Influential Women Highlights Lucresia Montez: Advancing Compassionate Support For Human Trafficking Survivors

HOUSTON, TX, UNITED STATES, September 16, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Houston Social Worker Draws on More Than 18 Years of Experience to Connect Vulnerable Survivors With Critical Healthcare, Dignity, and Opportunities for Recovery



Houston, Texas – With more than 18 years of experience in social services, child welfare, crisis intervention, and community-based care, Lucresia Montez has dedicated her career to supporting individuals facing some of life's most difficult circumstances. For the past five years, she has focused her work on human trafficking survivors at San José Clinic, a nonprofit organization in Houston, Texas, where she combines administrative leadership with direct client services.

In her current role, Lucresia conducts intakes with women who have been recovered through law enforcement agencies, the FBI, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC), and nonprofit partners. Working with individuals who have experienced profound exploitation and trauma requires professionalism, discretion, patience, and a trauma-informed approach. Lucresia brings each of these qualities to her work while remaining focused on helping survivors access the resources necessary to rebuild their lives.

A significant part of Lucresia's work involves connecting trafficking survivors with healthcare services that can be difficult to access. San José Clinic provides a specialty healthcare resource that addresses needs often overlooked in traditional settings. Lucresia coordinates access to medical care, specialty treatment, and dental services designed around the complex

circumstances of the women she serves.

Many survivors arrive with serious health challenges, including significant dental deterioration and malnourishment that can be associated with substance exposure and prolonged exploitation. By helping survivors navigate these barriers and connect with appropriate care, Lucresia contributes to their immediate stabilization while supporting their longer-term recovery and well-being.

Her commitment to social work is also informed by her own life experiences. As a first-generation college student who grew up in a small predominantly hispanic community where pursuing higher education was uncommon, Lucresia was among the few who broke through generational barriers to earn her degrees. Having navigated significant family and socioeconomic challenges, she developed an early understanding of adversity, perseverance, and resilience.

Those experiences ultimately helped shape her mission. Lucresia believes in helping people break cycles of trauma and hardship while providing the support, encouragement, and opportunities that can help them move toward a better future.

When asked what she attributes her success to, Lucresia points directly to her clients. She believes she learns as much from them as they receive from her. Their experiences have taught her to remain humble, grateful, and mindful of taking life one day at a time. Most importantly, working with human trafficking survivors has shown her extraordinary resilience and strength, reinforcing her understanding of what truly matters in life.

Lucresia also emphasizes the importance of not taking difficult interactions personally. She recognizes that the individuals she serves may be responding not only to their personal circumstances but also to frustrations surrounding access to services and the systems involved in obtaining support. Because she has never walked in their shoes, she believes compassion must remain at the center of her response.

Her advice to young women entering social work is straightforward: have an outlet, take care of yourself, stay positive, and do not give up. Supporting vulnerable populations can be emotionally demanding, and maintaining personal well-being is essential to continuing to serve others effectively.

Today, Lucresia sees scarce resources, reduced funding, and political red tape as significant challenges within her field, particularly when serving international victims. Despite these obstacles, she remains committed to consistently showing up for the people who depend on her, hopeful that greater resources and opportunities will become available.

At the heart of Lucresia's professional and personal philosophy is integrity. Honesty and authenticity guide the way she approaches her responsibilities and relationships. She

understands that helping others begins with being true to herself and maintaining her own well-being.

Through compassion, resilience, and an unwavering commitment to service, Lucresia Montez continues to advocate for survivors who deserve not only immediate assistance, but also a genuine opportunity to heal, recover, and build a new chapter in their lives.

Learn More about Lucresia Montez:

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