

Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Witness Disclosure Requirement - "Truth in Testimony"
Required by House Rule XI, Clause 2(g)(5)

1. Your Name: Derri Smith		
2. Your Title: Chief Executive Officer		
3. The Entity(ies) You are Representing: End Slavery Tennessee		
4. Are you testifying on behalf of the Federal, or a State or local government entity?	Yes	No x
5. Please list any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts or payments originating with a foreign government, that you or the entity(ies) you represent have received on or after January 1, 2015. Only grants, contracts, or payments related to the subject matter of the hearing must be listed. VOCA Human Trafficking Victims Assistance		
6. Please attach your curriculum vitae to your completed disclosure form. attached		

Signature: 

Date: 11/28/17

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SUMMARY: Multi-faceted experience with executive management of organizations. Particular strengths include developing and implementing innovative programs and services; working with diverse groups, including boards, volunteers, governmental agencies, universities and service providers; building and retaining exceptional staff and creating excellent work environments.

EXPERIENCE

Chief Executive Officer, End Slavery Tennessee, March 2012 to present

- Gives vision and leadership to the strategic and day-to-day program implementation of End Slavery Tennessee.
- Builds collaborations across agencies around common goals and advocates for strong laws that prevent human trafficking and promotes care of survivors.
- Provides leadership in developing program, organizational and financial plans with the Board of Directors and staff, and carries out plans and policies authorized by the board.

Director, End-Slavery Ministries (global) and Director of End Slavery Tennessee, 03/2010 to 03/2012, International Teams – US

- Continued under International Teams the Tennessee work founded earlier (see below).
- Researched and developed anti-slavery teams internationally.
- Served as an expert witness in court.
- Recruited and equipped volunteers to engage in the cause.
- Developed human trafficking prevention videos and website for youth.
- Strategized how to aid victims and prevent human trafficking.
- Spoke to hundreds of community, professional and campus groups.
- Cooperated with FBI, TBI, ICE and local law enforcement to provide victim aid.
- Periodically trained workers outbound for overseas service on human trafficking, aiding victims and culturally sensitive strategies.
- Raised funds for the work.

Tennessee State Director, 11/2008 to 03/2010, Not For Sale Campaign

Founded and managed the affairs of a new state-wide organization.

- Spoke in 50+ community venues.
- Recruited and managed volunteers, including hundreds of one-time helpers and ongoing leadership for volunteer team leaders and administrative help.
- Developed and carried out projects and local events.
- Wrote and managed social media, including e-newsletters, Twitter and Facebook.
- Collaborated with FBI and local police on cases.
- Raised funds for the work.

Writer / Researcher, 1996 to 2008, specializing in parenting, education, literature, character training and education.

- Wrote articles published in print and online.
- Wrote the "Character Series" of training materials that teach character based communication skills to children through teen years.
- Researched, wrote and published BookAngles.com – reviews with a traditional family values angle that aid parental book selection.

Overseas Refugee Aid Worker, 1987 to 1994, International Teams

- Served on the Refugee Team near Vienna, Austria from 1997 to 1991; provided services to and hosted refugees; created a multi-lingual library.
- Served on International Headquarters team in Nottingham, England from 1992 to 1994, supporting workers in Europe and Asia.

Inner-City Program Director, 1983 to 1987, Belmont Church, Nashville, TN

- Directed a volunteer tutorial and mentoring program in an inner city school.
- Organized and led a club for at-risk girls.
- Led and organized a field trip for Nashville girls in a low income neighborhood on a visit to Mexico to expand their horizons and to experience helping people less fortunate than themselves.

Teacher, 1975 to 1982

- Reading Specialist, McAllen Public Schools, McAllen, TX
- Elementary Classroom, Northmont School District, Clayton, OH

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

B.A. Education, Magna Cum Laude, Abilene Christian University; Psychology minor.

Graduate and undergraduate level courses at Pan American University in Texas, and at Wright State University and Sinclair Community College in Ohio.

Completed International Teams School for global assignments, including studies in German language, TESL and cross-cultural communication.

Certification in Nonprofit Management by the Center for Nonprofit Management, Nashville, Tennessee.
Certification at Justice Resource Institute, Boston.

Certification at Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation (C.A.A.S.E.).

FURTHER PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS, ACTIVITIES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Sits on the state and federal level human trafficking tasks forces in Tennessee.

Accepted the Center for Nonprofit Management Salute to Excellence Awards:

- Healing Trust Access to Care (2015)
- Diversified Fund New Generations (2015)
- Frist Foundation Team Building (2016)

Named Best of the Best Non-profit Leaders, Nashville Post 2016, 2017

Awarded Human Rights Outstanding Service Award from the Tennessee Human Rights Commission, 2016.

Speaker to thousands of professionals and community members on the issue of human trafficking. Venues included conferences for juvenile judges, social workers, attorneys, medical professionals and educators, in the U.S. Capitol and on the TEDx stage.

Recipient of the Trafficking in America NGO Service Award, 2012

Winner of the Ruby Award for service to women, Soroptimist International Southern Region, 2011.

Led multiple sessions on human trafficking for a worldwide conference in Izmir, Turkey, 2010.

Many TV, radio and newspaper interviews on human trafficking issues.