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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY



Rebecca McDonald has served over three decades in international humanitarian efforts for women and children at risk in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Eastern Europe, South America, the Caribbean and the United States, traveling to over 60 countries and working in 30 of them. She has designed or assisted in developing international programs including micro-lending projects, vocational training programs, social enterprises, and other humanitarian efforts. In 2006, she founded Women At Risk, International (WAR) to meet the growing demand among Americans for involvement in these programs, especially those that address human trafficking. Women At Risk, International strives to create circles of protection around women and children by uniting others to

embrace, educate and empower those at risk globally and locally.

Rebecca McDonald is a president, speaker, and consultant, regularly presenting to government agencies, legal and health care professionals, private universities, social work organizations, and faith-based organizations on nonprofit/social enterprise development, human trafficking, as well as other risk issues.

Featured Consultations and Presentations

EXPERT CONSULTATIONS

Expert Testimony for Immigration Lawyers in the State of Michigan. August 2016.

Homeland Security/ICE. Topic: Aftercare for human trafficking victims. November 2015 and 2013.

U.S. Congressman Bill Huizenga. Topic: Human trafficking legislation. May 2014.

Luis CdeBaca, Ambassador-at-large for Trafficking in Persons. Washington, DC. April 2011.

Interpol. Topic: Identifying human trafficking, Washington, DC. April 2011.

Congresswoman Mary Valentine from Michigan House of Representatives. Topic: Human trafficking in MI. May 2010.

PRESENTATIONS TO GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

General Officers' Symposium, Quantico. September 2016.

Pentagon Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast & OAA Ecumenical Prayer Luncheon, Fort Belvoir, VA. March 2015.

Michigan Department of Transportation, Frankenmuth, MI. September 2014, 2015 and 2016.

Fort Bragg Military Base. Fort Bragg, NC. September 2013.

PRESENTATIONS TO MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

MCNEA Conference, Frankenmuth, MI. January 2017

Spectrum Health, Grand Rapids, MI. March 2015.

Women's Health Interest Group/Hershey Medical, Harrisburg, PA. November 2015.

Pinnacle Health/Hershey Medical, Harrisburg, PA. November 2015.

Ideal Spine Health Event, Eagle, ID. October 2014.

Penn State Medical Center, Hershey, PA. April 2014.

PRESENTATIONS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

Symposium of Human Rights: Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, IL – 2015

Cornerstone University, Grand Rapids, MI – 2008, 2010, 2016 (Commencement Address)

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI – 2011

World Affairs Council, Western Michigan University – 2015

Western Michigan University, Grand Rapids, MI – 2011

PANEL PRESENTATIONS

British Consulate & Northwestern University Law School Panel. Chicago, IL. July 2014.

Hidden No More: Exposing Human Trafficking in West Michigan. Acton Institute. Grand Rapids, MI. Guest Panelists: Becky McDonald, Senator Emmons, Deputy Chief Isaacs, Sacred Beginnings' Leslie King, and Local Law Enforcement. March 2014.

TEDx. Panel on Human Trafficking. Grand Valley State University. Grand Rapids, MI. December 2013.

CIVILIAN TRAINING SEMINARS

Civilian First Responder Training, Grand Rapids, MI. January 2017

Civilian First Responder Training, Carlisle, PA. October 2015.

Civilian First Responder Training, Hudsonville, MI. March 2015.

Civilian First Responder Training, Mounds View, MN. March 2015.

Civilian First Responder Training, Burke, VA. February 2015.

Civilian First Responder Training, Cedarville, OH. November 2014.

PRESENTATIONS AT ANTI-TRAFFICKING CONFERENCES

Mass Transit Conference, Frankenmuth, MI. August 2015 and July 2016.

Victim Right's Conference, Cadillac, MI. September 2015.

Minnesota HT Coalition CFR, Minneapolis, MN. April 2014.

Set Free. Unbound Conference. Washington, D.C. October 2013.

PRESENTATIONS TO COMMUNITY GROUPS

Macatawa Yacht Club, Holland, MI. May 2016.

Green Bay Film Festival, Green Bay, WI. March 2015.

Eagle Brook Country Club. United Nations Day. Geneva, IL. October 2013.

Hope is Rising Concert. Kalamazoo, MI. June 2013.

Planting Hope. Berrien Springs, MI. May 2013.

IFCA Regional Conference. Coopersville, MI. October 2010.

Human Trafficking Conference. Traverse City, MI. May 2008.

Education, Awards, & Professional Experience

EDUCATION

B.A. Religion and Philosophy, 1980

Cornerstone University

Magna Cum Laude

Minors: Speech and Education

Undergraduate Coursework toward teacher's certification, 1976-1980

Calvin College

Graduate Coursework toward M.A. in Education, 1981

Michigan State University

AWARDS

2015 Michigan Liberator Award presented to WAR International. January 2015.

Obadiah award, Cornerstone University, Grand Rapids, MI. 2014

Award for Courage and Excellence in Spiritual Fitness; Constant in Prayer and Care presented by Pentagon Chaplain. March 2015.

Grand Rapids Theological Seminary Award presented by Dr. Joe Stowell. April 2014.

Certificate of Appreciation presented by the 528th Sustainment Brigade. September 2013.

Excellence Award presented by the 528th Sustainment Brigade. September 2013.

Certificate of Appreciation presented by the 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade. September 2013.

Outstanding Performance Award presented by the 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade. September 2013.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE

Albania – 1999-Present

Bangladesh – 1985-Present

Cambodia – 2007-Present

Cameroon – 2008-Present

China – 2013-Present

Congo – 2014-Present

Costa Rica – 2014-Present

Cyprus – 2014-Present

Dominican Republic – 2008-Present

United Arab Emirates – 2007-Present

Ecuador – 2010-Present

Egypt – 2007- Present

Guatemala – 2012-Present

Greece – 2010-Present

Haiti – 2010-Present

India – 2007-Present

Indonesia – 2011-Present

Iraq – 2014-Present

Israel – 2013- Present

Italy – 2012-Present

Jordan – 2009-Present

Kazakhstan – 1995

Kenya – 2010-Present

Kosovo – 2004-Present

Laos – 2011-Present

Malaysia – 2012-Present

Morocco – 2014-Present

Nepal – 2007-Present

Netherlands – 2012-Present

Nicaragua – 2012-Present

Nigeria – 2010-Present

Pakistan – 2010-Present

Peru – 2015-Present

Philippines – 1986-Present

Rwanda – 2009-Present

Serbia – 2013-Present

South Africa – 2013-Present

Spain – 2007-Present

Sudan – 2007-Present

Tajikistan – 1995

Thailand – 2006-Present

Turkey – 2007-Present (Turks and Caicos – 2012-Present

Uganda – 2011-Present

Ukraine – 2002-Present

United States of America – 1986-Present

Uzbekistan – 1995-Present

Vietnam – 2011-Present

Media Appearances

TCT Alive. Interviewed in Allendale, MI. May, 2016

Halfstack Magazine. Naperville, IL. January 2016.

EightWest, Grand Rapids, MI. August 2015

WTLJ TV Interview: Human Trafficking. Allendale, MI. December 2015.

Detroit Free Press Interview. Detroit, MI. October 2015.

Radio Interview with The Liberty Beacon Network. Online Presence. September 2015.

WBCL Radio Interview out of Fort Wayne IN. September 2015.

WOOD TV 8. Grand Rapids, MI. September 2015.

West Michigan News. Grand Rapids, MI. May 2015.

Crossroads Bible Institute with Dr. Schuringa: Social Justice. Grand Rapids, MI. April 2015.

World Magazine with Warren Smith, Grand Rapids, MI. February 2015.

WNPV 1140 Radio Interview with Darrell Berger. Grand Rapids, MI. December 2014.

FOX 17 Interview with Nicole DiDonato. Grand Rapids, MI. October 2014.

WOOD TV Daybreak Show, Grand Rapids, MI. September 2014.

WOOD Radio Interview with Chuck LaTour. Grand Rapids, MI. September, 2014.

Interview with WOOD TV 8, Grand Rapids, MI. July 2014.

Wood Radio: Justin Barclay Show. Topic: Child trafficking in West MI. Grand Rapids, MI. June 2014.

Interview with NBC affiliate, Naperville, IL. June 2014.

TCT Alive at WTLJ Radio Interview. Allendale, MI. June 2013.

WTLJ Radio Interview. Allendale, MI. May 2013.

WLJN Radio Interview. Traverse City, MI. March 2013.

WZZM 13 TV Interview. Grand Rapids, MI. August 2012.

Wood TV Interview. Grand Rapids, MI. May 2012.

WGVU Radio Interview. Grand Rapids, MI. January 2012.

River County Journal Interview. Three Rivers, MI. September 2011.

Family Life Network Interview. Online Presence. September 2011.

WEEC Radio Interview. Dayton, OH. September 2011.

Three Rivers News. Three Rivers, MI. August 2011.

WEEC Radio Interview. Dayton, OH. August 2011.

Fox 17 News Interview. Grand Rapids, MI. August 2011.

WFCJ Radio Interview. Xenia, OH. August 2011.

Wood TV Interview. Grand Rapids, MI. July 2011.

Eight West TV Interview. Grand Rapids, MI. April 2011.

Radio in Black and White Interview. Grand Rapids, MI. January 2011.

Grand Rapids Press Interview. Grand Rapids, MI. January 2011.

Women's Lifestyle Magazine Interview. Grand Rapids, MI. November 2010.

GVSU Radio Interview. Allendale, MI. September 2010.

Chicago Tribune Interview. Chicago, IL. August 2010.

Fox 17 News Interview. Grand Rapids, MI. May 2010.

WZZM TV Interview. Grand Rapids, MI. May 2010.

WCET TV Interview. Hudsonville, MI. May 2010.

Rockford Living Magazine Interview. Rockford, MI. April 2010.

Community Media Center Interview. Grand Rapids, MI. January 2010.

Grand Rapids Family Magazine Interview. Grand Rapids, MI. May 2009.

WEEC Radio Interview. Dayton, OH. October 2008.

Additional Presentations

PRESENTATIONS AT SPECIAL EVENTS

SOLD Movie Premiere, Grand Rapids, MI. June, 2016.

TRADE OF INNOCENCE Movie Premiere, Green Bay, WI. February, 2015.

CAGED NO MORE Movie Premiere, Los Angeles, CA. October 2015.

She's Somebody's Daughter Banquet, Harrisburg, PA. October 2015.

S.O.A.P. Project, Grand Rapids, MI. September 2015 & 2016.

S.O.A.P. Project, Detroit, MI. January 2012.

Red Chord Event at Gerald R. Ford Museum, Grand Rapids, MI. September 2015.

Annual ArtPrize Anti-Trafficking Awareness with local artists, Grand Rapids, MI. September 2014 & 2016.

Unbound Conference: Spoke at the Washington Monument, Washington D.C. October 2013.

Hope Benefit Concert for Trafficking Awareness. Kalamazoo, MI. August 2012.

Community Wide Trafficking Awareness Event. Three Rivers, MI October 2011.

WAR, Int'l Gala at DeVos Conference Center. Grand Rapids, MI. November 2012 .

WAR, Int'l Christmas Teas with Recording Artist and Survivor Ilonka Deaton. Grand Rapids, MI. December 2013.

Women At Risk, Int'l Gala. Amway Grand Hotel, Grand Rapids, MI. November 2008.

CIVIC SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS/CONFERENCES

Wellspring Community Church, Hudsonville, MI. December 2015.

First Baptist Church of Zeeland, Zeeland, MI. December 2015.

Cornerstone Evangelical Church, Brighton, MI. November 2015.

Heritage Baptist Church, North Abington, PA. November 2015.

Colonial Woods Missionary Church, Port Huron, MI. November 2015.

Brooklyn Tabernacle Voice of Hope, Brooklyn, NY. October 2015.

St. John's United Church of Christ, Moro, IL. October 2015.

New Hope Baptist Church, Parrish, FL. October 2015.

Jenison Bible Mission Conference. Hudsonville, MI. October 2015.

Christ The King Lutheran Church, Great Falls, VA. October 2015.

Community Christian Fellowship, Carlisle, PA. October 2015.

Linglestown Life Church, Harrisburg, PA. October 2015.

Washington Heights Missions Conference, Dayton, OH. April 2015.

Kentwood Rotary, Kentwood, MI. August 2014.

Cornerstone Baptist Church. Roseville, MI. March 2014

Bible Center Church. Charleston, WV. December 2013.

Kirkmont Presbyterian Church. Dayton, OH. November 2013.

Thornapple Covenant Church. Grand Rapids, MI. November 2013.

Moraine Valley Church. Palos Heights, IL. November 2013.

First Baptist Church. Mt. Vernon, OH. November 2013.

Southgate Baptist Church. Missions Conference. Springfield, OH. October 2013

Mount Zion Baptist Church. Wilkes-Barre, PA. September 2013.

United Methodist Church. Harrisburg, PA. September 2013.

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church. Wilkesboro, NC. September 2013.

Holland Rotary Club. Holland, MI. July 2013.

Community Christian Church. Naperville, IL. May 2013.

Moody Church. Chicago, IL. May 2013.

Wallen Baptist Church. Fort Wayne, IN. April 2013.

Bible Center Church. Charleston, WV. April 2013.

Calvary Baptist Church. Grand Rapids, MI. March 2013.

Ada Bible Church. Grand Rapids, MI. March 2013.

Sisters In Christ Conference, Carrolton, GA. February 2015.

Beloved. Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches. Sugarcreek, OH. November 2012.

Community Christian Church. Naperville, IL. November 2012.

Riverside Community Church. Columbia, SC. October 2012.

IARBC Conference. Mason City, IA. September 2012.

Resurrection Life Church. Grandville, MI. July 2012.

Christian Working Woman Organization. Weekend Getaway Conference. Itasca, IL. March 2012.

Brookville Road Community Church. New Palestine, IN. January 2012.

Rush Creek Bible Church. Byron Center, MI. November 2011.

First Baptist Church. Dayton, OH. November 2011.

Starkey Road Baptist Church. Seminole, FL. November 2011.

Women of Passion. Camp Ao-wa-kiya Conference. Shelby, MI. October 2011.

Unveiling: Masks and Mirrors. First Baptist Church. Waldoboro, ME. October 2011.

Women of Passion. West Hills Baptist Church. Akron, OH. October 2011.

Falls Road Baptist Church. Rocky Mount, NC. September 2011.

Coopersville Rotary, Coopersville, MI. August 2011

Resurrection Life Church. Grand Rapids, MI. July 2011.

Lake Hills Baptist Church. Schererville, IN. June 2011.

Valley Presbyterian Church. Paradise Valley, AZ. April 2011.

Global Justice Conference. Rochester Hills, MI. April 2011.

West Bowles Community Church. Littleton, CO. March 2011.

Bear Valley Church. Denver, CO. March 2011.

Sisters in Christ Conference. Atlanta, GA. February 2011.

Moody Church. Chicago, IL. February 2011.

Abbe Road Church. Elyria, OH. December 2010.

Mars Hill Bible Church. Grandville, MI. November 2010.

Hershey Evangelical Free Church. Women's Health Conference. Hummelstown, PA. October 2010.

Grace Baptist Church. Cedarville, OH. September 2010.

Crete Reformed Church. Crete, IL. September 2010.

Peace Community Church. Frankfort, IL. September 2010.

Women of Passion. River Valley Community Church. Waverly, OH. May 2010.

Washington Heights Baptist Church. Dayton, OH. April 2010.

Calvary Baptist Church. Church Ministries Conference. Grand Rapids, MI. March 2010.

Unveiling: Masks and Mirrors. Stillwater Community Church. Pleasant Hill, OH. March 2010.

Sunshine Community Church. Global Issues Summit. Grand Rapids, MI. January 2010.

Spring Creek Church. Pewaukee, WI. December 2009.

Kentwood Community Church. Kentwood, MI. December 2009.

Calvary Church. Grand Rapids, MI. September 2009.

Women of Passion. Scioto Hills Camp. Wheelersburg, OH. September 2009.

Unveiling: Masks and Mirrors. Rushcreek Bible Church. Rushcreek, MI. August 2009.

LYFE Women's Conference. Baptist Bible College. Clarks Summit, PA. May 2009.

Unveiling: Masks and Mirrors. River Valley Community Church. Waverly, OH. April 2009.

New Life Community Church. Canal Winchester, OH. April 2009.

Washington Heights Baptist Church. Dayton, OH. October 2008.

Unveiling: Masks and Mirrors. Grace Bible Church. Arroyo Grande, CA. October 2008.

Unveiling: Masks and Mirrors. Scioto Hills Camp. Wheelersburg, OH. September 2008.

Ada Bible Church. Grand Rapids, MI. February 2008.

Jesus: The Master Perfumer. Bear Valley Victory Church. Lakewood, CO. September 2007.

Jesus: the Master Perfumer. Women of the Harvest Conference. Costa Mesa, CA. July 2007.

ADDITIONAL EXPERT CONSULTATIONS

Expert Testimony on Middle Eastern Culture and Islam in the case of an acid attack survivor. June 2015.

Kent County Human Trafficking Task Force: Member. Since March 2015.

Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force: Member. Since October 2008.

MI Human Trafficking Task Force. Topic: How to best serve victims of trafficking. May 2014.

Minnesota Human Trafficking Coalition. Topic: Aftercare for human trafficking victims. November 2013.

Michigan Senator Emmons and Anti-trafficking Committee. Topic: New anti-trafficking legislation. April 2014.

Michigan Senator Emmons and Anti-trafficking Committee. Topic: Anti-trafficking legislation. March 2013.

Senate: Ongoing consultant in regards to anti-trafficking efforts. March 2014.

Victim Services Committee of the Commission Memberships. Topic: Anti-trafficking legislation. April 2013.

State Department Meeting with Ambassador for Women's Issues at Large. March 2011.

Senator Webb. Topic: Human trafficking, Washington, DC. April 2011.

Homeland Security. Topic: Tip received by HLS on trafficking victim. December 2011.

FBI: Consultant in regards to Islamic culture and domestic violence. October 2013.

Wyoming, MI Police Force. Topic: Human Trafficking in Michigan, Wyoming, MI. March 2010.

TRUST Conference, London England. August 2013.

Muskegon County Medical Society. Topic: Identifying human trafficking. October 2011.

Kent County Health Department. Topic: Identifying human trafficking. September 2011.

University of Michigan Law Clinic: Ongoing consultant, Ann Arbor, MI. July 2010.

Sacred Beginnings Organization. Topic: Aftercare for human trafficking survivors, Grand Rapids, MI. January 2010.

Salvation Army PROMISE Program. Topic: Child trafficking, Grand Rapids, MI. January 2010.

Cradles of Grace. Topic: Women's risk issues, Byron Center, MI. August 2009.

Hosted by the Royal Family in the United Arab Emirates. December 2007.

ADDITIONAL PRESENTATIONS TO GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Women working in Corrections & Juvenile Justice Conference, Pittsburgh, PA. September 2014.

Women in Homeland Security Luncheon, Arlington, VA. January 2016.

Saginaw Law Auxiliary Dinner, Saginaw, MI. April 2014.

Saginaw Law Auxiliary and BAR Association. Saginaw, MI. November 2013.

ADDITIONAL PRESENTATIONS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

Baptist Bible College, Clark Summit, PA – 2010

Berry College, Atlanta, GA - 2008

Cedarville University, Cedarville, OH – 2007, 2009

Denver Seminary, Littleton, CO – 2011

Grand Rapids Community College, Grand Rapids, MI – 2008

Grand Rapids Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, MI – 2009

Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, MI – 2013, 2014

Kuyper College, Grand Rapids, MI – 2008

North Central College, Naperville, IL – 2012

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, Green Bay, WI – 2013

Rochester College, Rochester Hills, MI – 2013

University of Toledo, Toledo, OH – 2010

World Affairs Council, Aquinas College – 2015

ADDITIONAL PANEL PRESENTATIONS

Other Presentations

World Affairs Council of America Panel: Aquinas College, Grand Rapids MI. February 2015.

Southwestern Michigan Forum. Dowagiac, MI. July 2012.

Zonta International Panel on Human Trafficking. Grand Rapids, MI. April 2011.

Zonta International Panel on Human Trafficking. Grand Rapids, MI. Discussion on human trafficking with Mary Polick, Michigan Now network; Jeff Mark, Project Hope; and Theresa Flores, survivor. September 2010

Panel on Domestic Trafficking. Grand valley State University. Grand Rapids, MI. January 2011.

- Guest Panelists: Kristen DeLange, Trauma Counselor for Catholic Charities; Malynda Jennings, Trafficking Survivor; Carmen Kucinich, Victim Specialist for the FBI; Saundra Lawson, Executive Director at Project Liberty; and Jeff Martineau, Executive Director at The Hope Project.

ADDITIONAL CIVILIAN TRAINING SEMINARS

Civilian First Responder Training. Minnesota Christian Coalition. Minneapolis, MN. April 2014.

Civilian First Responder Training. Engedi Church. Holland, MI. March 2014.

Civilian First Responder Training. St. Mary's Hospital. Saginaw, MI. November 2013.

Civilian First Responder Training. Parkview Christian Church. Orland Park, IL. October 2013.

Civilian First Responder Training. Trinity Academy of Raleigh. Raleigh, NC. September 2013.

Civilian First Responder Training. Stones Crossing Church. Greenwood, IN. May 2013.

Civilian First Responder Training. Zion Christian Church. Troy, MI. June 2012.

Civilian First Responder Training. Parkview Christian Church. Orland Park, IL. April 2012.

Civilian First Responder Training. Shawnee Hills Baptist Church. Jamestown, OH. October 2011.

Civilian First Responder Training. West Bowles Community Church. Littleton, CO. March 2011.

Seminar to BB&T anti-money laundering division (AML) on terrorist financing, Islamic banking, and Islamic Culture, 2005.

Held dozens of post-September 11, 2001 seminars on Islam, women, and the interaction of their faith, culture, family and marriage.