



**Dawn Connors**  
*Executive  
Director*

Dawn Connors is the Executive Director of the Michigan Anti-Trafficking Project. She is passionate about Human Trafficking prevention and sees training and education as vital to understanding and ending it. She became involved in the anti-Human Trafficking movement in 2014 by going to a few MAP events and then joined a MAP Community Group. She became a board member at the beginning of 2021 and in February 2024 became MAP's Executive Director. Dawn is also involved in anti-trafficking work in India through Missions Me. They build homes and provide safe places and education for impoverished children who would have been on the street and sold into human trafficking for child labor. Dawn's ultimate hope for MAP is to provide education for every student and adult in Michigan.

Dawn resides in Clarkston, MI with her wonderful husband Mike and her son and bonus daughters. She is a Senior Loan Officer for Mortgage 1 and enjoys golf and kayaking in her free time.



**Rhonda  
Davenport  
Johnson**  
*President*

Rhonda is a board director, advisor, and seasoned senior executive with over 36 years of leadership experience in financial services at Comerica Bank. Rhonda currently contributes to the community as a director on the boards at Western Michigan University Foundation, Nomi Network and Michigan Anti-Trafficking Project.

She began her career in retail banking, followed by roles in operations, business development, including executive roles in consumer and small business lending, sales and service and notably as EVP National Director of Retail Banking. During her tenure she led a \$18 billion retail banking business and held responsibility for a wide range of enterprise functions including branch administration, lending, client experience and sales. She holds an MBA from Western Michigan University.

She has consistently brought together strategic vision with disciplined execution to transform operating models and streamline expenses while improving both employee engagement and customer satisfaction.

In her retirement, Davenport Johnson remains deeply committed to both professional excellence and community service. She is passionate about the community and believes great leaders drive impact that makes a difference in the lives of others. Her work in anti-trafficking began after a trip to Mumbai, India where she learned about the exploitation and victimization of vulnerable individuals. After returning to the US and learning about the pervasiveness of the problem she got involved in the fight.



**Kathy Maitland**  
*Executive  
Director  
Emeritus*

Kathy Maitland is a graduate of Spring Arbor University with a BA in Organization Development. From 2013 to 2022, she served as the Executive Director of the Michigan Anti Trafficking Project (MAP) (formerly Michigan Abolitionist Project) where she played a pivotal role in shaping statewide efforts to combat human trafficking. Under her leadership, MAP expanded its reach, deepened community engagement, fostered collaboration, and became a recognized force in advocacy, education, and prevention across Michigan. Kathy now continues her commitment to this mission as a member of MAP's Board of Directors, helping to drive forward the movement she helped build.

Kathy has served on the Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force and Senator Judy Emmons's citizen advisory board. In 2015 she was appointed to two terms on the Governor's Human Trafficking Commission where she led the Commission's Victim Services Committee. In addition to supporting the Commission, she has volunteered on the Oakland County Human Trafficking Task and the Macomb County Anti-Trafficking Task forces. She also currently serves on the Board of Directors for The Gate Way, a nonprofit dedicated to building human trafficking awareness and empowering survivors toward independence.

Before her work as an abolitionist, she worked for 14 years as a business consultant for Electronic Data Systems (EDS), Hewlett Packard (HP) and served her church as Communication Director and Office Manager.

Kathy has been married for 49 years to her high school sweetheart and best friend, Bob. She is blessed to be mom of three awesome children and grandma to seven beloved grandchildren.



**Chris Johnson**  
*Secretary*

Chris Johnson serves as Secretary and immediate past Board President for the Michigan Anti-Trafficking Project (MAP). A graduate of West Point and a decorated Army veteran, he is also the retired GM North America Vice President and General Counsel. Chris attributes his leadership success in the Army, corporate sector, and charitable organizations to his Christian faith, his family, and colleagues, and is guided by the Biblical principle that "From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded..."

His commitment to combating both sex and labor human trafficking, child labor, and other civil and human rights injustices is central to his volunteer efforts. Chris's dedication was profoundly influenced by a transformative 2011 mission trip with NorthRidge Church to Mumbai, India, where he and his wife, Rhonda, witnessed firsthand the magnitude and severity of human trafficking. This experience continues to inspire his ongoing leadership roles at MAP, as the immediate past chair of the American Bar Association Business Law Section Corporate Sustainability Law Committee and as a US legal advisor to the Responsible Contracting Project. He has previously chaired the Men's Advocacy Group at New Friends New Life, a Dallas, Texas anti-trafficking NGO, and is a former member of both the Michigan Human Trafficking Commission and the Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force.

In academia, Chris co-taught the first human trafficking course at a Michigan law school while serving as Associate Professor of Law and Founder/Director of the Graduate Program in Corporate Law and Finance at Thomas Cooley Law School. He is an accomplished speaker and author on human trafficking issues, with numerous published works and presentations on that subject and other social justice issues. He also previously served as a member of the Board of Trustees of Tuskegee University.

Chris' service has been recognized by a variety of organizations, including The West Point Society of Michigan, the American Bar Association, National Bar Association, Urban Wheel, Street Law, State Bar of Michigan, Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association, Detroit Legal Aid Society, the National Black Law Students Association and numerous other professional and community groups.