



Vanessa Russell
Founder and Executive Director
Love Never Fails

Vanessa Russell has developed children and adults in the area of dance since 2000. In 2010 one of her 15-year old students was sold into human trafficking. Although her student was eventually located, Vanessa was compelled to launch Love Never Fails, a non-profit dedicated to the restoration, education and protection of those involved in human trafficking.

Since then, Love Never Fails has safely housed 127 women and children in an 18 month program, educated thousands, and launched an IT Academy that provides survivors Cisco certifications and access to paid apprenticeships through LNF's state certified Cyber Security pre-apprenticeship program.

Vanessa is a public speaker and published author, and recipient of the following awards: 2013 Jefferson, 2015 Jesse Curtis Homeless Advocacy in Action, 2015 Hayward Heart, 2015 Top 20 Dynamic Women Owned Nonprofits, 2017 Ujima Catholic Community Service, 2017 Cisco Hero, 2017 Discovery Investigation & People Magazine Everyday Hero, 2018 CRN Women of the Channel, 2018 Cisco Bridge, and 2019 Luke 14 Award.

Vanessa believes that the issue of human trafficking can be solved through love expressed in prayer, safe housing, mentoring, job training, outreach, and education.