

# Partner Spotlight



Each month, the CDPHP Health Equity Unit will spotlight one of our partners to showcase their tremendous efforts in health equity. Our team thanks each and every partner and Community Based-Organization for all of their extraordinary efforts in assisting Nevadans and making an impact in public health.

# What is the most exciting project you are currently working on?

Xquisite spent the beginning of the year making the community aware of human sex trafficking in our state, and within our neighborhoods. Xquisite hosted an event on Human Trafficking Awareness Day, January 11th where state and local leaders came together. The event speakers included Attorney General Aaron Ford, U.S. Senators Catherine Cortez Masto and Jacky Rosen, members of the Regional Human Trafficking and Exploitation unit and the FBI, Jason Guinasso with the Charleston Law Center (CLC) and sex trafficking lived experience expert, Bekah Charleston who is the founder of the Charleston Law Center.. Our focus this year is to challenge our state to Lead the Way to end sex trafficking.



# What has been your most memorable moment?



The Charleston Law Center held their first Nevada Sex Trafficking and Prostitution Law and Policy Summit on February 2nd. This was a full day of bringing influential leaders and lawmakers together who make our laws, enforce our laws, and advocates for survivors of sex trafficking. Representatives also included national agencies who are influential in making significant change on behalf of sex trafficking survivors.

A powerful documentary "Buying Her" was premiered. The day was filled with passionate messaging, collaborative solutions, and partnerships to intentionally make a difference. The summit created a space for partnership and shared resources.



# What piece of advice would you give to new partners?

The Charleston Law Center (CLC) continues to provide pro-bono legal services to survivors of sex trafficking, sexual assault, and domestic violence and have received numerous of requests for help.

Xquisite continues to be a resource for survivors of sex trafficking, sexual assault, and domestic violence.

Together CLC and Xquisite have formed a powerful alliance on behalf of survivors. They recognize that everyone can't do everything, but everyone can do something. Their passion is to use their unique gifts within organizations to provide the very best for the survivors served separately as well as together for the most successful next steps in their journey.





Xquisite is seeing a need for services for our teen population. February 28th, we held a Teen Dating Violence Awareness workshop jointly presented with Teen Positivity coach, Molly Dahl.

<https://www.xquisite.org/post/teen-dating-violence-awareness-workshop>. Xquisite is also partnering with the Carson City Juvenile Probation office bringing weekly support groups to empower our youth to receive tangible resources and conversation to make healthy decisions and self-confidence building.

Xquisite and the Charleston Law Center partnered together February 21st and 24th to host a sex trafficking awareness training event for the emergency department of Carson Tahoe Hospital. This event also included the regional Human Trafficking and Exploitation law enforcement unit. Together they were able to provide insight for receiving sex trafficking victims as well as signs, symptoms, and tools to utilize to provide trauma informed care to the sex trafficking victims that they may encounter within the emergency room. This event was a powerful collaboration, and it was very well received, with an invitation to continue these conversations.

The Charleston Law Center and Xquisite have seen the value of working together in partnership. Their joint passion has propelled a greater outcome than if they worked separately. Resources go farther, creative solutions are realized all to benefit the survivors we serve, and sharing the incredible responsibility to give the best wrap around care allows them to truly give survivors hope and courage to move from a place of confined exploitation and move to a place of freedom.

# Who is a historical female figure that has made a strong impact on your work?

Xquisite has been impacted and propelled by the influence of Christine Caine, who is the founder The A21 Campaign a global non-profit, organization that combats human trafficking with a passion to end modern-day slavery. Christine Caine was deeply moved by when a survivor of sex trafficking asked her, "where have you been, we've been waiting for you to come and rescue us."

Charleston Law Center has been deeply influenced by Harriet Tubman and in particular her quote, "I freed a thousand slaves. I could have freed a thousand more if only they knew they were slaves."



[www.xquisite.org](http://www.xquisite.org)  
[www.charlestonlawcenter.org](http://www.charlestonlawcenter.org)