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Families to Help Build Stronger
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The House Next Door From our House to Yours...

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month and it's crucial to raise awareness regarding severity of this issue. Human trafficking can often be a misunderstood topic filled with inaccurate myths. People tend to believe that human trafficking only involves sex trafficking but there is actually much more involved. Victims can be forced into sexual exploitation or forced labor. It is not always easy to recognize signs but we can educate ourselves on being able to see the hints of a potentially dangerous situation and spread awareness in hopes for fighting for a better justice system for victims. There are multiple ways to prevent human trafficking which are listed to the right of this article. "Human Trafficking is easily overlooked because it's hidden in plain sight. From sexual exploitation to forced labor, children, adults, woman and men are forced to commit favor, acts and labor against their will. It's our job as a community to come together, learn the signs and stand up to make the difference. Let's give them their voice back and the ability to say no," said Waleska Guadalupe, Victim Advocate. Also be aware that the youth are a highly sought, targeted demographic. Pay attention to youth that might need extra help and support emotionally. This could potentially assist the youth in avoiding getting involved in a trafficking situation. Youth runaways are a particularly vulnerable population. Remember to also show support to the victims. You can help by donating goods to shelters which include canned food and/or clothing. You can also donate your time to help.

Ways to prevent human trafficking

1. Share a missing person(s) poster
2. Call the hotline if you believe someone is a victim
3. Help spread the Hotline
4. Volunteer at a non-profit to spread awareness
5. Donate to a trafficking prevention non-profit
6. Use social media to raise awareness
7. Host awareness events
8. Be aware of what companies you're supporting
9. Boycott companies that permit human trafficking
10. Stay educated and inform yourself of any signs



Human Trafficking Hotline

1-888-373-7888

**Or report an emergency to
911**

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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.



Here is a photo of our clinical staff wearing blue to bring awareness to human trafficking



November 2022
Employee of the Month
Linette Reyes

Our November Employee of the month is described by their Supervisor and coworkers as an exceptional employee. A team player always willing to go above and beyond for her team to ensure that things are running smoothly when their Supervisor is absent. This employee lives out our values by making a difference with our services, inspiring growth, instilling hope and listening with compassion. Please join me in congratulating our November employee of the month, Linette Reyes.



December 2022
Employee of the Month
Yarissa Perez

Our December Employee of the month is innovative and quick to help anyone in the office. Over the holiday season this employee was the behind scenes elf wrapping presents, supporting agency holiday initiatives and spreading holiday joy. This employee embodies our agency values of making a difference with our services, empowering communities, listening with compassion, advocating for change, and inspiring growth. Please join me in congratulating our December employee of the month, Yarissa Perez.

Awards



The Gail Hallmon Champion of Families Award was created to recognize and celebrate those who have gone above and beyond to be a champion of families within our community. The recipient of the Gail Hallmon Champion of Families Award must have demonstrated over a significant period of time, dedication to the promotion of nurturing and empowering families in our community, combined with community service geared toward families. Our recipients this year understand the needs of our residents and have made it their mission to engage the right resources to fully meet those needs. In ministry, child development, and social services they lead by example and do not shy away from tough challenges. They believe in providing hope to each person they encounter. They work tirelessly to both raise awareness of social needs and to bring their community with them in the journey to meeting those needs. It is one thing to identify barriers to accessing resources, it is another to knock down those barriers and start building bridges. Our recipients have done just that. They host the annual Hope fest to support basic needs in our community. This event draws large crowds in its effort to increase awareness and access to social services agencies in Deltona and surrounding communities. Previous HND board member and long-time supporter of HND and our mission, our recipients are tireless advocates for family focused community service. Please join us in congratulating this year's recipient of the Gail Hallmon Champion of Families Award Dot and Pastor William Bradley.



The Cecil Paul and Maria Jones Community Hero award was created in recognition of Paul and Maria Jones. The Jones' have dedicated decades of volunteer hours meeting our community's needs and have been steadfast supporters of The House Next Door. The recipient of the Cecil Paul and Maria Jones Community Hero Award must have demonstrated over a significant period of time, dedication to the promotion of nurturing and empowering families in our community, combined with a strong sense of civic duty. This year's recipient has spent a lifetime volunteering in our community. He has spent many years serving Mainstreet Deland, Deland Chamber, Deland Breakfast Rotary and many other local nonprofit organizations. Our winner was a past president of the Deland Breakfast Rotary and holds the unofficial record of recruiting the highest number of new Rotarians of all time. He has been a supporter and community partner for HND. Our recipient has had a hand in countless great initiatives and community improvements in his lifetime. An extraordinary human who lives out the belief, Service Above Self. Please join us in acknowledging and congratulating our 2022 Cecil Paul and Maria Jones Community Hero Award Winner.... Geof Felton.

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The Tom Robertson Community Business Investment award was created in recognition of Tom Robertson, who has dedicated decades of hours to establish an ongoing supporting Family Foundation for the longevity of The House Next Door. He provides monitoring and directing of foundation funds for growth and development. The successful growth of the Foundation's assets over the years is the combination of donor gifts and prudent investing. The recipient of the Tom Robertson Community Business Investment award must demonstrate, over a significant period of time, dedication to maintaining the financial viability of The House Next Door and its family services that promote the nurturing and empowering of families in our community. Several decades ago, a local group of volunteers were brainstorming ideas for fundraising. This group of men got very excited about the idea of having a fundraiser around meat, lots of meat, all different kinds of meat. They quickly realized that their wives were the ones who did a lot of the marketing for these types of things and may not be as excited about this manly meat feast as they were. They decided they needed a cause that had strong community support. They told their wives that all proceeds of this meat event would go to The House Next Door. This was enough to gain support from the women and the first annual Wild Game Feast was put on. Every year since inception The House Next Door has been the primary beneficiary of funds raised at the Wild Game Feast. Please join us in congratulating our 2022