

## **Hostage US Pro Bono Needs**

Hostage US is a non-profit that offers support to hostage families and returning hostages during and after a kidnap. While it does not assist with the job of getting the hostage home, its support and professional services help to make a terrible situation just that bit more bearable. All help is delivered free of charge and confidentially. It is a partnership between the James W Foley Legacy Foundation and Hostage UK, a non-profit that has been delivering this kind of support in Europe for over a decade and was set up by former hostage, Terry Waite.

Hostage US will launch its services in Spring 2016. It is looking to find a number of first-class volunteers from across the US. Some will be involved in supporting families directly, acting as Hostage US family support volunteers. Others will offer their professional services to Hostage US and its families: it is especially keen to hear from trauma counsellors, health professionals, dentists, lawyers and independent financial advisors. These volunteers can be from anywhere in the United States, as one of Hostage US's goals is to have a network of services across the nation, so it is able to support hostage families no matter where they are located.

Hostage US is also looking for companies willing to support its work through in kind donations, especially airlines and hotel groups.

If you think you can help, contact Rachel Briggs, Executive Director, Hostage US at [info@hostageus.org](mailto:info@hostageus.org).

### **Specific volunteer needs include:**

- Trauma counsellors and psychiatrists specializing in trauma
- Health professionals
  - Specifically health professionals who could advice or routes into hospitals willing to provide health care to hostages on return to the US
- Dentists
  - Specifically dentists who would be willing to help returning hostages get any necessary medical attention
- Nutrition experts
  - Specifically nutrition experts who can help returning hostages get back to full strength
- Lawyers
- Independent financial advisors