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Together, We Can Make A Difference!
WINGS OF SHELTER INT'L, INC.
Intervene in Slavery/Trafficking around the World
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Re-establishing HOPE for the FUTURE is our focus. Our youth deal with severe emotional handicaps (such as, PTSD) due to a history of sometimes family dysfunction, and in all instances severe emotional, physical and Sexual Abuse through force, fraud and coercion, as victims of Child Sex Trafficking Rings.

WHAT IS OUR NON PUNITIVE SYSTEM? A method of "choosing wisely" where to utilize your power of Authority and where to offer the choices that are essential in healthy development of a child. We know that WE have the Authority. We, also, know the minor female child coming into our Safe House program has experienced "extreme misuse of authority" by unhealthy adults. Therefore, it is essential in the healing of these trauma victims, that a "healthy process of expectations of the child be cautiously developed."

"Love has nothing to do with what you are expecting to get...it's what you are expected to give..."

Wings provides a long-term, licensed DCF Group Home SAFE HOUSE, a family-model Rehabilitation Program for females (under 18 yrs) who are rescued out of "Sex Trafficking". Wings Safe House offers:

- Serving up to 5 girls at a time
- Trauma Mental Health Counseling
- Dental/Medical Professionals
- Schooling
- Tutors
- Volunteer Big Sisters

We let each girl know that "what has happened to her in the past - is not who she IS" - that is just what has happened to her - - "but who she IS will be discovered as we re-focus on her unique personality, gifts and desires."

Help Intervene in Child Trafficking!
TELL SOMEBODY! NOW

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Therefore, we are concentrating on “getting the child a new life.” We are “very strong on Safety standards”, but the non essentials are left until later when the child begins to “see themselves in a healthier way and begins to develop a hope for the future.” So......we make the sandwiches and allow the bedrooms to be messy. We are “reducing the stress of requirements.” About 3 months into the program, we’ve noticed changes in the girls taking more responsibility as the children begin to see themselves in a healthier light. The rooms begin to reflect how they are feeling about themselves. Working on the child’s self esteem is our goal. Girls have gone from a 1.5 GPA to a 3.9 (honor roll) within a 3 month period of being at the Safe House.

‘NON PUNITIVE’ DOES NOT MEAN NO STRUCTURE! We have a strong structure for SAFETY PURPOSES. We do not allow the girls to have cell phones (telephone calls are allowed with open mics to designated safe persons and caseworkers, under supervision of the safe Caregiver Administrators.) Internet usage – under supervision only! The girls are never left alone – they are accompanied by a Staff or (background checked – live scanned) Big Sister Volunteer at all times. This keeps the girls at the SAFE HOUSE – SAFE!

SAFE HOUSE
(SAFE HARBOR) PROGRAM is one target focus.

We developed the 1st Safe House in Florida in 2010. We train other organizations to OPEN SAFE HOUSES AND HOW TO DEVELOP THE WINGS SAFE HOUSE MODEL PROGRAM. Our goal is to establish Safe Houses all over Florida and beyond.

EDUCATION PROGRAM

for Intervention/Investigation of Child Sex Trafficking, is another of Wings central focuses. We offer Training Seminars to Law Enforcement (FBI, ICE, Sheriff’s Office Investigators, K9 Units, Police, Victims Services, Mental Health Counselors, Medical, Judicial, DJJ, DC Professionals and others. Wings acts as the catalyst and brings the expert trainers to the educational seminars such as: Brad Dennis of Klaas Kids Foundation and Child Rescue Global, along with other trainers. Brad is an expert in search and rescue and has an extensive professional background and is the US expert trainer on Child Sex Trafficking Investigations. Also, we educate small groups and organizations.

PREVENTION

Wings educates youth groups and child gatherings along with parents to prevent the unsuspecting force, fraud or coercion of Trafficking toward our youth. We explain children “How to not be coerced into Child Sex Trafficking” and we encourage those in this group to “tell somebody” if sexual misuse is happening to themselves or friend. Kids are coming forward after the training an talking with us. This is both a prevention tool and identification tool.

THE FOUNDERS/DIRECTORS of Wings of Shelter Int Inc. Lovell and Sally Seritz have worked in preventive of “oppressed persons” for over 25 years. The Seni started in Eastern Europe traveling behind the “Iron Curtain”, which led to Haiti; Romania; Nairobi, Kenya; Sudan & other Countries.
Currently, they say it is a "calling" to focus on Florida and the US (as well as abroad). The Senitz are "willing to do whatever it takes" to assist victimized children. Wings' slogan is: "TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!"

**WHAT IS CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING?**

Domestic minor sex trafficking (DMST) is the commercial sexual exploitation of American children within U.S. borders. It is the "recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act" where the person is a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident under the age of 18 years. The age of the victim is the critical issue — there is no requirement to prove force, fraud, or coercion was used to secure the victim's actions. In fact, the law recognizes the effect of psychological manipulation by the traffickers, as well as the effect of threat of harm which traffickers/pimps use to maintain control over their young victims. DMST includes but is not limited to the commercial sexual exploitation of children through prostitution, pornography, and/or stripping.

**Twelve (12) years of age is the target age.** As young as 4 years to 17 years — US Domestic Children are being lured, tricked and abducted into Child Sex Trafficking/Slavery (300,000 per yr). Some are allowed to remain at home, brainwashed, threatened, coerced and tricked into complying to being raped 10-30 times per night — as the TRAFFICKERS SELL OUR CHILDREN FOR PROFIT.

Some statistics are:

- Internationally, there are over 27 million persons being trafficked for profit (slaves). (More than the 400 years of Transatlantic Slavery.)
- Eighty Percent (80%) are FEMALE
- Fifty Percent (50%) are CHILDREN
- The ESTIMATED NUMBER OF DOMESTIC (US) FEMALE CHILDREN (under 18 years) BEING SEX TRAFFICKED is OVER 300,000 each and every year. Estimated 300,000 each and every year. Estimated Foreign Victims (adults, and children) brought into the US is 18,000 per year.
- California number 1; Florida number 2.

**HOW does it work?** Three girls (11 yrs; 14 yrs; 16 yrs) go to the Mall. Two are talking together and one is more quiet. The RECRUITER (the cute guy) approaches and speaks to the quiet one — He pursues her for a week or a month to "become the boyfriend." He then, has sex with her and turns her over to the trafficker that pays him — She becomes threatened, coerced, roughed up, raped, and told that her sister or mother will be killed if she does not comply. Life as she has known it changes — threats and beatings become a way of life. Still attending school, her grades drop, she becomes more rebellious at home, she dresses more provocatively, she has more clothing & make up, she rebels more and more — truancy goes up. She is "being prostituted and raped 10-20+ times per night."

NO, she does not get the money, her Trafficker does.

**Where does her parent/s think she is?** — At a girl friends, library, studying, or at the mall having fun. Not so. This 11 year old has become a sex trafficking victim.

- Trafficking/Slavery crime business-produces over 35+ Billion Dollars a year — money is the driving force for the Trafficker.
- The user — (the one who purchases the child for sex) can be any socio-economic income level but white collar workers are very prevalent. Purchasing through internet sites — appointments are arranged to pay to have sex with a child.
- **SEX with a MINOR is a CRIME** — punishable by up to 50 years in prison.
- Obtaining or Exchanging Pornographic pictures of a minor child is a CRIME and you can get 30 years in prison.
- Children are "often NOT taken out of their own area" — a person does not have to be transported or moved to be Trafficked. Trafficking can often take place in your own neighborhood.

**Trafficking HURTS CHILDREN** — selling a child for sex traumatizes, victimizes and terrorizes a child — PTSD is often the result of a child having sex with an adult. Nightmares, OCD behaviors, fears dominating day and night, extreme emotional anger and depression,
occurs in the child that is manipulated into sexual exchanges with adults.

- A child selling themselves on the streets IS being controlled by a Trafficker. Children are not "prostitutes" they are being PROSTITUTED!
- Runaway children are approached within 48 hours by a Trafficker. (At least, 2200 filed missing child reports - daily, Nationwide)
- A Child in Sex Trafficking has a seven (7 year) life expectancy - if not rescued.
- If a trafficked child is placed in Foster Care - 70% run away. These homes are not prepared to address the multiplicity of problems of the Child being Sex Trafficked. It takes a team.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

- Financially, monthly, support our work. Your Choice: The Safe House (supplies; support girls to be in the program). We are a 501(c) (3), not for profit and need your tax deductible donations to sustain this ministry for the children - Donate: Target Store Registry List; Gas/Gift Cards; Free Tickets for Outings; Computers; Seven (7) Passenger Vans; houses needed (4 bedrooms plus 2.5-3 bath) to utilize for the Safe Houses or support Education Training programs.
- Volunteer Work - there are many choices of areas for volunteering that we need fulfilled. Volunteer Big Sisters; Tutors; Volunteer transporters; Caregiver Administrators to live in with the girls at the safe house; Pro Bono Medical/Dental; Volunteer accounting work; internet work; speakers bureau to educate on child sex trafficking; fund raising ventures for Wings; special events for the girls; etc.

HOW I DO VOLUNTEER?

To Volunteer - Call or write our Director of Volunteers and Security: Pat Mauriello 239-284-0602 or email at: patsplace4work@hotmail.com - Pat will assist you!

HOW DO I INQUIRE ABOUT PLACING A GIRL INTO THE WINGS SAFE HOUSE PROGRAM?
Call or write - Lowell & Sally Senitz, Directors at 239-340-2980 or email: wingsofshelter@aol.com

HOW DO I ASK FOR HELP? Call 911, and tell them that you need help immediately - report if you are caught into trafficking and ask for the Human Trafficking Department. Call the Sheriff's Office near you. Call the National Hotline for Human Trafficking:
- Report Human Trafficking/Get Help
- Call 1-888-373-7888 Hotline 24/7
- Contact Your Local Sheriff's Office - FBI Office

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SAFETY
SYSTEMATIC APPROACH FOR EXPLOITED AND TRAUMATIZED YOUTH

PHASE I
Pre-Contemplation
- Consciousness Raising
- Create Doubt and Evoke Concern

A) Individual
- Thoroughly assess youth’s needs
- Psycho-education - client specific
- Raising Awareness of Pain-Based Behavior
- Introduction to Self Regulation/TF/CBT
- Safety Planning/Harm Reduction Plan for After-Care

B) Milieu
- Psycho-education - general risk associated with the group
- Group Assimilation (positive regard)
- Encouraging Productivity
- Safety/Environmental
- Establishing a Trauma Sensitive atmosphere
- Reinforcing Positive Behaviors

C) Collaboration
- Psychiatric Evaluation
- Medical Evaluation
- Assess Substance Abuse Needs
- Law Enforcement
- Safety - Communication w/ Youth Treatment Team

PHASE II
Contemplation
- Challenge Existing Beliefs
- Weighing Pros & Cons of thoughts and behaviors

A) Individual
- Promoting positive change in thought
- Increasing self-awareness about behaviors
- Assessment of values & Goals
- Identification of Triggers
- Identify Spiritual Beliefs/Practices

B) Milieu
- Peer to Peer Support
- Exploring Relationships - Positive and Negative
- Exploring Stereo-Types
- Learning about Other’s Triggers

C) Collaboration
- Discuss and Evaluate Recommendations from all Evaluations with the Youth and Youth’s Team
- Safety Communication w/ Youth Treatment Team

PHASE III
Preparation
- Strengthening Commitment to Change
- Develop a Plan of Action

A) Individual
- Assessing Options for Resolving Problematic Behaviors
- Teaching Effective Communication
- Develop a Change Plan
- Managing Thoughts and Self-Regulation
- Cognitive Restructuring
- Managing Cravings and Urges
- Managing Stress through Positive Personal Interests
- Identify Educational/Employment/Vocational Interests

B) Milieu
- Identifying and Practicing Appropriate Social Skills
- Practicing Communication Skills
- Exploration of Outlets for Stress through Group Activities

C) Collaboration
- Identify a Healthy Caring Community
- Plan for Follow Through on Evaluations and Assessments
- Safety - Communication w/ Youths Treatment Team

PHASE IV
Action
- Counteracting Self-Defeating Thoughts and Behaviors
- Rewarding Personal Successes

A) Individual
- Managing Your Environment
- Setting Realistic Goals
- Predicting and Evaluating Consequences
- Responding to Urges
- Making Healthy Decisions
- Delaying Gratification
- Positive Self-Talk

B) Milieu
- Activity Scheduling
- Role Playing
- Daily Thought Logs
- Relaxation Techniques
- Visual Imagery
- Distraction and Grounding Techniques

C) Collaboration
- Follow through on Identified Plan from Assessment & Evaluation Recommendations
- Follow Through on Scholastic/Employment Plan
- Independently Access Community Resources
- Safety-Communication w/ Youths Treatment Team

PHASE V
Maintenance
- Focus on Relapse Prevention
- Continue Utilizing Resources

A) Individual
- Positive Self-Care
- Health and Wellness
- Managing Healthy Relationships
- Maintain Activities of Interest
- Maintain Participation in Academic/Employment/Vocational Pursuits

B) Milieu
- Engage in Community Support Groups
- Establish a Leadership Role in the Home
- Monitor Relapse Prevention Plan

C) Collaboration
- Independent Self-Care
- Follow Through w/ After-Care Plan
- Independently Access Community Resources
- Safety-Communication w/ Youths Treatment Team