

P R E S S R E L E A S E

“The Heart of a Child Survivor of Sexual Trafficking” to be presented at The Lakeway Church

On Saturday, January 20, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., at The Lakeway Church, a multi-level program is planned by the Women’s Ministry in recognition of January as Human Trafficking Awareness Month. The program is for men, women, and children 13 years and older accompanied by an adult.

Steven Phenix, Public Relations and Communication Director for The Refuge for Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking, will moderate a panel discussion (beginning at 10:00 a.m.) on *“the complexity of ministering to the heart, mind, body and spirit of a child survivor.”*

Panelists are:

- Toni McKinley, LPC Director of Therapeutic Services and Survivor Leader for The Refuge
- Kyle Miller, LPC & LMFT, Founder and Director of Global Care & Response
- Nicole Cloutier, Paralegal/Victims Advocate for the Human Trafficking Unit of the Texas Attorney General’s Office

Following the panel discussion, there will be Three (3) Break-Out Sessions:

- Protecting and Empowering Youth (*specifically for girls 13 and older accompanied by a female adult*) - Toni McKinley and Nicole Cloutier
- Responding Effectively to Global Sex Trafficking - Kyle Miller
- Update on The Refuge and “Chosen” Video – Steven Phenix and Mary Proctor, Detective, Lakeway Police Department

A Continental Breakfast will be served at 9:00 a.m. with the opportunity to paint the ceramic DOVE tiles being used throughout The Refuge facility, as well as, participate in making journals for the girls. Please make breakfast reservations through The Lakeway Church office at 512.261.6331, or on-line at www.lakewaychurch.org under Women's Ministry.

There is no charge for this event, but gift cards of any denomination (Kohls, Target, Marshalls, Ross, T J Max), to be used for clothing/incidentals for the girls will be appreciated.

The Women's Ministry is supportive of, and involved in, The Refuge, a faith-based, long-term, residential, therapeutic ranch (outside of Austin) for minor girls up to 19 years of age, who have been rescued out of sex trafficking. Also, the Women's Ministry has undertaken the task of creating awareness of how sexual trafficking occurs through the manipulation and coercion of children.

The program is open to the greater Lake Travis Community. The Lakeway Church is located at 2203 Lakeway Boulevard.

December 8, 2017

ATTACHMENT ONE: Bios of participants

ATTACHMENT TWO: Poster containing pertinent information

ATTACHMENT THREE: Calendar post

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Jill Steinle, 512.608.6939

ATTACHMENT ONE:

1 of 2 pages: Bios of participants, Program at The Lakeway Church, January 20, 2018

Steven Phenix, PR & Communications Director, The Refuge for DMST (Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking)

Steven is a 20-year public relations veteran and a social media innovator who has managed the corporate reputations for hundreds of Fortune 1000 companies. Before joining The Refuge, he was a founding principal at ViaMetric, Inc., an Austin, Texas based lead generation firm, where he turned a mashup of blogs, wikis, forums, Facebook pages and tweets into lead generating, revenue boosting business tools for large enterprises.

Concurrently, at his own firm, Phenix Public Relations, LLC, he developed turnkey social media solutions for traditional PR firms nationwide. Prior to this, Steven managed product launches, crisis containment, IPOs and strategic communications for various Silicon Valley and Austin public relations agencies, including NealeMay & Partners, Bite PR, FutureWorks and The Alliant Group.

Under the road name "Flyer," Steven is a patched member of Bikers Against Child Abuse (B.A.C.A.). B.A.C.A. International's mission is to, "empower children to not feel afraid of the world in which they live." He also serves as a Board Member for Girls with Grit, a nonprofit devoted to developing preventative programs to educate girls in foster homes, high schools and middle schools about the realities of sex trafficking.

Toni McKinley, M.A., LPC

Toni is the Director of Therapeutic Services at The Refuge for Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking in Austin, Texas. She has been counseling survivors of sex trafficking for 4 years and is a survivor of trafficking herself.

Toni teaches, and speaks locally and around the nation about how her personal life has been affected by trafficking, as well as, trauma informed care and awareness so others can be education on what to look for and how to stop it in their communities.

Kyle Miller, LPC and LMFT, Founder of Global Care & Response

Born in 1960, Kyle grew up in four Asian countries and the USA, has a bachelor's and two master's in psychology/counseling from the University of Texas at Austin, is an LPC-S and LMFT-S, is in his 33rd year of counseling, and will graduate in May 2018 with his PhD in counseling psychology from SWBTS with his dissertation, "*The Healing-Discipleship of Jesus Christ in Matthew: Post-Traumatic Growth through Biblical Trauma Counseling for Female Sex Trafficking Survivors.*"

Kyle has traveled to 16 countries to provide trauma counseling and training to workers and survivors of sex trafficking, genocide, and terrorism using the Beatitude Trauma Model (Matthew 5:1-16) and is involved in starting and supporting trafficking recovery homes and ministries in the Africa, USA, Europe, and Asia and is currently counseling 18 sex trafficking survivors. Kyle loves Jesus and sharing His transforming grace and truth through discipleship, counseling, training, and writing.

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Nicole Cloutier, Victim Advocate and Legal Assistant for the Human Trafficking and Transnational/Organized Crime Section of the Criminal Prosecutions Division of the Office of the Attorney General of Texas

Nicole Cloutier is certified as a paralegal by NALA and is a member of the Paralegal Division of the State Bar of Texas. Before being hired by the Attorney General's Office in April of 2016, Nicole was the Victim Coordinator and Legal Assistant to the Madison County Criminal District Attorney for 9 years. There she worked with victims of everything from domestic violence to sexual assault and more.

Nicole has also done casework for thousands of cases and participated in hundreds of trials. While in Madison County, she worked with victims of trafficking cases that occurred there. Since joining the Attorney General's Human Trafficking Section, Nicole has worked with numerous trafficking victims and assisted with the prosecution of trafficking cases statewide

Mary Proctor, Detective, Lakeway Police Department

Mary began working for the Lakeway Police Department in September 1997 as a patrol officer. She spent seven years on patrol where she was promoted to Patrol Sergeant. In 2007, she transitioned into the Community Programs liaison position, which included the responsibilities of the training coordinator and background investigator for police and dispatch applicants.

In 2009, she was assigned to the Investigations Unit where she followed up on a variety of criminal cases filed with the police department. The cases she found most rewarding were the crimes committed against individuals, where she had the opportunity to bring them hope and justice. Also, she has worked property crimes, financial crimes, and crimes against children, the elderly and the public. She has served 20 years with the Lakeway Police Department and enjoys her law enforcement career, as well as serving the public.