

Groups Working on Human Trafficking Issues

Groups / Programs with a local emphasis:

Oregonians Against Trafficking Humans (OATH) – Chair: Wynne Wakkila

In May 2009, Multnomah County Commissioner Diane McKeel and Portland City Commissioner Dan Saltzman kicked off the OATH campaign. The OATH campaign is the volunteer, public awareness, education and outreach branch of the Oregon Human Trafficking Task Force (OHTTF). OATH members recognize that human trafficking is a problem locally and abroad. By becoming an OATH member one agrees to combat human trafficking in Oregon, Nationally, and Internationally through constant, educated awareness and everyday actions.

Catholic Charities (Faith-Based)

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Catholic Charities runs a program called Outreach and Support to Special Immigrant Populations (OSSIP) which they say is a Comprehensive Assistance Program for Foreign-Born Survivors of Human Trafficking. They provide intensive case management and legal services to victims of HT. OSSIP provides training and outreach to law enforcement officers and social, health care and legal service providers.

Janus Youth Programs – Steve Olsen, Director of Programs

Operate a variety community-based programs for children, youth and families throughout the northwest, including “Harry’s Mother” a safe house in Portland for runaway kids and HT victims. They provide a 24-hour family help line, and presented at the SEY conference.

Scarlet Cord - scarletcordpdx.org info@scarletcordpdx.org

“Scarlet Cord exists to come along side our sisters, mothers, daughters, and

friends to show them love and grace, particularly those who are sexually exploited.” Services include: Friday night meals in NE PDX and hand out hygiene items.

Sexual Assault Resource Center (SARC) – 4900 SW Griffith Drive, Suite 100, Beaverton, Oregon 97005, Office: 503-626-9100

Website: <http://www.sarcoregon.org>.

Mission: To provide immediate response and support to sexually assaulted survivors and empower them to heal and regain control of their lives. To minimize the aftermath by providing advocacy, information, and referrals to the survivors and their families. To educate and create awareness surrounding sexual assault to members of the community. SARC provides a 24 hr crisis line, case management, prevention education and outreach, hospital and law enforcement accompaniment, support groups, free mental health services, and more.

Door to Grace – Jim and Paula Westfall westfall.jim@gmail.com

A start-up Christian non-profit dedicated to building a Christian shelter with aftercare in Portland.

Raphael House – Teri LorenzenPortland emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence and their children. They had an information table at the SEY conference. Raphael House does not focus on or address HT issues directly however they may provide services to adult victims of HT.

Salvation Army – White Shield Center 503-239-1248

Housing facility for pregnant and parenting young mothers as well as adolescent girls. It has a safe, secure and nurturing environment. It offers parenting classes, early intervention, substance abuse treatment, shelter, counseling, needs assessment and independent living programs. White Shield has been sheltering minor victims of sex trafficking.

Girls Inc. Northwest - <http://www.girlsincnworegon.org/>

Public Agency Resources:

Oregon Human Trafficking Task Force (OHHTF) – led by Mult. Co. Sheriff's Office Deputy Keith Bickford, Office 503-251-2479 Cell 503-793-9221, Email: keith.bickford@mcsso.us

The OHTTH represents frontline law enforcement, federal, state, and local government agencies, investigating bodies and other organizations that are actively involved in combating human trafficking in our state of Oregon.

Mult. Co. Prosecutor's Office – Greg Moawad, DA – Multnomah Co. Sheriff Office, Email: Greg.MOAWAD@mcda.us

DA who covers human trafficking cases here in Mult. Co. Gave the "Prosecution 101" presentation at the Sexually Exploited Youth Conference & NWCAT, which covered the fundamentals of the legal process for HT in Oregon, and which laws apply.

Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force (SATF) –

Website: <http://www.oregonsatf.org>

Mission: To facilitate and support a collaborative, victim-centered approach to the prevention of and response to adolescent and adult sexual violence. The SATF was formed in 1999 by Attorney General Hardy Myers at the request of a group of advocates and multidisciplinary responders in order to organize statewide efforts to address adolescent and adult sexual assault in Oregon. The SATF incorporated into a 501(c)(3) non-profit, non-government organization in 2003. Their website lists their legislative efforts regarding these issues in Oregon in 2009.

Groups with an international emphasis:

International Justice Mission (IJM) (Faith-Based) – Mike Hogan, Regional Director of Church Mobilization, Pacific Northwest, Mhogan@ijm.org IJM Headquarters in Washington, D.C. +1.703.465.5495 Website: www.ijm.org.

Founded in 1997 by Gary Haugen, IJM is a major international Christian human rights organization that rescues victims of violence, sexual exploitation and slavery.

Shared Hope International – Brianne Wallace, Community

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Shared Hope International was founded by Linda Smith, Congresswoman from 1994-1998. Their mission to rescue and restore trafficked women and children from sexual slavery. They support and fund shelters and aftercare programs in the US and internationally. After four years of exhaustive research into the darkest corners of minor sex trafficking hell, Shared Hope authored The National Report on Domestic Sex Trafficking: America's Prostituted Children. The report, compiled for the Department of Justice, was presented during a packed Congressional Briefing in Washington D.C. on July 21, 2009. Some of the startling findings include: Over 100,000 American girls are being sold in to prostitution every year from every state. American child sex trafficking victims are being arrested. On average, a child sex trafficking victim is raped by over 1,200 men each year of sexual slavery.

Not for Sale – Scott MacDonald scottm@notforsalecampaign.org; Lexie

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Evangelical Covenant - <http://www.covchurch.org/> National Directors, Debbie Blue (Compassion, Justice, and Mercy) and Ruth Hill (Women's Ministries) Organizes an annual awareness day and trafficking resources for the Covenant Denomination.

Freedom Project International - <http://www.freedomprojectinternational.org> PO BOX 4213 Salem, Oregon 97302 endtrafficking@gmail.com Rochelle Potter with YWAM (Youth with a Mission). Eastern Europe group working on HT.

Global Health Promise – Brian Willis. A Portland-based group trying to build three shelters for victims of HT in Nepal. The project will also provide medical care for 100 mothers and 200 children.