SPARROW FREEDOM PROJECT

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OUR NEW OFFICE SPACE - THE NEST

After months and months of working out of our own homes, we are excited to announce that we finally have a dedicated office space! Our SFP Team designated a name for our new home - THE NEST. What a huge blessing to have a space to help build our inventory of emergency essentials to assist survivors in need. We are still sorting and organizing the office, but it has already proven very useful as we have been able to respond to calls more quickly. We want to give a heartfelt thanks to First Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) of South Lyon for supporting Sparrow Freedom Project's mission. We are forever grateful for your kindness and generosity!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

SFP is looking for passionate individuals who share our same mission. We have both short-term and long-term volunteer opportunities available *(see page 2 for the complete listing)*. Join a committee, volunteer at an event, help sort/organize donations - we need your help! If you are interested in joining the SFP Team, please email Tina at tina@sparrowfreedomproject.org for to apply. Training is required for all volunteers. You will be contacted when we have a set time/date.

> **Im just want u to know how much it means to me what u did and have been doing for me. thank you so much for your help and support.**
>
> *August 2018 | Farmington Hills, MI*
> *Via Text from Female Survivor*

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CURRENT NEEDS LIST

- Toilet Paper
- Household Cleaning Supplies
- Wash Cloths, Dish Rags, Sponges
- Brooms & Dustpans
- Paper Towels, Napkins
- Infant/Toddler Clothes (Boys)
- Diapers (Sizes: 2, 3, & 5, Pull-Ups)
- Kirkland Baby Wipes (Costco)
- Baby Formula
- Laundry Detergent
- New/Gently-Used Blankets and Sleeping Bags
- Hand Warmers
- Socks, Winter Hats, Gloves, Scarves

We would like to extend a 'thank you' to our supporters for your generosity. Your in-kind/monetary donations has helped several Human Trafficking survivors. We were able to supply hygiene items, cover temporary housing costs, groceries, vital documentation fees, and other emergency needs. THANK YOU!

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A QUICK SNAPSHOT

- Our **3-Month Series** (April-May) at the Salem South Lyon District Library was very well received. Thanks to everyone who came out to learn and support us!
- SFP was featured on **WDIV in May**! Visit our website for the news coverage.
- We were able to collect 221 gently-used bras to help support women survivors in Africa through **Free the Girls**.
- Despite the scorching hot weather, nearly 500 patrons came out to support the **Witch's Hat Brewing Co.'s Family Fun Day Charity Event** on Father's Day! The event pulled in $2000 for SFP! Special thanks to all the volunteers and supporters for coming out.
- The Lemon Tree, Venue, Grande Trunk, and A&E Jewelers hosted a **BBQ Charity Event in July and raised $750** to help support survivors.
- In July, SFP moved into **"The Nest"** - our new office! We are excited to now have a dedicated space to organize donations, hold meetings and special gatherings.
- Thank you for inviting us to talk about Human Trafficking and share what we do as an organization: Kiwanis - Ann Arbor, First Presbyterian Church, DeTour Village District Library, Community Bible Church - South Lyon
- **The SFP 2018 Conference & Retreat has been cancelled**. We are using this opportunity to focus on the planning & development of our survivor assistance and youth prevention programs. Please stay tuned for more details!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Specific dates and times coming soon!

- Volunteer Training *(Oct./Nov.)*
- SFP Open House @ The Nest *(Dec.)*
- Christmas Gifts Collection Drive *(Dec.)*
- Youth Awareness Art Exhibit & Contest

SPARROW FREEDOM FORCE

To learn more about how you can become a member of our **Sparrow Freedom Force**, please see page 2 for more information!

HELP US. HELP THEM.

HOW YOU CAN HELP IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

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LONG-TERM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Join one of the committees down below and become a part of the SFP Team. Committees meet once a month.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

- Oversees advertising and marketing of the organization.
- Coordinates with Event Planning Committee on special events/projects.
- Manages/updates the SFP website and social media outlets.
- Researches potential conferences, markets, shows, and other events where SFP can set up an informational table.
- Recruits volunteers to help distribute flyers/posters, general research, ect.

EVENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

- Plans and implements fundraising, educational/awareness, and other special events.
- Coordinates with the Outreach Committee on event advertising and publicity.
- Seeks sponsorships and vendors for events.
- Collects silent auction/raffle items when needed.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

- Collects and distributes food/essential needs to survivors.
- Coordinates temporary and long-term housing for survivors.
- Researches and maintains relationships with hotels/motels/apartments for temporary housing of survivors (rental discounts)
- Helps with transportation of survivors to appointments, SOS, grocery shopping, ect.
- Assists survivors with obtaining vital documentations, such as birth certificates, IDs, social security cards, ect.
- Helps provide childcare when needed.
- Recruits volunteers for Emergency Response Team.

MOBILE ART THERAPY PROGRAM COMMITTEE

- Planning and development of the SFP Art Therapy Program.
- Seeks grants/donations of art supplies and services.
- Recruits volunteers to help with transportation, gathering supplies, classroom assistance, set-up/clean-up, ect.
- Researches and builds listing of potential partnerships/collaborations.

MOBILE COUNSELING SERVICES PROGRAM COMMITTEE

- Planning and development of the SFP Counseling Services Program.
- Seeks grants/donations.
- Researches and builds listing of potential partnerships/collaborations

SHORT-TERM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Oversee donation collection sites or collect needed items from donors.
- Organize and sort incoming donations at the SFP Office (The Nest).
- Prepare meals for survivors on an as needed basis.
- Assist with graphic designing of marketing materials (print & web).
- Volunteer at an event (photography, greeter, registration/sign-in table, set-up/tear-down, childcare, ect.)
- Assist with general administrative duties.

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BECOME A MONTHLY DONOR

If you are unable to volunteer your time, but would still like to help in the fight against Human Trafficking, please consider becoming a member of our Sparrow Freedom Force. Your **$20 monthly gift ($.67/day)** will help us continue our life-saving programs and the ability to help assist survivors in immediate need. As a member, **you will receive exlusive reports, news, and updates about how your monthly monetary gift is helping survivors in our programs.**

Signing up is really easy! Visit our website at www.sparrowfreedomproject.com/donate and check the *'Make This a Monthly Donation'* box.

Are you ready to join our team of volunteers?
Please contact Tina Beak on how to sign up!
tina@sparrowfreedomproject.org.

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