

How Junior League is Combatting Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Human Trafficking in Atlanta

Since adopting CSE/HT as a focus issue, JLA has:

- Hosted an education and empowerment workshop for adolescent girls focusing on awareness and prevention;
- Held advocacy breakfasts for business and community leaders to learn the extent of this tragedy and its effects on business and the community;
- Helped launch a billboard outreach campaign to provide CSE/HT victims with the Georgia Care Connection number, a resource line dedicated to helping them. The billboards also served as a way to let the pimps and johns know that the community will not be silent anymore;
- Assisted survivor organizations by providing volunteers, issuing grants, and hosting drives for items needed by these organizations (including coats and MARTA Breeze cards);
- Partnered with Public Broadcasting Atlanta to bring awareness and identify solutions to the problem of child sex trafficking in the Atlanta area. This included supporting the broadcasting of the film "[How to Stop the Candy Shop](#)," a fairy tale/parable about the sexual exploitation of children. This phenomenal short film is a project of Whitestone Motion Pictures, directed by Brandon McCormick. The Candy Shop is not a documentary. It is not a PSA. This dramatic film marks the launch of a city-wide and potentially nationwide campaign.

JLA's Work Continues

To further JLA's goal, JLA has created a Commercial Sexual Exploitation/Human Trafficking (CSE/HT) committee dedicated to continuing our efforts in ending sexual exploitation. To maintain our momentum and to end sexual exploitation in our community, JLA and this committee:

- Track policy initiatives to support. Our efforts and diverse membership gives JLA an unique opportunity to shape and influence public policy in support of the reduction of CSE/HT
- Build relationships with a wide variety of organizations and task forces focused on ending CSE/HT in Georgia. JLA is using its large membership base of dedicated and trained volunteers to build a coalition of community organizations in order to collaborate and share resources across the metro Atlanta area

- Identify direct service opportunities for JLA members within Atlanta organizations dedicated to ending sexual exploitation
- Identifying ways to increase awareness of CSE/HT, reduce the demand for exploiting women and children and prevent exploitation by identifying, educating, and assisting those most at risk for sexual exploitation.

JLA is proud to fight against the commercial sexual exploitation of children with the following community partners:

Georgia Asylum and Immigration Network (GAIN) – provides quality pro bono legal representation to asylum seekers and immigrant victims of human trafficking, domestic violence, sexual assault and other crimes through direct representation and pro bono referrals.

Georgia Cares – Georgia Cares is an independent, non-profit organization working to serve child sex trafficking victims across the State of Georgia. Georgia Cares is the single, statewide coordinating agency to connect services and treatment care for victims. Through research informed practices and evidence based assessments, Georgia Cares coordinate services to meet all needs and dimensions of a child's wellbeing.

Wellspring Living – A residential program serving girls 12-17 who are survivors of domestic minor sex trafficking (DMST). The program offers a continuum of care including therapy, education and life skills classes that are designed to foster holistic change in the life of each survivor.

Street Grace – Street Grace is a faith-based organization leading faith communities, organizations, and individual volunteers on a comprehensive path to end in metro Atlanta and throughout the United States.