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The House Next Door

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month

This month is Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Human trafficking is the recruitment, harboring, transporting, providing or obtaining, by any means, a person for labor or services involving forced labor, slavery or servitude in any industry, such as forced or coerced participation in agriculture, prostitution, manufacturing, or other industries or in domestic service or marriage (Freedom Network, based on the federal criminal law definitions of trafficking). It is important to know that anyone can become a victim to this crime so it is crucial that we all work together to understand different prevention methods. There are different ways to spread awareness. Different ways include calling the hotline if you believe someone is a victim, talk about different facts on social media, stay educated and stay informed of the signs, share a missing person(s) poster, spread the hotline, and so on. Another way that we like to spread awareness at The House Next Door is by all wearing the color blue on Human Trafficking Awareness day on January 11th and talking about the topic on social media throughout the month.

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Human Trafficking Hotline

- Contact the **Florida Abuse Hotline 1-800-96-ABUSE (1-800-962-2873)** to report known or suspected child abuse, neglect, or abandonment; and known or suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a vulnerable adult.
- To report Human Trafficking to **law enforcement in Florida, call 1-855-FLA-SAFE.**
- To get help from the **National Human Trafficking Hotline, call 1-888-373-7888.**
- **Text HELP to 233733 (BEFREE):** To get help for victims and survivors of human trafficking or to connect with local services.
- **Live Chat: TTY: 711**
- **If in immediate danger, call 911.**

Visit the National Human Trafficking Hotline online at: <https://humantraffickinghotline.org>.

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The House Next Door Family Foundation

Established in 2002, governed by local leaders, committed to the preservation of family services at The House Next Door.

Be a part of ensuring a healthy future for our community. Contact Tom Robertson, Foundation President, at tomrobertsonrai@gmail.com for further information.

Recognizing Potential Danger

It is important to understand those that are vulnerable and could potentially be exposed to the dangers of human trafficking. Below are a list of indicators to keep in mind. If you see these signs and are fearful that someone you know may be at risk, call The National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888 or check out the other list of resources listed on page 1.

Signs of Potential Human Trafficking

- Living and working in isolated conditions
- Not having control of their own identity documents such as a drivers license or a passport
- Being threatened by someone
- Being closely monitored during any interactions with others
- Change in attitude, such as becoming more fearful, timid or submissive
- Disconnected from family and friends
- Malnourished
- Not getting enough sleep
- Signs of bruising
- Homeless youth
- Addiction to drugs
- Signs of trauma and abuse
- Owning only a few or no personal items
- Not allowed to speak for themselves
- No control of their own money or bank accounts

Employee of the Month December 2023 Trina Cortes



Our December employee of the month is a valued member of our agency. This employee listens with compassion while triaging client needs. They are described by their supervisor as having a calming influence on the clients and their teammates. This employee also embraces our values in diversity often lending assistance with our Spanish speaking clients.

Please join us in congratulating our December employee of the month, Trina Cortes.