

*Meet Intimate Partner Violence: The Silent Secret's 2019 keynote speaker*

# Vednita Carter



Vednita Carter. Contributed photo.

Vednita Carter is the Founder of Breaking Free, the first of its kind, Survivor Led, non-profit organization based in St. Paul Minnesota, whose mission is to end all forms of prostitution and sex-trafficking. Ms. Carter is also an author, sought-after speaker, trainer, and award-winning pioneer in the abolitionist movement. She has extensive experience in developing, planning, and implementing programs for sex trafficked women and girls and training law enforcement/FBI.

She was awarded the prestigious Norma Hotaling Award for her life-long service to victims of sex trafficking. Vednita Carter served as a member of the board of directors for the Coalition Against Trafficking in Women (CATW), currently serves as board member for SPACE International. She has traveled to Europe, South East Asia, and South America to educate service providers and community members on Breaking Free's pioneering work. Vednita was awarded the Path Breaker Award from Shared Hope International for her tireless efforts to reduce the demand for commercial sex, named a CNN Hero for her work in ending sexual exploitation of women and girls, and attended President Obama's State of Union address as the guest of Representative Erik Paulsen.

Vednita Carter received an Honorary Doctor of Divinity, Ambassador-at-Large and Chaplaincy from the CICA International University and Seminary. This school is the first and only full gospel organization with special status with the United Nations.