



STAFF REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 8, 2013

To: Town Council

From: Town Clerk

Date: January 2, 2013

Subject: Declare January "Human Trafficking Awareness Month" and Request to Co-Sponsor Annual Spaghetti Feed

RECOMMENDATION:

Mayor Scherer asks that the Council approve a resolution declaring January "Human Trafficking Awareness Month," to co-sponsor a fund raiser with Sydney Jones to raise funds for Courage House, and to authorize use of one of the Town's meeting times at the Blue Goose Shed for the Spaghetti Feed on March 23, 2013.

DISCUSSION:

Sydney Jones is 12 years old and in 2012 she put on a Spaghetti Feed to raise funds for Courage House and is planning to do it again in March. Courage Worldwide builds homes around the world for children rescued out of sex trafficking. Human trafficking is the 2nd largest criminal industry in the world today and it is the fastest growing. Worldwide there are nearly 2 million children in the commercial sex trade. Domestic sex trafficking of minors is a prominent and growing issue in the greater Sacramento area. Its location between Seattle and Las Vegas, and the short drive to the San Francisco Bay Area, as well as large cities in Southern California make it a prime spot for the sale and trafficking of minors. In the last several years a local FBI task force has recovered over 250 girls being sold for sex and the youngest was eleven years old. However, due to the fact that this is such a hidden crime, this number grossly understates the size of the problem.

Of the 250 girls rescued in the Sacramento area, a large percentage of them have no home, no family, and no services to support them. In 2009 there were only three homes for minor victims of sex trafficking in the United States with a total of 32 beds. Today, that number has

grown to approximately ten homes totaling over 150 beds, which isn't even enough beds for the children rescued in just the Sacramento area. Courage House provides a home, focuses on trauma therapy, and has an on-site school. They have dance, music, arts, an equestrian and riding program, as well as a variety of classes in social and life skills so each girl is thoroughly equipped, encouraged, and empowered to begin the journey of healing and restoration. Courage House breaks the cycle and gives victims an opportunity for a future.

Sydney, her parents and her sisters have been personally involved with the kids over the past two years. This event would allow the Town to get involved and help fight this growing issue.

CEQA:

There are no CEQA issues with the authorization to utilize one of the Town's meeting times.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The use of the Blue Goose facility will be counted against the annual allotment of uses provided to the Town. No Town monies will be spent.

TOWN OF LOOMIS

RESOLUTION 13 - ____

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOOMIS DECLARING THE MONTH OF JANUARY "HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH"

WHEREAS, Human Trafficking is the second largest and fastest growing criminal industry in the world; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. State Department estimates that some 800,000 people are trafficked across international borders each year and about 80% of trafficking victims are women and young girls with the average age of 12-14 years old; and

WHEREAS, worldwide there are nearly 2 million children in the commercial sex trade and it has become a prominent and growing issue in the greater Sacramento area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Town Council of the Town of Loomis does hereby declare that the month of January to be "Human Trafficking Awareness Month" and encourages all people young and old to raise consciousness about this global, national, and local issue and use this month to take action, promote awareness, and support those who have been victimized.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Loomis on the 8th day of January, 2013, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Mayor

Town Clerk

1 RESCUE

WORLDWIDE, THERE ARE NEARLY
2 MILLION CHILDREN
 IN THE COMMERCIAL SEX TRADE.

(UNICEF)

LARGEST CRIMINAL INDUSTRIES IN THE WORLD

- 1 DRUG DEALING
- 2 HUMAN TRAFFICKING | ILLEGAL ARMS

AFTER OVER 50 YEARS, HUMAN TRAFFICKING (OFTEN SEX TRAFFICKING AND TRAFFICKING FOR FORCED LABOR) IS TIED WITH THE ILLEGAL ARMS INDUSTRY AS THE 2ND LARGEST CRIMINAL INDUSTRY IN THE WORLD. THINK ABOUT IT AS THE FASTEST GROWING. (U.S. AND OVERSEAS)

2 RESTORE

Inside the walls of Courage House, the RESTORATION PROCESS begins.



REHABILITATION IS MUCH DIFFERENT THAN RESTORATION. OUR RESTORATION PROCESS NOT ONLY INCLUDES REHABILITATION, IT RESTORES LIVES TO THEIR ORIGINAL INTENT.

THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A MORE CRITICAL TIME TO BUILD HOMES FOR THESE YOUNG VICTIMS OF SEX TRAFFICKING. THE STATISTICS ARE STAGGERING AND CONTINUE TO INCREASE.

INDUSTRY COMPARISON (in billions)



OF TRAFFICKING VICTIMS ARE WOMEN AND GIRLS. (U.S. REPORT 2010)

80%

COURAGE HOUSES ARE HOMES WHERE RESCUED VICTIMS HAVE A SAFE PLACE TO BEGIN THE RESTORATION PROCESS.

COURAGE WORLDWIDE'S RESTORATION PROCESS

WE BELIEVE RESTORATION FOLLOWS RESCUE, INVOLVES REHABILITATION, AND OFFERS TRANSFORMATION.

—JENNY WILLIAMSON CEO and Founder

The physical, emotional, psychological, and spiritual repercussions caused by the trauma of sexual exploitation and slavery are extreme, devastating, and lasting. Our restoration process offers a balanced approach specifically and intentionally addressing four distinct areas of a person. This restoration process is part of each Courage Girl's Unique Life Plan (ULP) and takes into consideration the uniqueness as an individual.

COMPONENTS OF THE UNIQUE LIFE PLAN:

- BODY**
 - Safety/security
 - Home/property
 - Clothing/personal items
 - Medical attention/medical care
 - Fitness and nutrition
 - Body image programs
 - Sports & adventure camps
- MIND**
 - Preparing girls to testify
 - Academic curriculum
 - Academic tutoring
 - Study groups
 - College/vocational prep
- EMOTIONS**
 - Trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy
 - Expressive art therapy
 - Music & art therapy
 - Support groups
 - Service projects
 - Family/training/mentorship
- SPIRIT**
 - Uniqueness assessment
 - Uniqueness celebration
 - Spiritual retreats
 - Bible studies
 - Pilgrimages
 - Wellness seminars

WE NEED YOUR HELP IN BRINGING MORE GIRLS HOME.

- Cash & Check
- Mobile Giving
- Monthly Partner
- Visit our Donation Store
- Corporate Donation
- Legal Advocacy



www.CourageWorldwide.org/Give

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