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Elijah Haven

CRISIS INTERVENTION CENTER

201 S Detroit Street, Lagrange, IN, 46761

June 2019

Annual Awareness Conference a Success

Elijah Haven's annual awareness conference was well attended May 23rd. Guests heard from Detective Sergeant Stephanie Mickem from LaGrange County Sheriff's Dept. on the Sexual Assault Response Team of LaGrange County. Sara Coburn, BSN, RD, SANE-A from Fort Wayne Sexual Assault Treatment Center informed on the medical side of sexual assault to victims. Travis Glick Chief Deputy Prosecutor and Michelle Bostain Deputy Prosecutor from the Lagrange County Prosecuting Attorney's Office spoke on the legal prosecution for domestic violence cases. Key note speaker, Chris Moles among many other things is a certified counselor with the association of Certified Biblical Counselors (ACBC) and a certified batterer intervention group facilitator. He also created PeaceWorks, a domestic violence prevention and restoration program. Chris spoke on the communities part in working together to combat domestic violence.

Human Trafficking

By definition, human trafficking is the act of recruiting, transporting, transferring or keeping and receiving an individual against his or her will. Traffickers, sometimes also known as pimps, use coercion, manipulation, threats of violence, and exert financial control over their victims in order to keep them trapped in a lifestyle of being bought and sold. This is why trafficking has been called modern-day slavery.

Globally, there are an estimated 20.9 million victims of forced labor, and out of those, 4.5 million individuals are trapped in forced sexual exploitation, according to the [International Labour Organization](#).

Victims often know their perpetrators—they can be a spouse, boyfriend or family member—meaning human trafficking overlaps with domestic violence on a regular basis. Traffickers also use tactics that abusers use to control survivors—coercion, threats of violence or outright violence, threats of harm to a survivor's children or family, gaslighting, alienation from support persons and financial control.

If you suspect human trafficking, call the [National Human Trafficking Hotline](#) at 888-373-7888.

[Taken from domesticshelters.org](http://Takenfromdomesticshelters.org)

YOU CAN HELP

Individuals wishing to assist Elijah Haven in caring for victims of domestic violence may do so in a variety of ways:

Monetarily. Send donations to Elijah Haven Crisis Intervention Center, PO Box 198, LaGrange, IN 46761.

In-Kind donations. Furnishings and household items to be sold at Thrifty Living Boutique can be donated by calling 463-2211.

Volunteer. Work a 4-hour shift at Thrifty Living Boutique or offer skills and services

Donate items to the shelter. Victims housed in the shelter need personal hygiene items, toilet paper, new pajamas, socks and underwear (all ages) for children and women, diapers for infants.

Gifts of Time

Elijah Haven is a "community-owned" agency. Questions, concerns and words of encouragement are welcomed and can be addressed to any of our current Board Members.

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THANK YOU!

Thank you to the speakers and attendee's of Elijah Haven's 2019 Awareness Conference. Your attendance affirmed that awareness of new programs available in our Community to help victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence and their Perpetrators was received.

We would also like to thank each and every one of our donors. You do not go unnoticed! We couldn't do what we do without all of you! So THANK YOU so very much for all of your support!

Contributions and Grants received

- **Donor Advised through the LaGrange County Community Foundation**
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