

A smiling woman with long dark hair, wearing a yellow top, is the central focus of the image. She is looking slightly to the right of the camera with a warm, friendly expression. The background is softly blurred, suggesting an indoor setting.

Home Host

STEP BY STEP GUIDE

The purpose of this Guide is to give you a suggested format for your Home Gathering in a step-by-step chronological approach that incorporates the "tools" that you receive in the Hospitality Home Host kit.

HOME HOST

STEP BY STEP GUIDE



Preparation

2-3 WEEKS BEFORE:

1. Decide on a date and email or mail invites (Appendix A)
2. Download & review your Step-by-Step Guide (Appendix A)
3. Plan a menu (Appendix B)

DAY OF HOME GATHERING:

1. Set out food & beverages plus handouts for your guests at each place setting:
beLydia Guide Book, beLydia Truth About Sex Trafficking Cards,
Prevention Resource Page
Have available for your use:
Step by Step Guide, Donation Envelopes, Home Host Sign Up Sheet
2. Ensure your computer or smart device is ready to show video:
www.belydia.org/roundtable and the password is: LYDIA
3. Open your door, welcome your guests and follow the Step-by-Step Guide

POST GATHERING:

Take a photo of the Home Host Sign Up Sheet and scan or email to hello@belydia.org

3 PARTS TO YOUR GATHERING

EDUCATION

- Welcome and Treats / Coffee (15 Minutes)
 - Opening (10 Minutes)
 - Human Trafficking Facts & Introduce beLydia (10 Minutes)
 - Show VIDEO (25 minutes)
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PREVENTION

- Discussion & Questions (15 minutes)
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JOIN THE MOVEMENT

- Discuss beLydia's Awareness Campaign
 - Encourage Guests to Become a Home Host
 - Show Simplicity of Giving
 - Stay Informed
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HOME GATHERING PART 1

EDUCATION

- Welcome & Treats / Coffee
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 - Show Video
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WELCOME & TREATS / COFFEE

Education

OPENING

OPTIONAL PRAYER

SAY: *Since child sex trafficking is such a dark & evil topic, I'd like to begin with a prayer.*

READ:

Father God, Your Word tells us that wherever two or more are gathered together in Your name, You will be there and so we ask You to be here with us as we discuss a very dark and evil topic.

We ask for the Holy Spirit to carry the conversation and for us to not to be filled with fear but instead flooded with Your strength and courage.

We know that You do not bring confusion so Lord, we ask You to help us understand this topic and then equip us to do something about it.

We ask these things in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen

Education

SAY: *Now I'd like everyone to close their eyes.*

READ:

- Pimp sets girl on fire.
- Teenage girl shipped to Thailand in a dog crate.
- Boyfriend buys girlfriend an expensive purse and tells her she needs to pay him back by "sleeping with a few guys."
- Cheerleader sells teammate for a pair of tennis shoes.
- Respected doctor sells his own son to other men in his neighborhood.
- A high school student is trafficked by Wrestling Coach. Vice Principal walks in a classroom as her "John" (another teacher) is raping her and just closes the door and never reports it.
- Mother sells daughter for drug money.
- Middle school girl is gang-raped at a party where everything is filmed and then threatened if she doesn't perform, photos will go on the internet.
- Father sells tickets to other men to rape his 4-year-old daughter in Church Sunday School room. Men line up to participate.
- Teenage girls literally chained up in a warehouse.
- The first night of college, a girl is drugged at a party, raped and forced to be in sex trafficking ring. A few years later she is found dead with cigarette burns all over her face.
- Teenager lured into sex trafficking after trafficker patiently hides in Snapchat group messaging app.

ASK: *What do you think?*

Allow a few minutes for comments.

ASK: *What if I told you some of these actually happened here in our city?*



HUMAN TRAFFICKING FACTS

SAY: *Let's spend a few minutes on the facts of human trafficking.*

READ:

- Every child is at risk.
- It is not just a foreign problem.
- The United States makes up for a third of the world's demand.
- Texas alone makes up for a fourth of the US demand.
- The average age of a trafficking victim is 11 - 14.
- Average Lifespan when a child is trafficked is 7 years.
- 33% of Runaways are trafficked within 48 hours.
- Foster Care Kids are actually targeted.
- Only 1%-2% of victims are ever rescued.
- Grooming (where traffickers prey upon a child) is still a product of in-person contact; however, technology is playing an increasing role. This means that these predators are befriending your child in person (at school, the mall, or through a friend of your child's) and learning all about them so they get your child to trust them. They also use social media to develop that connection.
- A "trafficker" is the same as a pimp.
- Sex trafficking is the same thing as sex slavery.
- Majority of kids being trafficked are in school at least part of the time they are in the life. This means that they are being sold for sex at night or on the weekends and still show up to school.
- Some children are being trafficked by their family so it's more difficult to help them.
- Drugs are a one time sale whereas you can sell a human over and over again in one night (often the act is only 11 minutes and on to the next).
- Billions of dollars are made from selling humans.



INTRODUCE BELYDIA

SAY: *Now I'd like to introduce beLydia, a non-profit organization taking a stand against modern day slavery.*

READ: Founded in 2016 by Terri Ingraham when she had a dream where she heard "be Lydia" over and over and woke up to a what she calls a "download from the Holy Spirit" telling her to "be like Lydia" in the book of Acts, chapter 16:14-15.

Lydia was an early converter to Christianity after she heard Paul preach the Gospel and responded by showing her faithfulness through hospitality. Terri knew from that dream that she was supposed to start a non-profit to fight sex trafficking, something that was not on her radar at all.

She learned that sex trafficking was not just happening in third world countries but in her own city!

beLydia started as a conduit, raising money for other anti-trafficking ministries but they quickly realized that all of the other ministries were working at the crisis level, in other words, "rescue and restoration" but almost no one was working at prevention and awareness.

In January 2017 beLydia switched to being fully devoted to prevention and awareness.

SHOW: VIDEO

HOME GATHERING PART 2

PREVENTION

- Discussion & Questions
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SAY: *In front of you are some materials to take home that provide information on sex slavery and will help you answer some important questions. Let's look closer at the beLydia Guide Book. Please turn to page 5, Human Trafficking Statistics.*

SAY: *This answers the question why is this happening.*

READ: Sex trafficking is a \$9.5 Billion Industry in the U.S., second only to drugs. \$600 Million in Texas alone. A pimp earns \$250,000 annually having 4 to 6 girls. With so much money involved, the need for prevention & awareness is greater than ever.

SAY: *Notice the type of girls that are targeted.*

READ: The average age is 11 - 14; they look for kids who are not confident; kids that don't look someone in the eye when spoken to or are looking for someone that will pay attention to them.

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SAY: *How do you identify a trafficking victim? Please turn to the next page in the guide.*

READ:

- Appear disconnected?
- Stopped attending school?
- Sudden change in behavior?
- Disoriented or confused?
- Showing signs of physical abuse?
- Have bruises in different stages of healing?
- Appear fearful, timid, submissive?
- Show signs of lack of food, water, sleep, medical care?
- Appear to be coached on what to say?
- Living in unsuitable conditions or not have stable living environment?

SAY: *What can you do if you think you know a victim or suspect someone is a victim?*

READ: Do NOT confront the child or suspected trafficker. This could endanger you and/or the child and make the situation much worse.

READ: So, what can you do? Download and use the app, Redlight Traffic or call National Human Trafficking Hotline 1 (888) 373-7888 (not 24/7).

For rescue, call On Time Ministries 1 (573) 347-0379 (24/7).

You can also email beLydia at: hello@belydia.org.

All of this information is referenced in a Prevention Resource Page that we'll be reviewing here shortly.

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SAY: *How do you think they find these girls?*

READ: They often hang out at the malls looking for (mostly) girls who are not confident and often don't look someone in the eye when spoken to.

More and more they target victims using social media often referred to as an "online love affair." They use your child's friends (money and fear is a great motivator) to get access to your child.

They look for anything in your child's personality that would allow them into his or her world, whether it's a lack of confidence, being bullied, looking for love and attention, looking for a father figure or another family, looking to escape or have more freedom.

We have heard of a young teenage girl that was in a group chat for over a year and one day asked to get a ride home and a pimp volunteered to pick her up and she was then trafficked.

He had been in that group chat, hiding, for over a year and she assumed it was a friend.

We have also heard of a young girl being trafficked by an elderly couple who befriended her at her job as a waitress.

They connected her to a college boy who was also working for the trafficker.

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SAY: *So, what can be done to prevent modern day sex slavery knowing social media is one of the most common methods to attract a victim?*

PAUSE

ASK: *How aware are you?*

READ THESE RHETORICAL QUESTIONS:

- What social media avenues are your kids using or have accounts for?
- Can you list all their usernames and passwords?
- If you looked at their social media today what would the last 5 posts be about?
- What are the times of day your kids post the most?
- Can you identify all their friends on social media?
- If you can't do you feel comfortable asking them to tell you more about the ones you do not know?
- What do you post on social media? Are you an example of what you want your kids to be on social media?
- How often are you on social media? Is it made too much of a priority?
- Are you creating a "Safe Home" on social media for your kids? Or is your Front Door Always Left Open? (are your accounts public, pictures, location settings on etc)
- Did you know that over 760,00 predators are online **every day** looking for opportunities to reach out to a child or children and the most popular time for them to be online is at 3 pm when kids are getting out of school?

Now refer everyone to the Prevention Resource tool and review it together with your guests.

HOME GATHERING PART 3

JOIN THE MOVEMENT

- Discuss beLydia's Awareness Campaign
- Encourage Guests to Become a Home Host
- Show Simplicity of Giving
- Stay Informed

Join the Movement

DISCUSS BELYDIA'S AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

SAY: *As you have heard, modern day sex slavery is real. This dark and atrocious issue is facing all of us. beLydia has a lofty goal of reaching every neighborhood in America, but will not be able to do this alone without your help.*

The strategy is simple.

It starts with me inviting you here today to create awareness of sex trafficking. Then we need each of you to invite only 3 (or more if you want to) of your friends over to your house to create awareness of sex trafficking.

Then the friends who came to your house invite 3 or more of their friends over to their home to create awareness of sex trafficking and so on and so forth until every neighborhood in the United States is aware that sex trafficking is real and happening here. All of us together can prevent the spread of this horrific issue.

ENCOURAGE GUESTS TO BECOME A HOME HOST

SAY: *Bottomline, it's not hard to do because beLydia supplies everything you need to do this yourself. I promise, you don't have to be an expert, so even if you're shy, even if you have never hosted anything before, even if you have no idea before now what sex trafficking or sex slavery is all about, beLydia literally helps you through every step.*

So please take the first step now and sign-up on the Home Host Sign-Up Sheet that I'm passing around. Soon you'll receive an email from beLydia to get you started.

STAY INFORMED

SAY: *As you've probably noticed in your local news, more and more information is surfacing on modern day sex slavery. In order to help you stay current, please reference the STAY INFORMED section in beLydia's Parent Resource Guide (and point to it).*

SHOW SIMPLICITY OF GIVING

SAY: *If anyone feels it in their heart, they can also make a donation. Even \$10 can make a difference! Here's an envelope (pass out) where you can make a donation now and leave it with me.*

Also, I have extras if you need one so you can send it in yourself.

OR ... If it is easier for you to do online, on the back at the bottom of the "Truth about Sex Trafficking Cards" (hold up and show), there is a website on how to make a donation online.

NOTE: If someone asks where the money goes to, provide this information ...

SAY: *Nearly 100% of your donations go to 3 areas: Home Awareness Program, Youth Programs, and Large Awareness Events because operation costs have been funded by a private donor.*

A FUNDRAISING MESSAGE FOR HOME HOSTS ONLY

The difference between Fundraising & Donation is with Fundraising, you're asking others to contribute. Donation on the other hand is just you giving, either monthly or a single donation.

We're giving you donation envelopes to collect checks or you can have your friends donate online.

However, if you're interested in fundraising for beLydia, to learn more go to: <https://belydia.funraise.org>; click on start fundraising at the top; decide if you want to fundraise as an individual or a team. We have incentives to make it fun!!

Wrap Up

SAY: *I'd like to thank you again for coming today (or tonight).*

Optional close in prayer:

Father, we come to you broken-hearted but know that You are hope and we ask that You use what is in our hearts for Your glory.

Infuse us with a desire to prevent this atrocity.

Give us courage to follow-through. We lift up every victim of sex slavery to you, Lord, protect them, heal them and show them how to find freedom.

Lord, help us to pray for the traffickers so they have a heart to serve You and stop their evil actions.

We are all sinners Lord, help us see our sin so we will repent and change.

You are faithful to strengthen us when we are weary, our strength comes from You alone. We are crazy about you, Lord and love you so much.

Amen

POST GATHERING

Without you, the Home Host, there is no national prevention campaign so **THANK YOU** for joining our team and making a difference in the fight against sex slavery.

We are so grateful for you!!

In order to officially have your guests “join the movement”, we would greatly appreciate if you could scan or take a photo of the Home Host Sign Up Sheet and email it to hostebelydia.org within 24 hours of your gathering.

Also, your feedback is very important. Please let us know how your gathering went and what we can do to make it easier or better for you and other Home Hosts by emailing hello@belydia.org.

Finally, please consider hosting again!

May the Lord bless you and keep you,

Team be Lydia

Appendix

INVITATION COPY

COPY & PASTE

You can copy/paste this into your email or into a social media post by going to <http://www.belydia.org/toolkit-resources/>

Hi friend,

Were you aware that the greatest danger to our children is anything connected to the internet?

Did you know that child sex trafficking is not only a world issue but it's happening right here in our own city?

What if there was hope to preventing this atrocity from spreading any further and a way to keep children you know from becoming future victims?

Please join me on (date & time) at my home for an important conversation.

Address:

RSVP email address / phone number

DOWNLOAD STEP BY STEP GUIDE

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by going to: <http://www.belydia.org/toolkit-resources/>

Appendix

WHAT TO SERVE

Some ideas...

Breakfast Bar:

Greek yogurt, berries, granola, store-bought or homemade muffins, banana bread, OJ, coffee, infused water with orange slices and mint.

Dessert Bar:

Store-bought or homemade brownies, cookies, cake, sparkling water; pineapple with a drizzle of molasses and fresh mint.

Cheese & Bread Bar:

Assortment of cheeses, olives, sourdough or French bread, olive oil, salami, cucumber slices; Infused water with orange slices and basil.

Make Your Own Salad Bar:

Set out bowls of: spinach, romaine, chopped cabbage, shredded carrots, chopped green onion, sliced radishes, sliced cucumbers, garbanzo beans, sunflower seeds, broccoli florets, cauliflower florets, chopped parsley and/or cilantro, sliced tomatoes, sliced red onion, croutons, tofu, chicken, beef, shrimp, tuna, etc.

-Have a selection of 2-3 salad dressings (so easy to make your own--1/2 cup olive oil, 1/4 vinegar, salt, pepper & squeeze of citrus).

-Serve some French bread, pita bread, pita chips.



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