

Special Operations Volunteer County Champion (VCC) Proposal

Overview:

Special Operations' mission is to keep kids safe from sexual predators in America by hiring boots-on-the-ground private investigators to find and recover missing and vulnerable at-risk children in crisis situations. To extend our reach and effectiveness, we are introducing the Volunteer County Champion (VCC) program, designed to engage local citizens as pivotal players in their communities to address the prevalence of missing, vulnerable, and commercially sexually exploited children (CSEC).

Role Description:

Title: Volunteer County Champion (VCC)

Role Summary:

A Special Operations (SO) Volunteer County Champion (VCC) is a motivated local citizen who plays a key role in their community to address the prevalence of missing, vulnerable, and commercially sexually exploited children (CSEC). The VCC serves as the local representative of Special Operations, laying the foundation for the organization to take on cases, identify system gaps, and support law enforcement efforts in bringing predators to justice.

Primary Duties & Responsibilities:

- **Subject Matter Expertise:** Committed to becoming a CSEC subject matter expert, understanding the prevalence and challenges behind CSEC identification in their local community/county, focusing on both boys and girls.
- **Community Landscape:** Develop an in-depth understanding of the local community 'landscape' (who the stakeholders fighting CSEC are), and document relevant information in a secure SO Google Workspace platform.
- **Strategic Relationships:** Form strategic relationships with leaders within local law enforcement (PD, DA), social services, and NGO service providers.
- **Awareness and Network Building:** Raise awareness through smart PR strategies and relationship cultivation to develop a network of 'sources of information' (confidential informants).
- **Foundation for Investigators:** Provide the foundation needed for Special Operations to begin assigning investigators and gathering evidence prioritized by law enforcement and prosecutors.
- **Fundraising Efforts:** Spearhead local fundraising efforts to match local community philanthropy dollars with our investigative work.
- **Task Force Participation:** Attend regular multidisciplinary local task force meetings on combating CSEC.
- **Collaboration:** Share ideas and best practices with VCCs in other counties and help promote SO's VCC program beyond the Bay Area.

- **TraffickingFreeZone Program:** Where appropriate, work with USIAHT to implement their 'TraffickingFreeZone' Program within the community.

Qualification Requirements:

- **Background Check:** Clean background check; an upstanding citizen in the community.
- **Motivation:** A 'calling' to help vulnerable children; a self-starter who takes initiative and convenes stakeholders with ease; a strong networker and connector.
- **Communication Skills:** Strong work ethic with excellent written and verbal communication skills; communicates and reports back regularly to SO management.
- **Professional Maturity:** Understands how to manage sensitive information.
- **Local Knowledge:** Willingness to understand local laws and regulations and document them.
- **Collaboration:** Works well with others.

Benefits:

- **Impact:** Help protect children from sexual predators, changing the lives and future trajectory of multiple generations and making the world a better place.
- **Learning:** Increase your understanding of local social issues and root causes.
- **Experience:** Gain experience at a unique nonprofit with the potential to have a nationwide impact.
- **Support:** SO will provide fundraising guidance, regular support, and opportunities for your personal and professional development.
- **Resources:** SO will provide business cards and SO collateral as hand-outs.

Duration:

- At least a one-year commitment is preferable, with a minimum of 3 hours/week (12-15 hours/month).

Application Process:

Please contact us at info@findingkids.org with "Volunteer County Champion Application" in the subject line. Include your resume, contact information for three professional references, and a brief description of what you appreciate most and dislike most about a workplace. Additionally, provide in writing or on video a brief description of why you are suited to represent SO as a VCC. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis; interviews and background checks are required. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Background:

Special Operations is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization founded in 2017 to keep kids safe from sexual predators in the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond. Ranked by the FBI as a top-three hot spot for domestic minor sex trafficking (DMST), the Bay Area faces a burgeoning and highly profitable criminal industry that few fully understand. Special Operations is now poised to scale

its operations to other hot spots across the country, with the pace determined by funding, our pipeline of PIs, and the number of effective VCCs we can recruit.

As a victim-centered charitable organization, Special Operations feels less threatening to community members working with trauma victims, making it easier for them to reach out for help or provide leads. We work closely with federal agencies, law enforcement, confidential informants, community members, and other charitable organizations to proactively find young victims, provide immediate help, and gather evidence to support law enforcement in bringing predators to justice. Special Operations has helped identify, recover, and assist over 60 children, including racially diverse girls, boys, and transgender youth aged 12 to 18 from diverse socio-economic backgrounds. All youth are vulnerable to sex traffickers, especially those who have already endured trauma. Children can be recruited in public places or online, often without parents realizing until after tragedy strikes.