

## Sex Trafficking And Our Families: The victims live among us - webinar March 26

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**SEX TRAFFICKING AND OUR FAMILIES: THE VICTIMS LIVE AMONG US**  
Tuesday, March 26th, 2024: 2 PM EST

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Survivor of familial trafficking and founder of Bridge2Future

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**Our guest speakers are:**

### Michelle Abel

Michelle Abel is a survivor of familial trafficking and abuse and a staunch advocate for the exploited, marginalized, and oppressed. She works in providing direct support to victims and survivors, speaking at conferences and providing training on adverse childhood experiences, trauma and familial trafficking. She has submitted briefs to different committees in the Canadian House of Commons, United Kingdom House of Commons and advocated for legislation in the United States Congress and United Nations. Michelle is also the Founder of Bridge2Future a non-profit whose primary mission is research, advocacy and policy advice against generational trauma, intimate partner violence and commercial sexual exploitation of women and children.

As Michelle also works with The Salvation Army, her hope is to completely eradicate all forms of intergenerational trauma as this is the precursor for the commercial sexual exploitation of women and children. She prays that her contributions in this territorial work will touch hearts and change cultural mindsets and biases.

### Patrick Erlandson

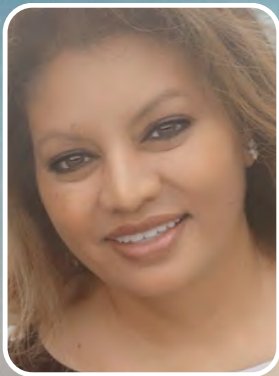
Patrick Erlandson was born and grew up in Los Angeles. In 2010 while working with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Los Angeles, Patrick first learned of human trafficking of body organs in Africa. In 2012 he began leading the prevention subcommittee of the Long Beach Human Trafficking Task Force. He founded **Father-Con** which has held many conferences. In 2018 he founded the **See It End It Film & Arts Festival**, and in 2020 added a Global Platform for international online participation. He led a demonstration against human trafficking every month for over four years in Long Beach as Men Standing Against Trafficking, MSAT. His priority is prevention of human trafficking in the two areas: vulnerability and entitlement -- the family, especially through fathers and men, and culture through music, film and the arts.

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