

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH



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## In Her Shoes

**"I was sold and raped for a \$6 movie ticket..."**

In honor of Human Trafficking Awareness Month, The Safe Center will unveil "Step Into My Shoes," an art exhibit that features a collection of shoes, representing people who have been victimized by sex and labor trafficking. Each shoe tells the story of an individual survivor.



*"I am a victim and they still put me in handcuffs and this jumpsuit and locked me up."*

*"My father and his friends have been doing it to me ever since I was little."*



### Human Trafficking Awareness Day

"Step Into My Shoes" will be on display during a screening of GEMS' "Very Young Girls" at The Safe Center  
**Wednesday, January 11  
12-3pm.**

RSVP by January 6<sup>th</sup>  
Contact Serena Curry for more information  
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## A Safe Haven for Survivors of Human Trafficking

### January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month

TSCLI is celebrating the efforts of the agency's Anti-Human Trafficking Department which provides compassionate, supportive services to survivors of sex and labor trafficking, and youth who are at risk of being commercially sexually exploited. The Department serves adults as well as youth and children.

"Our team has become a key element of Nassau County's response to the proliferation of sex and labor trafficking, working closely with TSCLI's Child Advocacy Center, law enforcement and the Human Trafficking Intervention Court," said Tabitha Carter, Director of the Anti-Human Trafficking Department.

[Learn More](#)



### Anti-Human Trafficking Department Assists with LI Sex Trafficking Raid

On December 13 the Massachusetts Attorney General and Nassau County District Attorney's Office joined forces to bust a sex trafficking ring. The traffickers owned multiple massage parlors throughout Massachusetts and Long Island. The Safe Center's Anti-Human Trafficking Department assisted with crisis intervention and service coordination for the victims.

[Read More: New Hyde Park Patch](#)

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## 2016 'Every Home A Safe Home' Gala Raises Over \$230,000

Guests gathered at The Garden City Hotel to celebrate the accomplishments and bright future of The Safe Center. This year's Every Home A Safe Home Gala honored Christopher Tsarsi & Matthew Sorrentino from 388 Restaurant Group, Chris & Tony's Restaurant, MS&AS Consulting and the Match Restaurant Group.

The David S. Taub Award was presented to the United Way of Long Island and accepted by President and CEO of the agency, Theresa A. Regnante.



Susan Ring, The Safe Center Board of Directors with 2016 Gala Honoree's Matthew Sorrentino and Christopher Tsarsi

### Thank You!

The Safe Center extends its heartfelt gratitude to all of our sponsors and cannot forget our incredible and dedicated Gala Committee, Staff, and Volunteers; our gracious in-kind raffle and silent auction donors; and our guests. We could not have done this without each and every one of you!

[2017 Gala](#)

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## Season of Giving Is A Wrap!

The Safe Center's 2016 Season of Giving Campaign and Holiday Gift Card Drive collectively raised approximately \$56,000 in donations for programs and services. \$15,328 of this amount was collected for the Holiday Gift Card Drive which allowed us to distribute almost 600 gift cards to client families in need.

### We also received in-kind donations such as...

- new clothing
- crocheted blankets
- scarves
- hats
- toiletries
- cleaning products
- paper goods

The holiday season was a little brighter for the children we serve when they received hand wrapped pajama sets that each included a hand written letter!

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## Enough Abuse Campaign: Train the Trainers

*"In a time where we feel so powerless to effect change in our society, environment, and politics, what an easy and painless way to make a huge, earth moving change in a heartbreaking and staggering epidemic in our children's lives."*

- Claire Lieber-Saul, The Force Law Firm, Patriot Group, & Volunteer Enough Abuse Trainer

**The Safe Center** held its second two-day Enough Abuse "Training of the Trainer" on October 20-21, 2016. We now have fourteen new trainers, including teachers, nurses, police officers and attorneys, ready to go out into the community to share this important information about protecting our children against child sexual abuse.

**The Mission** of The Enough Abuse Campaign is to stop people from sexually abusing children today and to prevent children from developing sexually abusive behaviors in the future.





### Trainer Testimonials

"Change lives, save lives one presentation at a time."

-Charlie Rogers, L.I. Against Domestic Violence

"Receiving Enough Abuse training has provided me with so much practical knowledge that has prepared me for my trainings and has helped me in my practice as a pediatric nurse. Enough Abuse has taken me out of my comfort zone and contributed to my own personal growth. "

- Rebecca Troyano, Cohen Children's Medical Center

"Education is power. Enough Abuse training empowers volunteers to educate of community on child sexual abuse and make a difference in the lives of our children."

-Terry Scaldaferrri, Volunteer Enough Abuse Trainer

### [Get Involved](#)

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## Grant Awarded from WE CARE Fund

Our heartfelt appreciation is extended to Co-Chairs Marc C.Gann (left) and Sarika Kapoor (right) as well as members of the Nassau County Bar Foundation's **WE CARE Fund** for a generous grant in the amount of \$15,000 to support the agency's Language Line.



**Language Line** provides a timely language translation service to domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault, and trafficking survivors who do not speak English and are seeking assistance from the Safe Center.

The WE CARE Fund has been supporting Language Line since its inception in 2006.

## Vital Training on Commercial Sexual Exploitation

In November, The Safe Harbour Program brought special guest Tina Frundt, the CEO and Founder of Courtney's House in Washington, DC, to Nassau County Department of Social Services to provide vital training on identifying and working with victims of trafficking.

Tina, a survivor of domestic sex trafficking, is a leading figure in the crusade to help stop the commercial sexual exploitation of children.



Nearly 100 advocates, service providers, law enforcement and counseling professionals attended the training.

" Tina gave us crucial insight to help us identify and support victims of human trafficking. Her perspective of the needs of survivors was invaluable," said Serena Curry, Coordinator, Nassau County Safe Harbour program. "We were honored to host Tina here in Nassau County."

In just one year, the Safe Center has identified and worked with over 250 individuals who are either high-risk for exploitation or known to be victims of human trafficking. The majority of referrals to the Anti-Human Trafficking Department come from Nassau County's Human Trafficking Intervention Court, Child Protective Services, TSLCI's 24-hour hotline, and other critical partners.

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## Upcoming Events & Trainings

### "VERY YOUNG GIRLS" SCREENING & "STEP INTO HER SHOES" EXHIBIT

Wednesday, January 11, 2017

The Safe Center LI  
12-3 pm

*The display will also be at LIU Post on the evening of January 31, and will travel to different locations around Nassau County after that*  
[RSVP to Serena Curry](#) by January 6th



### ENOUGH ABUSE TRAININGS AT THE SAFE CENTER

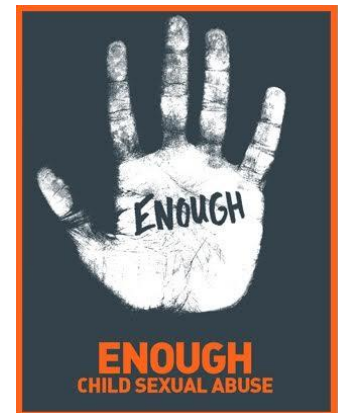
Learn how to prevent child sexual abuse at home, at school and in the community. Sign up for our free ENOUGH ABUSE training today. This 90 minute training will give you the tools you need to help create safer spaces for children to learn, play and grow. To register for a training, email: [enoughabuse@tscli.org](mailto:enoughabuse@tscli.org)

#### UPCOMING ENOUGH ABUSE TRAININGS:

Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>  
6:30PM – 8:00PM

Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>  
6:30PM – 8:00PM

Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>  
6:30PM – 8:00PM  
[About Enough Abuse](#)



### LOVE SHOULDN'T HURT CAMPAIGN

Make a donation in honor of someone you love or admire this Valentine's Day. A special card acknowledging your gift in their honor will be mailed by February 14th

**Campaign begins January 16th,**  
and will run through to February, 14th, Valentine's Day.  
[Make A Donation](#)



### **TASTE THAT JAZZ**

Food and Beverage Tasting

**Monday, April 3, 2017**

The Carlton in Eisenhower Park, East Meadow, NY

6:30 - 8:30 pm

[Learn More](#)



### **THE MANY FACES OF FAMILY VIOLENCE CONFERENCE**

**Thursday, April 7, 2017**

Long Island University, C.W. Post Campus

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

(5 Social Work CEU's available)

[Register](#)



### **GOLF OUTING**

**Monday, June 12, 2017**

Wheatley Hills Golf Club, East Williston, NY

All-Day Event.

Dinner tickets can be purchased separately.

[Sign Up](#)



### **EVERY HOME A SAFE HOME GALA**

**Thursday, October 19, 2017**

The Garden City Hotel, Garden City, NY

6-10pm

[Learn More](#)

