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Rosi Orozco works to recover and successfully reintegrate victims of human trafficking who have suffered different forms of exploitation through sexual exploitation, forced labor, begging, forced marriages and trafficking in organs among other forms. Rosi's struggle and main purpose is to free those who are being abused, most specifically children.

Since 1990 Rosi has dedicated her life to promoting and defending human rights through several organizations, particularly in the prevention and treatment of human trafficking victims, crime prevention, social development and strengthening families.

At times Rosi's work has required her to put her life in danger to free girls from territories that for decades had been untouchable by Mexican justice and were becoming hotspots for sexual exploitation. This includes places such as "La Merced" in Mexico City.

As Rosi became more involved in the issue of human trafficking, she established a specialized shelter for the care of victims of human trafficking and exploitation. The center was developed in conjunction with specialists and psychologists and has become a unique model of exclusive care for the victims of this

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crime. In 2005, Rosi approached places where she rescued three women who subsequently became the first victims supported through this shelter.

Over the years she has interviewed over 200 victims herself and helped to empower and enable them to move forward in their lives. She represents the voices of these women to ensure society and the proper authorities hear their story. Many of these women, have had the opportunity and above all, the courage to speak in meetings with government officials, schools, forums, and media, both to demand justice and to create awareness among young people, as well as raising social awareness about the seriousness of this crime and how it affects the lives of its victims.

Previously as a congresswoman, Rosi acted as Federal Deputy and President of the Special Commission for the Fight Against Human Trafficking in the LXI Legislature of the Mexican House of Representatives. For the first time in Mexico there was a Commission for Human Trafficking. Rosi was the main driver of the Law Initiative to Prevent, Punish and Eradicate the Offenses on Trafficking in Persons and to protect and Assist the Victims of these Crimes. In 2012, this initiative became law in Mexico.

From the hands of President Felipe Calderon, Rosi received the Award for Political Attitude at the Communication Summit, where the communication industry in Mexico recognized her work on the issue of human trafficking.

Rosi's commitment to Social Justice has led her to support numerous foundations, shelters and organizations. Her most recent role as President of Commission United vs. Trafficking, an organization that seeks to unify into mutual support all the different strands of social, political, business, arts and international media into a struggle that concerns everyone. The message is to be clear: "That in Mexico, a human being is not for Sale," and that "United we can make a Difference." Her work has changed the social perception of human trafficking as a crime that affects those who are most vulnerable. She has exposed the mafias who run this practice for economic gains, and that up to now, have been hidden under the cover of culture and tradition.

Rosi has written three books, *From Heaven to Hell in a Day*, is the story of six survivors of human trafficking; *Paloma, beware of Malgato*, a story for children and parents, to prevent them from being deceived. Her latest book will be published soon. It narrates the story of the transformation of a young man into a pimp, this book was written with the collaboration of ex-pimps who are serving their sentences in prison and have understood the serious damage they did to their victims and society.

Rosi has visited nearly every state in Mexico to address the issue of human trafficking and exploitation, and has also been invited on several occasions to foreign countries such as the United States, England, Guatemala, El Salvador, Argentina and Ecuador. Rosi has appear-

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red in international media such as CNN and Newsweek, United Nations TV, The Herald Magazine, The Washington Post, etc.

Medalla Omecihuatl

National Institute of Women
INMUJERES. (Mexico City)
October 2011, Mexico

150 bravest Women of the World

Newsweek Magazine
May 2012, New York.

Positive Attitude Award for the Public Good

Communication Summit
September 2012, Mexico.

50 Most Powerful Women in Mexico

Forbes Magazine (2013 and 2014) Mexico.

Silver Dove

Convivencia sin Violencia
June 2014, Mexico.

She was one of the ten finalists.

Trust Women Awards.

Thomson Reuters Foundation
November 2014, Mexico

50 Women who move Mexico.

Quien (Who) Magazine
November 2011, Mexico

Golden Microphone

National Association of Broadcasters
Mexico
June 2012, Mexico.

Unlikely Heroes

Unlikely Heroes
October 2013, Hollywood, California.

Recognition for her work against trafficking

Proconciencia
March 2014, France.

Recognition Profesora Enriqueta Lopez de Cabrera

Realistica University of Mexico
March 2015, Mexico.

Rosi believes that “United, we can make a Difference”