



## **Alina Donahue**

### *Human Trafficking Survivor & Inspirational Speaker*

In 2012, Alina fell victim to this dark world we know as Human Trafficking. For months, she lived in the shadows of her trafficker. With each day that passed, she prayed that her nightmare would come to an end. After eight horrific months, Alina was finally able to escape the grasp of her trafficker during an encounter with local law enforcement.

In 2018, Alina became the first individual in the state of Florida to have her criminal charges expunged due to being a victim of human trafficking. After making history, Alina felt she was destined to make a difference and help victims escape their traffickers.

In 2020, Alina co-created The Shelly Stayer Shelter's 18-month Human Trafficking Residential Program. A model program for organizations nationwide that leads the fight in providing aftercare services to survivors. Within this program, advocates are able to help female, adult survivors of sexual human trafficking by offering them intensive therapeutic services needed in order to heal and regain their self-independence.

Alina grew up in a conservative, Catholic home in Naples, Florida. Her parents were Cuban immigrants who migrated to the United States in the mid-1980s fleeing the Castro regime. Alina was raised in a loving home with her two siblings, Preselvina and Jessica. Alina now resides in Southwest Florida with her loving husband and two daughters. She is a strong advocate for victims and survivors of human trafficking. Alina's mission is to provide education and awareness to all because anyone can fall victim to this heinous crime.