

Upcoming Events

SAVE THE DATES!



- **FALL CELEBRATION (FORMERLY THE GALA)**
 - Saturday, October 19, 2019 at Davidson Centre
 - THEME: Halloween Masquerade Ball
 - Dinner, Cash Bar, Silent/Live Auction, Trivia, and Prizes!
- **WALK A MILE IN HER SHOES**
 - Sunday, May 26th, 2019
 - Registration starts at noon, Walk from 1-2pm
 - At the Queen's Bar & Grill, Port Elgin
 - Registration Forms and Pledge Sheets can be found at www.whsbg.on.ca/are-you-man-enough/
 - T-shirt and Red heels provided (men's sizes only)
- **Watch for invitations to our Annual Volunteer & Donor Appreciation event - we're working on some ideas to make it a little different this year!**
- **November is Woman Abuse Awareness / Wrapped in Courage month - watch for our purple scarf and tie sales all month at local venues**
- **Call Michelle at 519-396-9814 ext. 225 or like our Facebook page to keep up to date on all events**

A Big Thank You



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- St. John's ELW
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Women's House
Serving Bruce and Grey

Womens House Serving Bruce & Grey Newsletter - Spring 2019

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Crisis Phone Number: 1.800.265.3026

Local: 519.396.9655

Sexual Assault Crisis Line: 1.866.578.5566

Programs & Services

- Women's Shelter
- 24/7 Crisis Lines
- Outreach Counselling
- Group Counselling
- Sexual Assault Services
- Child Witness Counselling
- Transition & Second Stage Housing Services
- Community Development
- Volunteer Opportunities

Human Trafficking - Modern Day Slavery

By: Bernice Connell

The overall number of reported trafficking victims has increased globally since the United Nations developed a protocol against trafficking in persons in 2003. Many organizations characterize sex trafficking among the world's fastest growing criminal activity.

A 2018 U.N. report states that women and girls accounted for almost 75% of all detected victims of trafficking in 2016. Females make up 94% of victims trafficked for sexual exploitation and 35% of those trafficked for forced labour.

The sexual exploitation of persons through human trafficking is a crime that disproportionately affects women, girls and other socially-marginalized groups. Certain populations of women – youth and women experiencing homelessness, abuse, mental health or addiction issues and those with limited resources are often most vulnerable.

It's important to recognize the difference between women being trafficked for sexual exploitation and women who choose to work in the sex trade. As prostitution is legal in Canada, women can choose to be involved this way. The difference is that in trafficking situations there is no choice and women are not the ones benefiting financially.

The Statistics Canada's Trafficking in Persons in Canada report states that between 2009 and 2016, 865 victims of human trafficking became known to police in Canada. 95% were female and 72% were under the age of twenty five.

The second most common form of human trafficking is forced labour. Individuals are forced into domestic service and labour in any number of areas; construction, agriculture and hospitality industries for example.

Rural areas are not immune to this problem.

Trafficking may not be as visible in rural areas but locally, Bruce & Grey Counties as well as Huron County have documented incidents of trafficking in their communities. Police and various social services are working to spread awareness of human trafficking and collaborate in how to best support the victims of these crimes. Women's House is part of a network of safe places for women who have been trafficked.

A case in Barrie in February of this year had police rescue 43 individuals who were working for a cleaning company. It was reported that the workers were Mexican and had paid large sums of money to get to Canada under the pretense of education and the promises of work visas and permanent residency.

Young teens and even pre-teens are often targeted. Social media connects victims and traffickers. Perpetrators can spend months grooming individuals, waiting patiently while building the child's trust in them. They lure children by offering friendship and a listening ear for those who may be struggling in their lives whether at school, socially or with difficult home situations.

Statistics Canada also reports that in Canada 25% of those trafficked are children.

Whether trafficked for the purpose of sexual exploitation or forced labour, typically victims are forced to give up their passports, are housed in crowded and sub-par conditions and are isolated. They are often unaware of their rights and are living in fear of the perpetrators. They may mistrust authorities or are unaware of how to get help.

66% of human trafficking offenses in Canada between 2009 and 2016 were reported in Ontario according to Statistics Canada.

Human trafficking is always a crime committed with the intention to exploit but in times of war or conflict situations, which are characterized by violence, brutality and coercion, traffickers can operate with greater impunity. Trafficking in armed conflict has taken on horrific dimensions child soldiers, forced labour and sexual slavery.

The U.N. reports that almost every country now has legislation in place criminalizing human trafficking and although numbers of traffickers convicted has increased in recent years, many traffickers still operate with impunity. They urge the international community to accelerate progress to build capacities and cooperation, to stop human trafficking in conflict situations and in all our societies where this terrible crime continues to operate in the shadows.

Human Trafficking Awareness Month

More than 90%
of the victims of sex
trafficking within
Canada come from
Canada*
25% are minors **

Public Safety Canada*
Statistics Canada **

FEBRUARY 22ND 2019

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY

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