acceptable in any country. It is child abuse and is illegal in all countries around the world. Children who are prostituted rarely go on to a normal life. They suffer long-term emotional, physical and social problems. Girls may have reproductive problems due to the immaturity of their bodies when they become sexually active. HIV and AIDS are also widely seen among prostituted children." [Source: ECPAT]
- In 1994, the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act (Crime Bill) was signed into U.S. law. Under this law, it is illegal for a U.S. citizen to travel overseas with the intent to engage in sexual acts with a minor. Few Americans know this law exists. To be effective, it must be made known to the American public.
- Sexual exploitation of children occurs in every country in the world  
Child prostitutes serve between 2 and 25 clients per day, meaning each child serves from 830 to 9,150 clients per year. These children are often drugged and develop drug and alcohol addictions