

Survivor Voices of Human Trafficking
Biography
Theresa Flores

Theresa Flores is a survivor of domestic minor sex trafficking. As a 15-year-old girl in a well-to-do suburban neighborhood, she was raped and then trafficked by a high school boy who was part of a larger ring of traffickers. Today, she is a licensed social worker, an author, and an advocate speaking out about sex trafficking in the U.S. Her book, *The Slave Across the Street*, is on several best seller book lists. She was also appointed to the Ohio Attorney General's Human Trafficking Commission in 2009 and has testified before the Ohio House and Senate in support of Human Trafficking legislation. Her efforts were a major part of the success of Ohio Senate Bill 235 on Trafficking in Persons, being passed into law by Ohio Governor Strickland on December 23, 2010. She has been recognized as one of the most influential women in the Columbus, Ohio area and received the Courage Award from Governor John Kasich, former governor of Ohio, for her work in combating human trafficking.