

Refuge for Women

Las Vegas Media Kit

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS A DARK INDUSTRY THAT ABUSES AND EXPLOITS WOMEN OF ALL AGES. WHEN A WOMAN IS RESCUED FROM A TRAFFICKER, SHE IS LEFT WITH MANY YEARS OF PAST TRAUMA AND OFTENTIMES, SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUES.

THE PROBLEM

The sex industry is a \$100 billion industry worldwide. With over 40 million visitors a year, sexual exploitation and sex trafficking in Las Vegas is accentuated by sporting events, entertainment, and the gaming industry. A victim that is held in bondage to her "controller" is abused, branded, held by fear and left with emotional, physical and mental scars that leave her jobless, homeless and with drug and alcohol addictions. These victims are hopeless unless they can get into a program that offers safety, healing and months of aftercare.



THE SOLUTION

Refuge for Women provides a safe house for women who have been rescued from human trafficking and sexual exploitation. We offer a three-phase, residential healing environment with structured programming for trauma healing, addiction recovery, job training and education in a home with few distractions. The key aspects of the program are sobriety, healing from sexual and physical abuse, rebuilding trust, life skills training, resume building and job placement over the course of a 9-12 month program.

PHASE 1 - HEALING

Phase 1 provides stabilization and safety for victims of trauma in a therapeutic atmosphere to sustain safe relationships, rebuild trust, and maintain a lifestyle of structure that promotes recovery and maturity.

PHASE 2 - JOB PREP

Phase 2 provides the tools, training, and support needed to maintain a healthy, well-grounded life. The residents are assisted with setting personal goals in the areas of education, financial planning, and personal growth.

PHASE 3 - EMPLOYMENT

Phase 3 provides continued support, assessment and accountability from the Program Director, individual counseling and additional life skills development.

GET INVOLVED

1

DONATE

DONATE A ONE TIME GIFT OR BECOME A MONTHLY DONOR

2

VOLUNTEER

BECOME A VOLUNTEER TO ASSIST WITH FUNDRAISING, OUTREACH, OR VOLUNTEER AT THE HOUSE

3

HOST A HOUSE PARTY

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS OVER AND LET US DO THE WORK BY SPEAKING ABOUT WHAT WE DO AS AN ORGANIZATION, WHY WE DO IT, AND HOW YOUR FRIENDS CAN GET INVOLVED

4

HOST A MICRO EVENT

OWN YOUR OWN BUSINESS OR KNOW A SMALL BUSINESS OWNER? HOST A MICRO-EVENT TO HELP RAISE FUNDS (I.E. SPIN CLASS, YOGA SESSION, PAINT AND WINE PARTY, COOKING CLASS)

5

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES


OFFER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO THE GIRLS (I.E. COUNSELING, EMPLOYMENT TRAINING, MEDICAL SERVICES)


6


SERVICE PROJECT IN A BOX


BUY A SERVICE PROJECT IN A BOX AND USE IT FOR YOUR SMALL GROUP AS A GREAT DISCUSSION TOPIC REGARDING THE SEX TRAFFICKING INDUSTRY AND HOW TO HELP


WHAT OUR RESIDENTS ARE SAYING...


 "Little by little, I saw the love is real, my safety is real, my freedom is real"

 "Refuge is a new beginning. I am looking forward with confidence to receive the good things God has promised to me in the future."

 "A decision for life instead of death. Coming to Refuge has helped me to choose a new life, not my old life which would have led to death."

 "Having the chance to be in a safe place to heal, means somebody thought I was worth it, even when I dared not believe I was."

 "I have learned how to handle my anger and frustration in a healthy way. I've learned about how to control my addiction when I have triggers arise. But most of all, I have learned what it is like to have God use people to walk beside me in a difficult time"

 "I have overcome tremendous milestones in regards to healing here and have overcome huge barriers that I thought I would never have the possibility of achieving. Having a safe place to heal has made a huge difference in my process of recovery. My night terrors are completely gone. My flashbacks do not control nor overtake me any longer and my past is no longer left to haunt me...which were all miracles I never even thought was a possibility"

ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

[WATCH VIDEO](#)

TAKE A TOUR OF THE SAFE HOUSE

[WATCH VIDEO](#)

CHRISTA'S STORY, A REFUGE GRADUATE

[WATCH VIDEO](#)



CURRENT PARTNERS & SUPPORTERS

COX COMMUNICATIONS/COX CHARITIES GRANTS
THRIVANT FINANCIAL SERVICES
CLARK COUNTY (OUTSIDE AGENCY GRANTS)
IMPACT SAND AND GRAVEL
CLUB RIDGES
WOODSON DERMATOLOGY
BLUE CROSS ANIMAL HOSPITAL
NEVADA (VICTIMS OF CRIME ADVOCACY GRANT)
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THOMPSON POOLS
SOUTHERN NEVADA REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB
PROSOURCE

THE CROSSING CHURCH
RELENTLESS CHURCH
LIFE BAPTIST CHURCH
GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
WESTWINDS COMMUNITY CHURCH
OASIS BAPTIST CHURCH
CHURCH AT LAKE MEAD
SOUTHERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH
HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
CHURCH LV
FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER CHURCH

WHAT OUR SUPPORTERS ARE SAYING...



"...finally there is a comprehensive program to truly help women change their path and life! As far as I know, there is a great need monthly just to maintain the program. I know there is always more to do but our family being able to monthly support the Las Vegas Refuge for Women fills in a little of that gap."



"I could not imagine learning about the impact this ministry is having in changing women's' lives and then walk away not wanting to be apart of it."



"I want to thank you and your staff for all the hard work you do on behalf of exploited women. We are proud to help support your efforts."



"Let's just say that by contributing monthly to Refuge for Women, it has given us a chance to hurt the pimp's bottom line. And, oh what a wonderful feeling that is!"

GET IN TOUCH

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VISION: AFTERCARE FOR TRAFFICKED AND SEXUALLY EXPLOITED SURVIVORS

MISSION: PROVIDE A RESIDENTIAL HEALING EXPERIENCE FOR WOMEN TO PURSUE THEIR DREAMS