

**Role Description: Volunteer County Champion (VCC)**

Business Unit: Operations/Community Engagement

**Role Summary:** A Special Operations Volunteer County Champion (**VCC**) is a local citizen who is motivated to play a key role within her/his local community to address the prevalence of missing, vulnerable, and commercially sexually exploited children (**CSEC**). This role serves as the local community representative of Special Operations and lays the foundation for the organization to be able to take on cases, identify gaps in the system, and for our private investigators (**PIs**) to support law enforcement efforts in bringing predators to justice. The volunteer requires strong communication and EQ skills in dealing with local government, community-based organizations and nonprofits, PIs, child welfare agencies, and philanthropists and foundations. The individual agrees to follow [Special Operations](#) Policies.

**Primary Duties & Responsibilities**

- Committed to becoming a CSEC subject matter expert; understanding prevalence and the challenges behind CSEC identification in their local community/county.
- Develop in-depth understanding of local community 'landscape' (who are the stakeholders fighting CSEC), documenting relevant information in secure SO Google Workspace platform.
- Form strategic relationships with leaders within local law enforcement (**PD, DA**), social services & NGO service providers.
- Raise awareness through smart PR strategies and relationship cultivation to develop network of 'sources of information' (confidential informants).
- Provide the foundation needed for Special Operations to begin to assign PIs and gather evidence that will be prioritized (by LE and prosecutors).
- Spearhead local fundraising efforts, to 'match' local community philanthropy dollars with our investigative work.
- Attends regular multidisciplinary local task force meetings on the topic of combatting CSEC.
- Willing to share ideas and best practices with VCCs in other counties.
- Willing to help promote Special Operations' VCC program in other geographies.
- Where appropriate, work with USIAHT to implement their '[TraffickingFreeZone](#)' Program within the community.

**Qualification Requirements**

- Clean background check; an upstanding citizen in the community.
- A 'calling' to help vulnerable children; a self-starter (takes initiative); convenes stakeholders with ease; a strong networker and connector.
- Strong work ethic. Excellent written and verbal communication skills - communicates and reports back on a regular basis to Special Operations Management.
- Professional maturity to know how to manage sensitive information.
- Willingness to understand local laws and regulations and to document them.
- Collaborative - works well with others.

**Benefits**



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- Help protect children from sexual predators - change the lives and future trajectory of multiple generations and make the world a better place.
  - Increase your understanding of local social issues, and root causes.
  - Gain experience at a unique nonprofit that has the potential to have a nationwide impact.
  - Special Operations will provide fundraising guidance and support.
  - Regular support and opportunities for your personal and professional development.
  - Special Operations will provide Business Cards and collateral.

#### **Duration**

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

#### **To the Volunteer:**

Please contact us at [info@findingkids.org](mailto:info@findingkids.org) with "**Volunteer County Champion Application**" in the subject line. Please include resume; contact information of three professional references, and what you appreciate most/dislike most about a workplace. Please provide in writing or on video a brief description of why you were suited to be represent Special Operations 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 help keep kids safe from sexual predators in America. Trafficking is a burgeoning and highly profitable criminal industry few fully understand. While our organization was founded in the San Francisco Bay Area, we are now poised to scale operations to other hot spots around the country – the pace of which will be determined by funding, our pipeline of qualified private investigators and the number of Volunteer County Champions we can recruit who are able to be effective in this role.

Since Special Operations is a victim-centered charitable organization, and not law enforcement, it feels less threatening to community members working with trauma victims to reach out to Special Operations for help or to provide leads. We work closely with federal agencies, law enforcement, confidential informants, community members and other charitable organizations to proactively find the young victims, get them the immediate help they need, and gather the evidence necessary to support law enforcement efforts to bring the predators (traffickers and buyers) to justice.

Special Operations has helped to identify, recover, and assist over 60 children, most of whom are racially diverse girls, boys and transgender youth between the ages of 12 and 18 from diverse socio-economic backgrounds and zip codes. All youth are vulnerable to sex traffickers, but those who have already endured some form of trauma are especially easy prey. Children can be recruited in public places such as malls or sporting events, and online through social media sites or false postings for modeling and acting jobs. Even the most engaged parents may not realize their child has been targeted until after tragedy strikes.

**Thank you for being a part of our vision:**

To live in a society where children are free to be children – free from the threat of predators