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PATH EDUCATION



Sometimes our friends are inspiration for our dreams. In 2004, Teresa Oeschli and her friend, Jeannette, who was a domestic abuse victim, had a dream to provide a place of love and support for women in crisis. In 2004, they knew God was calling them to provide a physical house that would become a safe place where women could get the direction, guidance and help they needed to either turn their lives around or get back on a good path to secure the future they saw for themselves.

Unfortunately, Jeannette's situation ended in tragedy. She was killed by her abuser shortly after the idea for a house was born. However, her inspiration and dream lived on. In 2009, on the 5-year anniversary of Jeannette's death, Hosea's House opened in Louisville's Portland neighborhood.

Hosea's House is not an emergency shelter, but a place where women who are in any kind of crisis can come to correct their bad habits, break the generational trauma they may have lived with, and face their demons head on. They don't do this alone. Teresa and her team provide love, support, and resources so that at the end of the program, the Hosea's House resident is ready and capable to take on the future and make it a great one.

This program accepts women who are 18 and older without children or with children 8 or younger. It is a faith-based program which accepts no government funding and does require its clients to go to church and bible study. It is approximately a 2-year program and starts with submitting an application through <http://www.hoseashouse.com>. Interviews with Teresa and her team and then meet and greets with other house residents follow. If it is a mutual fit, the woman does not work for the first 60 days. Her house expenses are covered by donations. This allows Teresa and her team to discover what resources the resident needs and work with the woman to get them implemented. Teresa states – "Change takes time. We are here to walk alongside them and get them

what they need. We provide an atmosphere of truth and love so that women can feel their value.”

Hosea’s House has come a long way since 2009. There are now 2 graduate houses, where women who continue to show personal, spiritual and financial growth after completing the initial 2-year program can build on the next step of taking full care of themselves. Teresa’s vision for the future is to establish houses in other counties so that she can meet the needs throughout the Commonwealth.

PATH board members have reached out to Teresa on different occasions as we learn about women who need assistance. We are grateful to have this resource in our community and thank Teresa and her team for the work they do.

To learn more, visit <http://www.hoseashouse.com>

New Statewide Resource Directory Coming Soon!

There will be a special meeting of the Victim Service Working Group on September 13 at 9:30am to present the new human trafficking statewide resource directory. The directory will then be available on justice.ky.gov.

State of Maine - the first to decriminalize sex work

The state of Maine is embarking on a controversial experiment by partially decriminalizing prostitution in an attempt to eliminate exploitation of sex workers — adopting a model advocates say is a first in the country.

Gov. Janet Mills (D) signed a bill into law at the end of June that will eliminate penalties for those who sell sex while leaving in place laws against the purchase of it.

Read the whole article here: [Washington Post](#)



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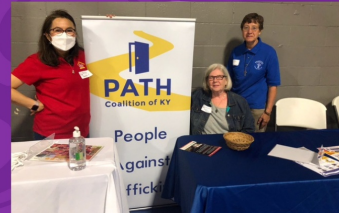
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PATH will once again be participating in Give For Good Louisville on September 14, 2023. If you are in the Louisville area or support any of the Kentuckiana non-profits, we know you are getting LOTS of messaging. We hope you will consider a donation to PATH. Minimum donation is just \$10.

Through your generosity from Give For Good in 2022, PATH has been able to:

- Continue our partnership with the University of Louisville's Human Trafficking Conference
- Develop partnerships to educate Goodwill Inc. and the foster care system on human trafficking
- Educate over 600 people about human trafficking

We know this is a subject most don't want to think or talk about. But if we don't have these conversations, events, speaking engagements, then who will?

Won't you join us on Thursday, Sept. 14 as we raise support for our organization to continue to educate and raise awareness about human trafficking?

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