What is Anka Rising?

Anka Rising (“Anka”) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, co-founded by Banu Demiralp and Janna Lipman, to help eradicate modern-day slavery. Ms. Demiralp and Ms. Lipman have over 20 years combined experience in the private sector and bring their expertise in research, analysis, and evaluation of human trafficking to organizations with which they collaborate.

What is Anka doing to end modern-day slavery?

Anka’s mission is to provide an effective and collaborative platform for private enterprises, governments, and non-governmental organizations to combat and eradicate modern-day slavery. The organization’s programmatic work focuses on creating awareness in and educating the private sector on modern-day slavery and the impact these organizations may have on the approximately $32 billion illegal industry. Through the analysis and reorganization of Corporate Social Responsibility programs to include anti modern-day slavery efforts, Anka Rising will assist organizations and, specifically, the private sector to join in the fight against slavery.

What does “Anka” mean?

Anka Rising derives its name from the Turkish word for a mythological bird - the phoenix. When a phoenix dies, a young phoenix arises from its ashes, born anew to live again. This symbolizes victims rising out of slavery into freedom.

What is a slave?
- Owned or controlled by another
- Forced to work
- Dehumanized
- Physically constrained or tortured

What is modern-day slavery?
- Forced Labor
- Bonded Labor
- Sex Trafficking
- Forced Migrant Labor
- Involuntary Domestic Servitude
- Forced Child Labor
- Child Soldiers
- Children Exploited for Commercial Sex (including Child Sex Tourism)

Who are the slaves?

80% of slaves are women. 27 Million people are enslaved today. 2 Children per Minute are trafficked for sex. Almost 300,000 American children are at risk for trafficking into the sex industry. There are girls as young as 5 and 6 years old in the U.S. that are forced to do sexual acts for economic gain by their pimp. $32 Billion are generated in profits. Many trafficking victims have at least mid-level education. 32% of the victims are used for forced economic exploitation. 211 Million children are involved in child labor.