

# ***HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION AND INFORMATION***

## **Letter from the Energeia Board of Directors**

On behalf of the Energeia Board of Directors, we are proud to recognize the collective efforts of our Partners and alumni who continue to advance Energeia's mission of addressing complex regional challenges through leadership, collaboration, and action.

One area of particular importance to Energeia in recent years has been raising awareness of human trafficking, with a focused lens on teen sex trafficking on Long Island. This issue, often hidden in plain sight, demands informed leadership, cross-sector collaboration, and sustained public engagement—principles that are at the core of Energeia's work.

Through the dedication of Energeia Partners, meaningful progress has been made in elevating this critical conversation across the region. Notably, an editorial by Geraldine Hart and Neela Lockel helped bring increased public attention to the realities of human trafficking happening here on Long Island, and the urgent need for coordinated responses. This thought leadership reflects Energeia's commitment to using informed voices to influence public understanding and policy dialogue.

In parallel, Energeia Partners have been actively developing a dedicated website—scheduled to launch soon—that will serve as a central resource for education, awareness, and engagement on human trafficking. Work is also underway on public service announcements designed to air throughout the region, further expanding outreach and ensuring that key messages reach diverse audiences.

These efforts are complemented by continued speaking engagements across Long Island and beyond, reaching community groups, professionals, educators, and civic leaders. By engaging broad audiences, Energeia helps ensure that awareness translates into vigilance, prevention, and action.

Looking ahead, Energeia continues to support industry-specific cohorts focused on creating targeted training programs and meaningful metrics. These cohorts are designed to equip sectors with the tools they need to recognize risk, respond effectively, and measure impact—transforming awareness into sustainable, systemic change.

As we celebrate the accomplishments of this graduating class, we do so with deep appreciation for the leadership demonstrated in confronting difficult issues and advancing solutions that strengthen our communities. The work to combat human trafficking exemplifies the power of Energeia's model: informed leaders working together to create lasting change.

Congratulations to our graduates, and thank you for your continued commitment to service, leadership, and impact.

With pride and gratitude,  
The Energeia Board of Directors