

Survivor Voices of Human Trafficking
Biography
Hannah Blair

Hannah Blair is a Lived Experience Expert and Survivor Consultant. She is passionate about this work because she was once in the shoes of the women she now fights for; Hannah has committed herself to social justice-oriented community activism in the anti-trafficking field. She has served on coalitions, advisory councils, and multidisciplinary teams addressing human trafficking since 2018 and has held leadership positions within numerous anti-trafficking organizations. She has been the key note speaker at several nonprofit events and community engagements, sharing her story to educate communities about trafficking and to advise the best practices that can improve response to survivors' needs and protect victims from being re-exploited.

She is a survivor consultant with the Polaris Project*; a member of the National Survivor Alliance*, the Global Association of Human Trafficking Scholars*, and the Fellowship of Extraordinary Women*; and works directly with identified survivors throughout the country. She is a part of HEAL Trafficking*, a community of multidisciplinary professionals working in the intersection of human trafficking and health care, and has previously interned for The Nexus Working Group on Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation* and The Dressember Foundation.*

Hannah has partnered with other organizations to brief local, state, and federal agencies about trafficking from a survivor's perspective, including the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Marshalls, and the FBI. She is a recipient of The Elie Wiesel Foundation's National Prize in Ethics and Van Cleave Law's "Striving for Justice" award*. Her most recent research project, titled "Survivors at the Core: The Effectiveness of Anti-Trafficking Organizations Who Place Survivors in Leadership Positions,"* was invited for presentation at the Himalayan Policy Research Conference.*

She has a strong passion for restorative justice and is an intern with Free to Thrive*, a nonprofit that provides trafficking survivors with trauma-informed legal and support services, and she is reinvigorating in her efforts to campaign for sentencing reform, inform legislative initiatives, and advocate for sound public policy that strives to level the legal playing field for survivors.

Hannah's story has been featured in numerous print and broadcast media outlets, including Channel 3 News*, The Alabama Baptist*, and The Super Human Life Podcast*, and she is expected to appear on Jada Pinkett Smith's *Red Table Talk**. She has numerous online publications and holds a BA in Sociology. She is a current honors graduate student in the field of Social Justice and Human Rights, and, most importantly, a mother.

Hannah is pioneering advocacy efforts for trafficking survivors, uplifting a new generation of survivor leaders, and spearheading innovative solutions to end human trafficking.

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