

VoiceAmerica Host DR. CHRIS MEEK HONORED with voices AGAINST TRAFFICKING'S 2025 VOICES OF COURAGE AND ANGEL AWARD



Stamford, Connecticut Oct 10, 2025 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Voices Against Trafficking (VAT), in partnership with iMAG Media Inc., proudly announced Dr. Chris Meek as the recipient of both the 2025 Voices of Courage Award® and the 2025 Angel Award at the first annual VAT + iMAG Media Global Conference & Gala held on September 27, 2025, at the Liberty Science Center in Jersey City, New Jersey.

Dr. Meek, Host of *Next Steps Forward with Dr. Chris Meek* on VoiceAmerica Media and Founder and Chairman of the national nonprofits [SoldierStrong](#) and [The 9/11 Legacy Foundation](#), was honored for his outstanding leadership, advocacy, and tireless commitment to empowering communities and supporting survivors of human trafficking and trauma. His visionary work in bridging the worlds of mental health, veteran support, and community empowerment, as well as his commitment to shining a spotlight on individuals and organizations combating human trafficking on *Next Steps Forward*, exemplifies the values at the heart of Voices Against Trafficking's mission.

“Dr. Meek’s compassion, integrity, and determination to make a tangible difference in the lives of others reflect the spirit of both the Voices of Courage and Angel Awards,” said Andi Buerger, Founder of Voices Against Trafficking. “He uses his platform to bring attention to those who too often go unheard and to create real, sustainable change.”

The Voices of Courage Award® celebrates individuals who amplify advocacy through awareness and action, using their voices and platforms to combat human trafficking and exploitation. The Angel Award recognizes extraordinary champions whose humanitarian leadership and philanthropic dedication

inspire hope and healing worldwide.

Additional honorees include Dr. Katrina Lantos Swett, President of the Lantos Foundation for Human Rights and Justice; Kelly Wright, Senior White House Correspondent of Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN); Hon. Blanquita Cullum, Journalist, Veteran Award-Winning Radio and Television Broadcaster; Janice Trey, Chairman of the Board of *The Epoch Times*, and United States Marine Corps Veteran Rev. Emilio Roman, among others.

The evening's program featured distinguished honorees, live performances, a benediction given by Rev. Roman, and thought-provoking presentations highlighting the intersection of media, activism, and artistry. The event brought together more than 200 global changemakers united in the belief that storytelling and advocacy can help end human trafficking.

"Receiving these awards is truly humbling," said Dr. Meek. "The fight against human trafficking requires all of us, leaders, organizations, and citizens, to use our voices for those who have been silenced. I'm honored to be recognized by and stand alongside Voices Against Trafficking in this critical mission."

About Dr. Chris Meek

Dr. Chris Meek, Ed.D., is the Founder and Chairman of SoldierStrong, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing revolutionary medical technologies to help injured veterans take their next steps forward in life after service, and The 9/11 Legacy Foundation, dedicated to preserving the stories, history, and values that emerged from September 11, 2001. A dedicated advocate for mental health and social impact, Dr. Meek also hosts *Next Steps Forward with Dr. Chris Meek*, a VoiceAmerica Media production highlighting personal resilience, leadership, and pathways to positive change. He is a proud Board of Directors Member and Charter Media Member of Voices Against Trafficking (VAT). Learn more at nextstepsforward.com.

About Voices Against Trafficking

Voices Against Trafficking is a nonprofit organization uniting business, faith, civic, and community leaders to eradicate human trafficking and support survivors through advocacy, education, and empowerment. Learn more at voicesagainsttrafficking.com.

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