



"A Community Response to Human Trafficking"

The Safety Net

April 2015

Moving Forward!

SAFE is now AT Nash Community College!

On March 31, SAFE made a presentation to the Human Services Seminar at Nash Community College about human trafficking and what SAFE is doing about human trafficking in the area. Students who attended this seminar were enthusiastic about it, and some have even carried their enthusiasm into commitment by becoming a part of SAFE!



Heather Christman, a new member of SAFE from Nash Community College, helps out at the SAFE Yard Sale Fundraiser on April 24.

Students were challenged at the end of the SAFE presentation at the seminar as to what they were willing to actually DO about human trafficking. Heather Christman, one of the students who attended the seminar, stepped forward to join our cause! She immediately got involved by joining SAFE. On Wednesday, April 22, SAFE held an informational booth at the Wellness Fair at Nash

Community College. Heather eagerly participated at the SAFE booth, sending a clear message to other Nash Community students about the importance of getting involved in the fight against human trafficking. Students who attended the Wellness Fair not only learned about human trafficking, but also saw a fellow Nash Community student share the message of our fight. SAFE is planning to host an informational booth at Nash Community College next fall for the general student population, and will be returning to offer more presentations at future Human Services seminars at the College. We are very grateful for this new opportunity to present our message of prevention and support!

Just In Case....

Important numbers to know!

Sergeant Wayne Morris, RMPD (252) 343-3173

National Hotline (to get help) 1-888-373-7888





R.E.E.D.

R.E.E.D. Ministries is a new ministry run by Keisha Ward, who is a member of SAFE and the SAFE Education Committee. R.E.E.D. (Reach, Encourage, Equip, and Disciple) seeks to provide support and life options for women who find themselves caught up in the sex industry. According to Keisha,

“R.E.E.D Ministries reaches high-risk women and girls, offering support to help them understand, accept, and protect their true identity, and discover God’s purpose and plan for their life.”

R.E.E.D. Ministries is planning to conduct a series of outreaches to the community, and is hosting a luncheon on May 30th for those interested in volunteering for these outreaches. If you would like to attend, please reserve a spot via email - kward@reedministries.org.

SAFE Executive Board

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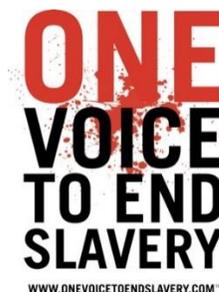
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“SAFE” The Date!

SAFE has changed to a **new** meeting format. We now meet once every quarter. The next SAFE meeting is **Thursday, June 25, at 10:00 a.m.** at Eastpointe! Hope you’re there!



My Turn...

The longer I am involved with the fight against human trafficking, the more I realize just how entrenched human trafficking is in **every** part of the world in which we live. Article after article that I read from around the country exposes traffickers from every geographic area and socioeconomic status. Traffickers include students, women, and even family members from impoverished, middle-class, and wealthy backgrounds. The devastation of being trafficked is having a tremendous impact on our country; thousands of victims are forced to undergo years of recovery therapies and restitution while their loved ones are plagued with the guilt and helplessness from the fallout of human trafficking.

The good news is that thousands of Americans are now opening their eyes and hearts to the horrors of human trafficking, and are starting to turn their astonishment and anger into action! Organizations, made up of students, housewives, teachers, lawyers, doctors, business people, and grandparents are forming across the land to pool their strengths and commitment to do whatever can and must be done to oppose trafficking where and whenever it rears its ugly head. These organizations are equipping and supporting law enforcement, social workers, and others on the front lines in this fight! Let's keep up this noble effort to STOP SLAVERY!!!

Kenny Sumner, SAFE Director

Fast Facts about Trafficking

- Traffickers make more than \$9.5 billion dollars annually in the sale of human beings.
- 300,000- 500,000 children are at risk every year in the United States to being trafficked.
- North Carolina is ranked 8th in the nation for human trafficking, given our advanced networks of highways in the state.
- Most children who are groomed are done so between the ages of 12 and 14 years old!
- Pimps, or traffickers, frequent locations where young people hang out to intentionally target kids for grooming.
- Traffickers appear clean-cut and nice looking when they begin the process of trying to recruit new kids into their brothels.
- Traffickers promise all sorts of wonderful things to potential recruits to convince them to run away with them.



