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We love Scott Berkowitz because...

He built a lifeline for rape victims



RAINN spokeswoman Christina Ricci with Berkowitz

"Sometimes I'm asked, 'What's a guy doing working on rape?'" says **Scott Berkowitz**, 38, who in 1994 created Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN), the nation's largest anti-sexual assault group. His eyes were opened in college, when a friend was sexually attacked. "I saw how confusing it was for her to get help," he says. More than a million victims have called the organization's hotline, which offers access to counseling and legal help. One caller: a 12-year-old being abused by her stepdad. "Her mom said if not for RAINN, her daughter might still be in that situation," says Berkowitz. —R.D.K.

“We match their down payment and provide furniture for every room, including a washer and dryer.”

—WARRICK DUNN

We love Ricky Martin and Guy Jacobson because...

They're fighting sex slavery



Ricky Martin with Thai orphans



Guy Jacobson, top, on the set of his film

Grammy winner **Ricky Martin**, 36, was traveling through Calcutta, India, in 2002 when he saw three little girls literally living in a plastic bag. "They were two days away from being trafficked into sex slavery," he has said. New York City independent filmmaker **Guy Jacobson** had an equally horrifying experience while traveling in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, in 2002: A group of girls, some as young as five, surrounded him, groping his crotch as they solicited him for sex. "I told them to stop, but one said the brothel madams would beat them if they went home without money," he says. Now both men are helping victims of modern slavery. In Martin's case, he took

the three girls to a shelter and ever since has paid for their living expenses and education. In 2004, his Ricky Martin Foundation, which aids impoverished kids worldwide, began targeting sex trafficking, especially in Latin America. Its toll-free hotline gets thousands of calls and has helped 20 slaves escape. Jacobson's trip moved him to start making films spotlighting child exploitation and to launch his RedLight Children Campaign. His first such movie, *Holly*, premiered in November. "Every year more than 2 million children are kidnapped or sold into sexual exploitation," says Jacobson, 44. "If I can change the life of even one of them, it's more than worth it." —MAURA KELLY



We love Abdul Rahman al-Laheem because...

He's a Saudi woman's savior

It's a case that sent shock waves around the world: A 19-year-old Saudi newlywed known to the public as "Qatif Girl"—for the name of her town—was raped by seven men after she'd been seen sitting in a car with a male friend. Her attackers were sentenced to prison terms ranging from two to nine years and to 80 to 1,000 lashes each. And for her crime—being alone with an unrelated man—Qatif Girl was ultimately sentenced to 200 lashes and six months in prison. The Saudi legal system seemed aligned against her, but then a champion emerged: lawyer **Abdul Rahman al-Laheem**, 36, who speaks out for her despite court retaliation (his law license was revoked) and death threats from extremists. Why get involved? Saudi society, he says, has "an ignorance about fundamental rights. I thought by taking this [type of] case I could expand the conscience of the Saudi street." At press time, Qatif Girl's flogging hadn't been carried out and the case was under review. Al-Laheem has a personal reason to fight on. "I have a six-year-old daughter," he says. "I try to see the future of Saudi women through her eyes."

—JOSEPH BRAUDE