



"A Community Response to Human Trafficking"

The Safety Net

May 2015

Getting the Word Out

SAFE'S very first video is a wrap!



On Saturday, May 2, community members gathered to shoot SAFE's very first video. This video, set in a church service, will be used to introduce the subject of human trafficking and the mission and purposes that we at SAFE work towards to local churches. SAFE's Church Outreach Coordinator, Dylan Anderson, was featured in the video as a local pastor. Many community members (most from Church On The Rise) portrayed a variety of roles as church members who carry secrets with them, secrets that could ultimately destroy them if not properly dealt with in time. Many thanks to Greg Hall, who volunteered his time and professional skills to provide video-taping/editing services for this project!

SAFE is also blessed to have an original song written and performed by Mike Spivey in the video, as well! We look forward to seeing the finished product!

Social "Studies"

SAFE maintains an updated Facebook page, which features a variety of articles and videos about human trafficking locally and from around the world. Our page runs articles about every aspect of human trafficking, from inner city cases to human trafficking in our schools. The overwhelming number and variety of human trafficking incidents is a sobering reminder that we all must continue to fight the good fight and oppose trafficking in any way that we can! Please take the time to check out our page, and if you would, please show your support of our efforts by liking the page. Using social media to get the word out about human trafficking is just one more way we can use our available resources to make others aware of what is going on. Here is our link:

<https://www.facebook.com/safe4ucoalition>

If you are interested in contributing links about human trafficking to our Facebook page, please contact me on Facebook so we can make that happen- thanks!

Just In Case....

Important numbers to know!

Sergeant Wayne Morris, RMPD (252) 343-3173

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



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What's Happening?

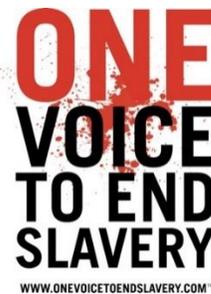
SAFE hosted an informational booth on Saturday, May 16, at the Happening On The Commons Festival in Tarboro, in an effort to spread the word awareness and prevention of human trafficking to the Festival participants. SAFE is pleased to have participated in this event, and looks for every opportunity to get the word out!



Dylan Anderson greets Festival goers at The Happening On The Commons in Tarboro.

“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!



USE YOUR VOICE! SPEAK UP!

If you see something that doesn't look right, say something! Call Sgt. Morris at 252-343-3173 to report anything that looks suspicious to you. You never know when one tip could lead to someone's freedom!

My Turn...

I recently attended a conference in Richmond, Virginia that focused on human trafficking. I was excited about the opportunity to meet others engaged in fighting trafficking and to learn as much as I can about to effectively do so. I looked forward to visiting the various vendors at the conference, as well, and to learn about new approaches or ministries that were joining the cause.

The one question that kept coming up to the participants at the conference was, “What is your NEXT step?” We were forced to take an honest look at ourselves and our true motivations for being in the fight. We were then required to identify what our next step would be. It was uncomfortable for many. It was a little uncomfortable for me, as well, if I am honest. But it is a necessary question to ask and to answer. In fact, it has become a question that I have decided to ask myself on an ongoing basis: What IS my next step in this fight??? This past weekend, I decided that my next step was to apply something that I learned at the conference. I am NOT a fighter of human trafficking. I am a child of God who has been called to fight human trafficking. My identity is NOT the cause of fighting this evil. My identity is a child of God. My power to fight trafficking comes not from my own strength or resources, but from the One who loves humans caught up in trafficking so much deeper than I ever could. That realization is helping me to focus on Who I need to focus on, and not on the overwhelming need I see in the world....

Kenny Sumner, 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.

