

Here's additional information about the non-profit advocacy groups featured at today's luncheon.

REACH OUT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW TO VOLUNTEER

AND SUPPORT THE COURAGEOUS WORK THEY DO FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

PAT'S PLACE CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

patsplacecac.org | 704-335-2760

Pat's Place is the only Child Advocacy Center in Mecklenburg County and serves children from ages three to 18. By providing a physical environment where a child's well-being is the first priority, Pat's Place reduces trauma and promotes healing for children and teens who are suspected victims of human trafficking and exploitation, child abuse, or those who have witnessed violence. Working with public and private agencies, services include: forensic interviewing, trauma-informed therapy, medical evaluation, family advocacy, community education, and multi-disciplinary coordination. All services are provided in a nurturing, friendly and safe environment at no cost to a child's family.

THE A21 CAMPAIGN

a21.org | 704-209-9937

A21 is a global anti-human trafficking organization with 14 different locations across the globe. Our goal is to see human trafficking abolished everywhere, forever. Our location in Charlotte, NC is where A21's US aftercare operates, focusing on case management services for survivors of human trafficking. Using a holistic approach, we strive to equip survivors with the necessary tools for establishing independence and empowering them with community resources through our local partnerships.

LEGAL AID OF NORTH CAROLINA'S BATTERED IMMIGRANT PROJECT

legalaiddnc.org | 1-866-204-7612

Legal Aid's Battered Immigrant Project (BIP) is a non-governmental organization that provides free immigration assistance to immigrant victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking throughout the state of North Carolina. We are specially trained immigration attorney's ready to assist survivors with applications to obtain legal immigration status and to guide them through our constantly changing immigration system.

PRESENT AGE MINISTRIES

presentageministries.org | 704-956-2120 ext 1007

We are committed to combatting the sexual abuse, exploitation and trafficking of teen girls. We are resolved to rebuild trust, restore hope, and redefine love, one life at a time. We equip communities to identify at-risk teen girls through prevention and awareness education and to support survivors through holistic, individualized medical, psychological, educational, relational and spiritual care.

SAFE ALLIANCE

safealliance.org | 704-332-9034

Safe Alliance serves victims and survivors of domestic violence (DV) and sexual assault in Mecklenburg county and Lake Norman. Safe Alliance's mission is to provide hope and healing to those impacted by domestic violence and sexual assault. Safe Alliance has five direct service programs, including: Greater Charlotte Hope Line, DV Shelter, Victim Assistance Court Program/Legal Representation Program, Sexual Trauma Resource Center and Lake Norman Services. The Victim Assistance Court Program/Legal Representation Program assists victims of DV and sexual assault who are seeking Domestic Violence Protective Orders (DVPO). Court advocates provide crisis intervention and safety planning, and help victims complete the application for emergency DVPO's. Advocates accompany victims to civil and criminal court, educating them about the court process and providing emotional support during court proceedings. Staff and pro bono attorneys provide free legal representation and court advocacy to those seeking a 1-year DVPO's.

THE URSUS INSTITUTE

ursusinstitute.net | 704-519-7901

The Ursus Institute encourages the use of research, the collection of data, and the promotion of community involvement to support efforts within the anti-human trafficking community. We work locally and abroad to fight human trafficking. By networking within the anti-trafficking community, we can operate more effectively than any organization could individually. The Ursus Institute trains the community, educates policy-makers, encourages international rescue operations, builds technology, and promotes trauma-informed housing to facilitate effective anti-human trafficking efforts.

LILY PAD HAVEN, INC.

lilypad-haven.org | 980-477-1498

The mission of Lily Pad Haven is to provide transitional housing for survivors of human trafficking who need the comfort and protection of a healing, supportive home to restore body, mind and spirit. We focus our efforts on providing a trauma-focused integrated system of care, including medical, psychiatric and legal services in collaboration with internal programs and community partners to successfully transition our guests back into society.

JUSTICE MINISTRIES

justiceministries.org | 980-236-9313

Justice Ministries is a 501-c3 non-profit organization serving victims of sex trafficking and sexual exploitation through outreach, emergency services, and transitional care.



FIELDS OF HOPE (UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF OEW)

fieldsofhopeusa.com | 877-647-1230

At Fields of Hope, female survivors of human trafficking (ages 15+) receive paid educational fellowships which give them a chance to receive valuable job skills training, spiritual mentorship, counseling, and accountability. The heart of the program is the survivor-inspired curriculum, Whispers of Hope, which provides challenging learning opportunities, leadership training and entrepreneurial skills. Field of Hope made products include all-organic body lotions, soaps, candles and jewelry. These products are sold on their website (fieldsofhopeusa.com), at specialty retail shops, and special events.

YOUTH4ABOLITION (UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF OEW)

youth4abolition.com | 877-647-1230 ext 802

Youth4Abolition (Y4A) is a cutting-edge Human Trafficking prevention and awareness program taught peer-to-peer. It is designed for high school and college students and delivered in schools, churches and community organizations. Y4A exists to spread awareness about Human Trafficking, with a focus on the problem of domestic minor sex trafficking. Trained student leaders take their peer to peer groups through an easy to use, educator developed curriculum. Topics include; Human Trafficking 101, Traffickers and Buyers, Victims and Survivors, Social Trafficking and Safety, and Your Future Impact as an Abolitionist.

FASHION AND COMPASSION

fashionandcompassion.com | 866-278-6894

Fashion and Compassion is a 501-c3 organization empowering women impacted by addiction, human trafficking, incarceration and injustice. Women are referred by other community partners to participate in our weekly jewelry projects. They come together to produce beautiful jewelry and to learn to love themselves and support each other on their journey to self-sustainability. They develop an Artisan Empowerment Plan documenting their physical, emotional and spiritual goals. Not only do the Artisans receive supplemental income while learning work readiness skills, they are also connected to employment opportunities and other resources to achieve their goals.

HOMELAND SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS

www.ice.gov/hsi | www.dhs.gov/blue-dash-campaign | 704-679-6140

Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) is a critical investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security and a vital US asset in combating criminal organizations illegally exploiting America's travel, trade, financial and immigration systems. HSI has broad legal authority to enforce a diverse array of federal statutes. It uses this authority to investigate all types of cross-border criminal activity, including; financial crimes, money laundering and bulk cash smuggling, commercial fraud and intellectual property theft, cybercrimes, human rights violations, human smuggling and trafficking, immigration, document and benefit fraud, narcotics and weapons smuggling/trafficking, transnational gang activity, export enforcement, and international art and antiquity theft.

ON EAGLES WINGS

oewhope.org | 877-647-1230

On Eagles Wings (OEW) seeks to prevent girls from falling victim to sex trafficking, offers assistance to those still trapped, and restores those that have survived by offering hope, empowerment, and a brighter future. We focus on prevention, outreach, aftercare, and empowerment. OEW has been operating for 12 years as a 501-c3 organization based in Charlotte which operates OEW Hope House (TM). It is the first nationally accredited Safe House and aftercare facility exclusively for children rescued from sex trafficking in the US. OEW Hope House was the first of its' kind receiving regional and national recognition, featuring a powerful and unique residential service model for girls ages 12-21.

DAHLIA GROVE

dahliagrove.com | 704-891-3033

The Dahlia's meaning is to "draw upon inner strength making a lasting change in one's life and charting one's own path." Dahlia Grove does this by empowering, encouraging, inspiring and employing women in recovery from human trafficking, domestic violence and addictions. Empower to heal! Employ to succeed! As a sister property of Thistle Farms in Nashville TN, we believe "Love is the greatest force for change in the world." Our business model is a two-year rent-free housing program where women concentrate solely on their mental, emotional, spiritual healing while finishing their education, continuing education, receiving counseling, financial coaching, yoga therapy, music therapy, and equine therapy. Our catering company offers employment and experience, and we offer housing/transportation assistance and classes for inspiration and encouragement. Most of all, we offer a community of love where they know they belong. Our long-term vision is to own a wedding and reception venue to employ program participants. Together, we light the way for a woman seeking sanctuary from the street, help another settle into her very first apartment, empower a survivor with a reliable job, offer hope to a mother asking for a second chance, declare that LOVE HEALS.