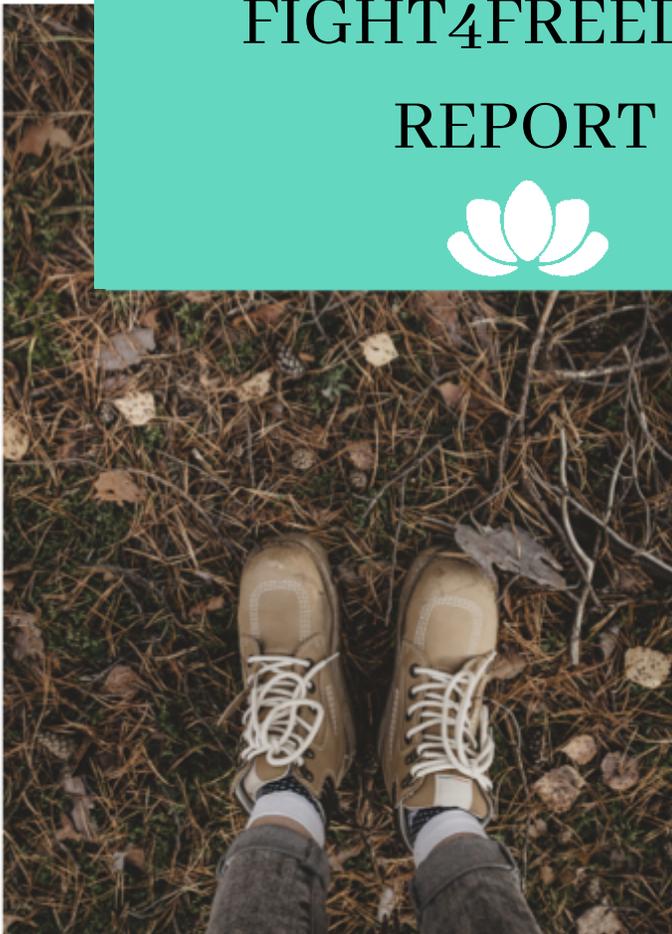




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A Message from our Leadership Team

This Fight4Freedom annual report is an opportunity for us to reflect on all that has happened in 2019 in our effort to address sex trafficking in Canada and in the world. We are consistently astounded at the growth that Fight4Freedom has seen and the new initiatives across Canada and around the globe that are being developed to address sex trafficking.

Sex trafficking is a growing issue which impacts all communities in the world. Across Canada, we are seeing sex trafficking grow, and we are seeing younger people who are impacted by it. As the issue increases we are also observing incredible strides forward to combat trafficking and to support those who have experienced it. Over the last year, our government has dedicated new funds to help fight trafficking, and we have seen new anti-trafficking programs developed across the country. We are heartened by these steps forward, and we know that there is still much work left to do in Canada and around the world.

We are honoured to lead a team of passionate and caring staff and volunteers who are committed to supporting those who have experienced sex trafficking and sexual exploitation. From administration to awareness and outreach to after care, our team has been hard at work to increase our impact and to improve the ways that we support those who have experienced sex trafficking and sexual exploitation. It is amazing to look back at this past year and see how we have grown. It is equally amazing to look forward to this next year and all that is to come.

We as Fight4Freedom's leadership team want to express our deepest appreciation to each person who has helped in the fight against sex trafficking and want to share all that has transpired in this past year. We could not do this work without your prayer, advocacy, volunteer hours, and donations. Thank you for all that you do with and for us.

Sincerely,

The logo for Fight4Freedom, featuring the words "fight 4 freedom" in a mix of lowercase and uppercase letters, with a teal flower icon above the word "freedom".

Fight4Freedom's Leadership Team

Introduction

Human Trafficking

Human trafficking is a worldwide issue that exploits adults, and children. Human trafficking according to Public Safety Canada (2019) is "the recruitment, transportation, harbouring and/or exercising control, direction or influence over the movements of a person in order to exploit that person, typically through sexual exploitation or forced labour". It is commonly thought that the buying and selling of people is something of the past. But in fact, there are more people trafficked today than any time in human history. Recent statistics say that on any given day over 40.3 million people are being trafficked – 70% of these persons are women and children (ILO, 2017). These numbers are growing rapidly as trafficking is one of the fastest-growing crimes in the world. We also often think of human trafficking as something that takes place elsewhere. But, this is something taking place in every country of the world, including Canada.

According to police-reported data, there were a total of 865 people who were trafficked in Canada between 2009 and 2016. 95% of trafficking cases in Canada are domestic cases of sexual exploitation (Public Safety Canada, 2017). That means 95% of people trafficked in Canada are from within Canada's borders. Approximately two-thirds of human trafficking in Canada takes place in Ontario, 70% of which involves sexual exploitation (Ministry of the Status of Women, 2016). The majority of these cases impact women and girls, most of whom (72%) are under 25 years of age, 26% are less than 18 years old. The age of recruitment in Ontario is as low as 12 years old (MCSS, 2019). Sexual exploitation is known to occur in hotels and motels, strip clubs, illicit massage parlours, Airbnbs, streets and homes.

Traffickers target vulnerable population groups. Statistics indicate that while Indigenous women only make up 4% of Canada's population, approximately 50% of persons trafficked in Canada are Indigenous (Roudometkina & Wakeford, 2018). Marginalized youth; LGBTQ+; new immigrants; youth with low-self esteem; youth experiencing homelessness; people experiencing mental health conditions, individuals experiencing substance use issues; youth who experience bullying, poverty, discrimination, abuse, and isolation; as well as people with developmental disabilities are targeted by traffickers.

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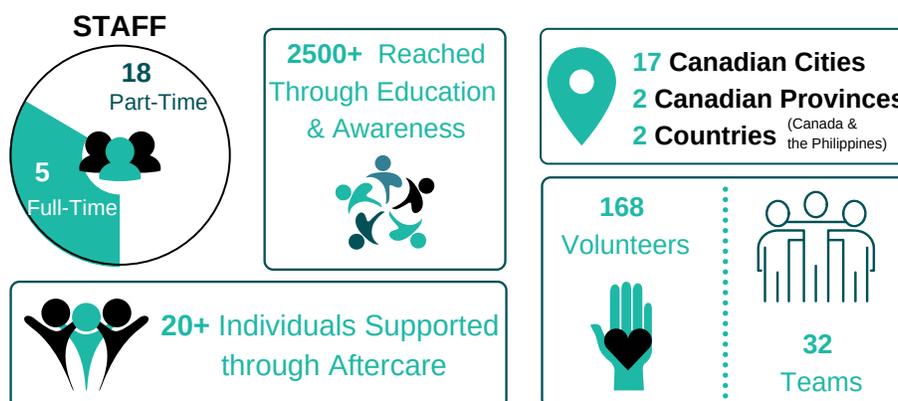
Fight4Freedom is a faith-based anti-sex trafficking charity established in 2012 and with charitable status as of 2016. We work to shed light on the issue of sex trafficking, to support those impacted by sex trafficking and sexual exploitation, and to see an end to sex trafficking in Canada and the world.

OUR PURPOSE

Fight4Freedom exists to be an active voice and advocate of justice for those impacted by sex trafficking and sexual exploitation; and to further assist them in finding necessary support systems that support them on their journey of healing, restoration, safety, and freedom.

OUR MISSION

- To seek out individuals affected by sex trafficking and connect them with support, premised on Biblical principles of love, patience, and compassion.
- To protect and promote the rights and dignity of those involved in sex trafficking.
- To collaborate, engage in dialogue, and partner with other national stakeholders and agencies that have a passion to end sex trafficking.
- To advocate changes and support upcoming policies that have an impact on seeing sex trafficking end in Canada.
- To provide preventative measures that encourage all people to understand their identity, value, and self-worth.



OUR FOUR ARMS

<p>Outreach</p> <p>Reaching out with teams of volunteers to places where trafficking is known to happen</p>	<p>Partnerships</p> <p>Collaborating with individuals and agencies to provide the best possible services and advocacy efforts</p>
<p>After Care</p> <p>Engaging in strong rehabilitation strategies to support survivors of sex trafficking</p>	<p>Education</p> <p>Engaging the community through education and awareness</p>

OUR TEAM



Education

Our education arm consists of our education and awareness, events, creative, and communications departments.



Our education department has grown immensely in this last year to continue raising awareness, produce new knowledge about sex trafficking, and equip people to join the fight to end sex trafficking. In 2019, the education department launched a community education program which trains volunteers to deliver various presentations related to human trafficking in their communities. The education department has developed educational content that teaches people about human trafficking, how to identify common indicators of trafficking, and how to get involved in the fight to end this injustice. The department also offers presentations on porn and sex trafficking, human trafficking and mental health, and parenting in a sexualized culture.

Over 2,500 people have been reached through speaking engagements, presentations, and training sessions at high schools, churches, university students, businesses, conferences, and events. After one session with a high school class, 100% of students indicated that they felt they could better recognize signs of sex trafficking in their community. One student said:

"I HAD NEVER HEARD OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING BEFORE, SO NOW I FEEL MORE KNOWLEDGEABLE AND PREPARED IF IT WERE TO HAPPEN TO ME."

In this coming year, the education team is developing an education audit of existing efforts to raise awareness of trafficking and creating a resource library. The team is also working towards publishing articles and blogs on topics related to human trafficking. Our Education & Research Coordinator is launching a TV show in January 2020 called "Freedom Fighters: Code Gray" to raise awareness about human trafficking. We are so excited to see the immense impact that this will have on preventing situations of exploitation and building partnerships!

Creative and Communications

Our creative and communications teams have been hard at work to maintain our social media channels, send newsletters, and other forms of communications with beautiful and meaningful content to engage more people in our work.

Thanks to these teams, our Instagram following has more than doubled since 2018 from 300 to more than 700 followers and our newsletter has almost 1000 subscribers!

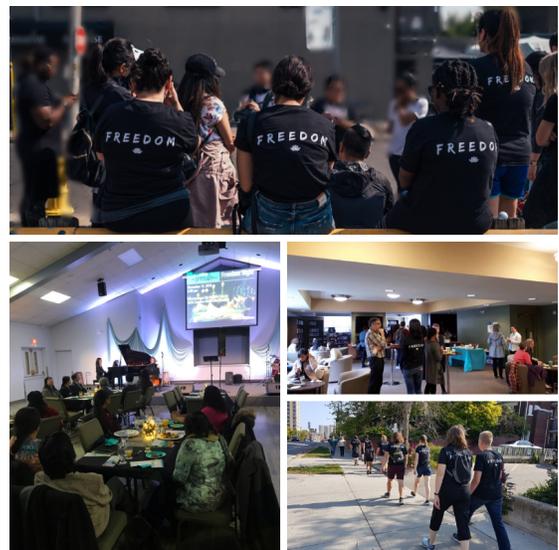
We are so excited to continue to raise awareness about sex trafficking through our communication platforms and grow the work that we are doing! In fact, this next year we are launching a new campaign in 2020, translating our website into a variety of languages and launching a Fight4Freedom blog to bring people together to fight sex trafficking in new, more accessible, and creative ways!

Events

Throughout the year we hosted four big events and fundraisers: FabFeb, the Annual Freedom Fighters Conference, Walk4Freedom, and Freedom Night. We were absolutely blown away by each of these events, the number of people in attendance, and the beautiful generosity of fundraisers and donors!

At our Freedom Night in November 2018, we had dozens of people brave the first snowstorm of the season to join us to learn more about sex trafficking and support our work! We had over 120 people in attendance at our conference in April; our biggest

Freedom Fighters Conference yet! Our annual Walk4Freedom is our biggest event each year and we are so grateful to all participants for making it such a resounding success!



Walk4Freedom

\$21,388



Raised

24



Cities

230



Walkers

118



KM Walked

31



Hours of Prayer

Outreach

Our outreach and ministry areas have continued to grow steadily in 2019. We currently have outreach taking place in two provinces in Canada, the Philippines, and we will soon be launching outreach in the United States. We are developing new areas of outreach to adapt to our ever-changing world and continue to be effective advocates as sex trafficking moves more underground in our electronic age. The purpose of our outreach initiatives is to be present in spaces where sex trafficking and exploitation are known to occur, to build real and trusting relationships with the individuals there, to provide a safe connection outside of these situations for these individuals, and to provide support to those who are in need of help. The longer we do outreach, the more we are seeing real relationships come to fruition as well as our volunteers and staff growing in their ability to support individuals seeking assistance.



17 Cities
2 Provinces
2 Countries



32
Teams

168
Volunteers



118+
Outreach
Teams



Over **600**
People Reached

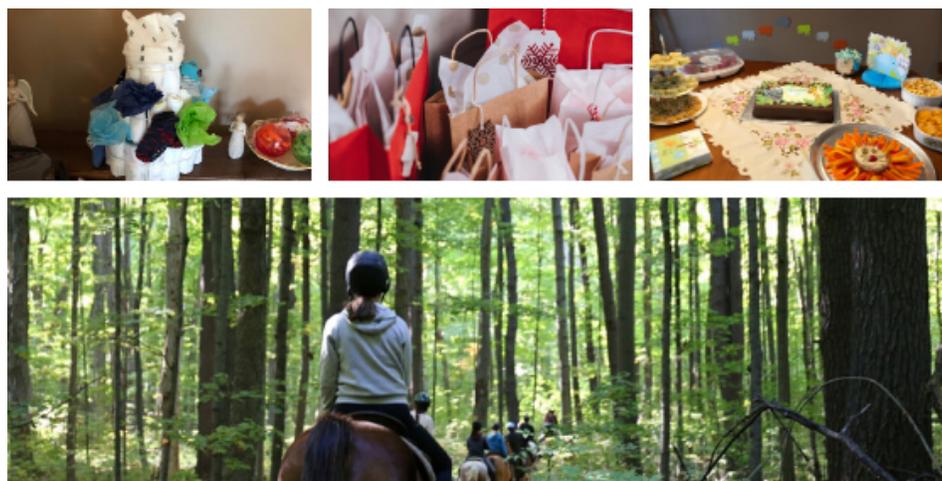
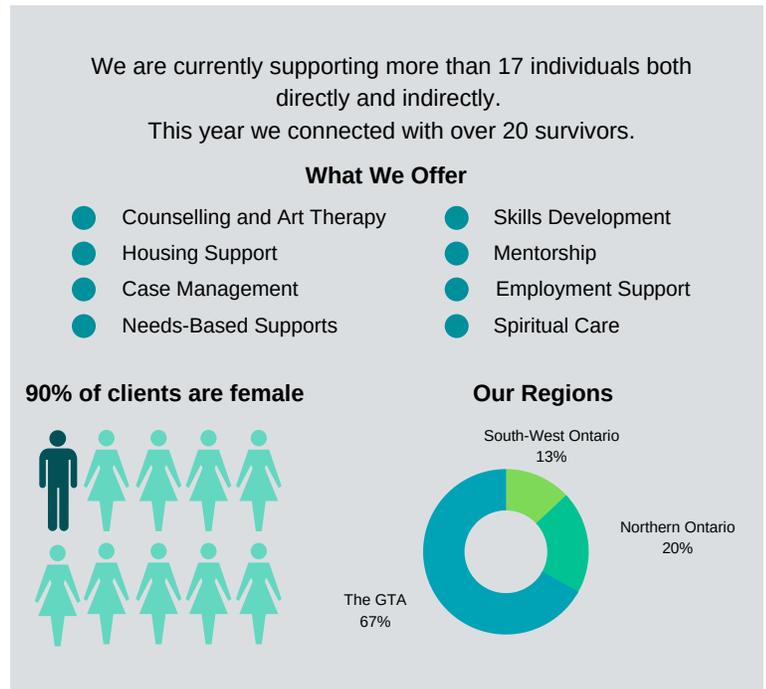
After Care

Our work in aftercare has grown exponentially over the last year. Our survivor care staff team has been filled with wonderfully skilled and passionate individuals who have supported 20 individuals through our survivor care programming. We also have a team of incredible volunteers who are supporting our programming through friendship and mentorship for those who are looking for a friend, mentor, or someone they can trust.

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This year we have been able to offer case management, needs-based support, art therapy, equine therapy, mentorship, dental care, job-skills training, psychotherapy, housing supports, among other things. We also have the honour of having fun together and celebrating new and exciting steps in life! We have celebrated births, baptisms, graduations, birthdays, and more!

We are so excited for this coming year as we work toward new housing solutions, new and innovative employment and opportunities, and for new fun outings like retreats and day-trips for those we support!



PARTNERSHIPS

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR OUR MANY WONDERFUL PARTNERS WHO WORK WITH US IN THE AREAS OF MINISTRY, AFTERCARE, FUNDRAISING, ADVOCACY, EDUCATION, AND MORE! HERE ARE JUST A FEW OF THESE INCREDIBLE PARTNERS THAT WE HAVE THE HONOUR OF WORKING WITH!



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SALON DE ELEPHANT



CROSSROADS PRISON
MINISTRY



SPRING GARDEN CHURCH

DR. HERMAN
TONG
DENTISTRY



BRIDGE NORTH WOMEN'S MENTORSHIP AND ADVOCACY



KENNEDY ROAD CHURCH



U-R HOME



SEATTLE AGAINST SLAVERY



The
Meeting
House

THE MEETING HOUSE RICHMOND
HILL AND NEWMARKET

Administrative Highlights

Our administrative team is made up of two incredible and dedicated staff who hold our team together through their insight, diligence, and hard work. Their efforts set our entire team up to succeed and are key to all of the work that we do. Our administrator has created a new email set up for our Survivor Care Department, arranges all of our online events platforms, maintains and updates our website, and gives support to all of our departments in various ways. Our HR Coordinator organizes hiring, keeps our entire team on-track, and continuously supports our events, education, survivor care, outreach, and planning teams. These staff members update our resources to ensure that our staff and volunteers are well trained and well cared for on an on-going basis.

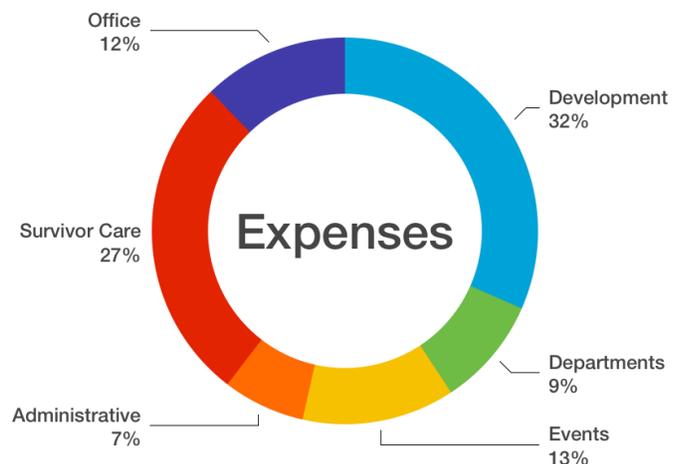
In the next year, our administrative team is working on updating training resources, adding new online and e-resources for staff and volunteers, and making resource access easier for everyone.

We are so grateful for our administrative team! Our work would not exist without them!

Finances

Thanks to the generous support of individuals, businesses and churches, we have the finances required to continue our work to fight sex trafficking and exploitation. Funds raised go towards supporting survivors, operating costs, growth and mobilization, events, and awareness raising. We are grateful for the many community members who empower us to fight for freedom through their financial and in-kind contributions.

Our operating budget does not reflect staff salaries. This is because our staff rely on relationship-based support which means that individuals and churches specifically donate to staff salaries to help each team member continue their work at Fight4Freedom. For more information on how to give visit fight4freedom.ca/give.



Survivor Care Team Testimony

I became connected with Fight4Freedom through an anti-human trafficking event that I coordinated. Fight4Freedom taught me about the red flags of human trafficking and I realized that someone I knew was likely being trafficked. I attempted to assist this person, but to no avail due to various systemic barriers. This difficult situation inspired me to reach out to Fight4Freedom for support. Not long after, I joined the team as a case manager.

Fight4Freedom opened a door for me to meet with survivors, conduct needs assessments and help them build a bridge to freedom. It can be so difficult to hear the traumatic stories of these resilient survivors. But, I get the joy and privilege of being able to help provide financial support, connections to suitable resources, services, and a safe environment in which to live and thrive.

I will never forget the time that I gave a Walmart gift card to someone and she looked at me and said, "You mean I get to buy my own clothes?" I was practically speechless. That question said so much about where she came from and the freedoms, which we so often take for granted, that had been taken from her.

I truly believe that Fight4Freedom is so effective because we have a key ingredient to ending human trafficking - fostering healthy relationships. More than anything, survivors need healthy friendships. I recently met with someone and when I asked her if she had any friends or family that could support her, she looked at me and said, "I don't know. What is a friend? How do you know if someone is really your friend?"

This broke my heart and brought me to this Scripture verse:

One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother. Proverbs 18:24 NIV

Many of the survivors that I have know were involved with people who welcomed them into their circles and promised to always love them and have their back. Needless to say, they attached themselves to "unreliable friends" who tried to bring them to ruin. But, there is hope. There is hope in ordinary people like you and I when we decide to make room in our lives for another friend; to be a friend who sticks closer than a brother or sister. I believe that by making ourselves available to allow people to feel comfortable enough to vent, to cry, to talk, to listen, or to pray, then we can watch a new reality unfold for them and see how they arise into a new and beautiful life.

Outreach Story | Praise Report

In February, 2019 one of our outreach teams headed out to spot they had been visiting regularly, only to discover that it had been closed down. A member of our on-site prayer team, who lives in the area, told us that they had heard that a church had bought the property. We prayed that night that the building would become a House of God. We then moved to an outreach location across the street where we still visit. Four months later, the building was still closed. We began to think that the sale of the property to the church had fallen through.

One month later, after an amazing outreach, we were walking back to our cars which took us past the building that used to house our old outreach location. As we were walking by the parking lot of the seemingly vacant building, one of our team members noticed a van pulling into the parking lot. They knew in their spirit that this building had become a church and that this was the pastor. They walked up to the van and asked him if this was true and the pastor with great joy exclaimed that indeed it was true and asked them, “how did you know?” We don’t believe this was just a coincidence, but God’s divine intervention.

We shared with him what we are doing and what we had prayed months ago. He started to weep with tears of joy and invited our team into the building. One of our team members said:

I KNOW THE LORD WAS LETTING THEM
KNOW THAT HE, GOD, HAD PLANNED TO
... PUT A GOD LOVING CHURCH IN [THIS]
PLACE.

This was a needed witness for the Pastor and his family to know God did this work to bring them there for this purpose to be a light and witness in that area. We all had an amazing time of prayer in this space where exploitation used to occur. The place is amazing - completely transformed. What once was used for evil, God had planned for good.

Long before we showed up last February to pray for the people there and for it to be shut down, God had put in place every detail for it to become His house, a house of prayer, a house of worship. We serve the most amazing, incredible, awesome, all-powerful, all-knowing God.



PRAISE REPORTS

We are so grateful for the many incredible things God has done over this last year!

- Growing awareness about sex trafficking and exploitation
- The impact of our conference on various people, from volunteers to survivors
- All of our amazing volunteers
- Building new and exciting partnerships
- Real and deep relationships forming on outreach
- Our incredible and growing staff team! God has allowed us to find incredible people for survivor care, in the Philippines, in education, and in administration, among others.
- We have been able to reconnect with some survivors with whom we had previously lost contact.
- Our staff have been able to engage in spiritual direction and to wrestle through God's call in their life and ministry.



PRAYER REQUESTS

We would be honoured to have you pray through any one of these areas with us over this coming year!

Staff

- For continued well-being and provision for our staff team
- For new staff in the following areas:
 - Ministry/Outreach
 - Events/Fundraising
 - Education/Research

Volunteers

- For the well-being of all of our volunteers
- For new volunteers in the following areas:
 - Monthly Outreach
 - Education
 - Social Media/Communications

Ministry & Aftercare

- For survivors with whom we have lost contact, their safety and that they would know they can always reach out to us.
- For the funding and resources for new program initiatives (including housing, new outreach and education initiatives).
- For each person that we support that they would know that they are loved, have value, and can see the beautiful future God has in store for them!
- For new partnerships with churches, service providers, and businesses.

• WHAT'S COMING UP •

EVENTS 2020

FABFEB

When? The entire month of February

Where? Anywhere!

What is it? A month-long fundraiser where participants choose to wear a bowtie, bold lipstick, or red ribbon every day to help raise awareness and funds for F4F.

BOODLE FIGHT

When? May

Where? GTA (exact location tbd.)

What is it? An evening enjoying a traditional Filipino meal to raise funds for our work in the Philippines.

FREEDOM FIGHTERS CONFERENCE

When? April 24-25

Where? Spring Garden Church, Toronto

What is it? Our annual conference where we aim to raise awareness and empower others to fight trafficking. It includes speakers, break out sessions, music and food.

WALK4FREEDOM

WHEN? September 19

WHERE? In cities all across Canada, the U.S.A., and the Phillipines

WHAT IS IT? Our annual fundraising walk which takes place across the world where we pray for those affected by trafficking.

FREEDOM NIGHT

When? November

Where? Barrie, Ontario

What is it? A night of food, music, speeches and good times. Our annual dinner to raise awareness and support.

Final Thoughts

We are immensely grateful for the 168 volunteers who serve with us to conduct outreach, to journey with survivors, and to support administrative work. Their efforts are invaluable and we could not exist without them.

Thank you to each individual, church, organization and business that partners with us to support our efforts through prayer, finances, in-kind donations, pro-bono services, and more! The fight to end trafficking must include collaboration and we are so thankful for the opportunity to work alongside so many partners.

God's heart breaks over exploitation. It is not His design and purpose for his children, who He wonderfully and fearfully made, to be bought and sold. Did you know that there are 2000 verses in the bible about poverty and justice?

*Learn to do right; seek justice.
Defend the oppressed. Take up
the cause of the fatherless;
plead the case of the widow.
Isaiah 1:17*

*What does the Lord require of
you? To act justly, and to love
mercy and to walk humbly with
your God.
Micah 6:8*

The realities of human trafficking are dark and can be overwhelming. But our confidence and hope is in Christ, who will bring justice to all one day. We have hope, knowing that God has called us to do something to fight for freedom. Through the hope, faith and love Christ gives us in what He has done in each of our lives, He is using individual people to encourage those in our community that are marginalized, stigmatized and oppressed; to remind them that they are loved, and that their life has value and worth. May God receive all the glory in and through all of our efforts to end sex trafficking and sexual exploitation in Canada and in the world!



Mike Fischhoff
Founder and international Director

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