



The Amara Legal Center envisions a society where our clients are free from stigma, violence, oppression, exploitation, and criminalization.

Save the Date: "Amara Honors" Fall Event on Sept. 8th

Amara invites you to our fall virtual "Circle of Hope - Amara Honors" event on September 8, 2022, 6:30pm-8:00pm.

Please mark you calendars and join Amara for an evening of honoring individuals who have contributed to Amara's work and the anti-trafficking movement.

Our Keynote Speaker will be Virginia Resident, Acclaimed Author of *Nobody's Girl*, and Survivor Advocate: Barbara Amaya



Barbara Amaya is an award-winning advocate, speaker, human trafficking consultant, mentor, trainer, and survivor leader in the movement to finally end human trafficking and child exploitation. At our September event, she will engage attendees with a book reading, Q&A, and a bit of training to inspire and educate!

Barbara experienced first-hand the juvenile justice and child welfare systems. Then as a vulnerable child runaway, she experienced the horrific extremes of violence, child abuse, human trafficking, drug addiction, and prison when she was trafficked on the streets of Washington, DC and New York City for over a decade. Many trafficking victims do not survive before or even after escape, rescue, or attempted restoration. Their experiences are so horrific that often survivors never come back to the 'real' world. Barbara not only survived and healed, but truly transformed her life.



In *Nobody's Girl*, Barbara writes: "To those who may question why I chose

to write this book and how I could share such deeply traumatic, painful, even horrific experiences, here is my response, 'How could I not?'

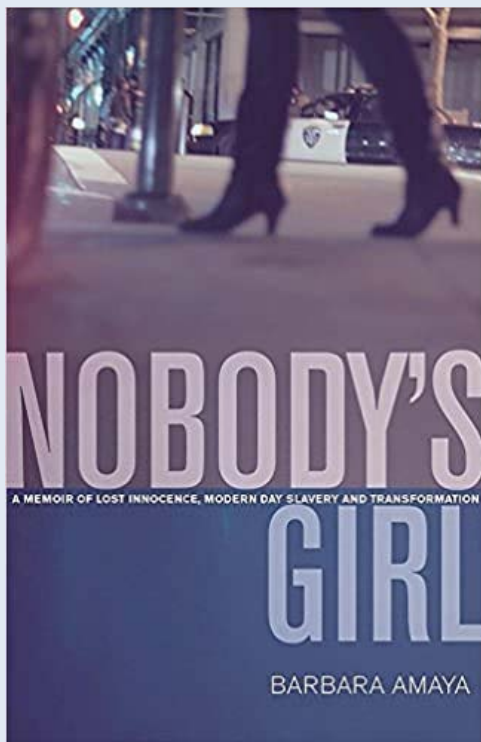
"Breaking my silence is a political statement for me, one of choosing to never again be a voiceless victim. It is a deliberate choice to take my life back and to help others do the same for themselves. Would it matter any less to you if it were only one child being trafficked? Or would it matter more if it were a million children? One child abused and trafficked is too many. All I want to do is make a difference."



"I was a commodity" says Amaya, "I wasn't a human being to them... I shouldn't be on this earth right now. I should be dead."

"When we can help out someone else in this life, and that someone's humanity is somehow restored, I think some part of our own humanity is restored as well."

Event Details Coming Soon, including...



Pre-order Signed Copies of *Nobody's Girl*:

In *Nobody's Girl*, Barbara shares her journey from trafficking victim to human rights advocate, weaving together a story of loss, pain, courage, and transformation.

You can support Amara's work by purchasing a signed copy of Barbara's book, which she will discuss during the event!



Award Presentations in the following categories:

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Corporate
Advocacy
Volunteer

Host Your Own Watch Party for Amara's Event!

Thanks to [One Hope wine](#), you can pre-order wine and snacks to enjoy during your very own watch party with your family, friends, and colleagues.

10% of the profit from sales will be donated to Amara!

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