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### **Community Awareness & Events**



January is National Stalking Awareness and National Slavery & Haman Trafficking Prevention Month

The Homestead is a safe, residential transitional care program in Manhattan, KS, for women 18 years & older who are survivors of the sex trafficking industry and have been through a measure of their healing and recovery. Homesteaders enroll in school or participate in a job apprenticeship, continue with support and recovery work, and begin to move from being under a 100% supervisory program to 100% independence, integrating back into mainstream society in a productive and life-giving way.

## **2020 Homestead Celebration!**

# January 10th, 2020

Hilton Garden Inn & Convention Center 3320 S. 9th St., Salina, KS.

6:30 PM FOR COCKTAILS (CASH BAR) 7 PM DINNER SILENT AUCTION, LIVE AUCTION, JAZZ BAND, & SPEAKERS EVENT ENDS AT 9 PM

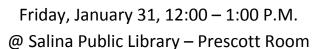
The Homestead, in partnership with First Covenant Church, is opening a similar home and program in Salina. Homestead Ministries will host a fundraising event on Friday, January, 10 to celebrate the new local chapter coming to Salina.

Contact Deb Kluttz at 785-537-7173 or email at homesteadmhkdirector@gmail.com for more information on how you or your company can sponsor this event!

Tickets, \$50 per person, may be purchased at www.homesteadministry.org or by mailing a check to The Homestead, 615 Gillespie Drive, Manhattan, KS, 66502. All proceeds from the event will be used to fund the Salina Homestead chapter.



### DVACK Lunch & Learn: Stalking & Human Trafficking



Stop by the library over the lunch hour on the last Friday of the month to learn about stalking and trafficking, resources available, and tools to identify and prevent these crimes.

From 12:00-12:30 P.M. resources will be shared on stalking, and from 12:30-1:00 P.M. resources will be shared on human trafficking. Attend either or both!

This is a free educational event that will take place in the basement of the library. You are welcome to bring a sack lunch to eat during the presentations!

Call for questions or to schedule a presentation!

#### In 2018...

DVACK served **13** survivors of human trafficking and **25** survivors of stalking.

In Kansas, 88% of stalking victims were stalked by someone they knew, typically an ex-dating partner or acquaintance.
According to <u>The National Center for Victims of Crime</u>,
3 in 4 women killed by an intimate partner had been stalked by that same intimate partner.

Not only is this crime fatal, but it also impacts every aspect of a victim's life. Many stalking victims are forced to protect themselves by relocating, changing their identities, changing jobs, and obtaining protection orders. In Kansas, **5,511** Protection from Stalking Orders were filed.

Many stalking victims lose time from work and experience serious psychological distress and lost productivity at a much higher rate than the general population.

### **Community Outreach & Engagement**

DVACK advocates Abby Hunter, Carly Tinkler, Sheila Beeson and Courtney Train presented on dating violence, healthy relationships, date rape, and human trafficking to all Twin Valley students, grades 7-12. Thank you to Bennington and Tescott High School principals for organizing a day of important topics to prevent abuse, support survivors, and create strong and healthy leaders!



Youth Advocate Mentor Courtney Train presented on domestic violence and gun violence during the National Vigil for Victims of Gun Violence, hosted by the Salina Chapter of Moms Demand Action at the Unitarian Universalist Church.



Advocate Courtney Train joined United Way Program Director Brenda Gutierrez, A Work in Progress Yoga Studio Director Veazey Nevitt, and State Representative Candidate Phil Black at Martinelli's Little Italy for a community conversation on sexual harassment.



#### WE'RE HIRING!

Looking to make a difference? Apply to work at DVACK as a Weekend or Overnight Residential Advocate!

Free TBRI Trainings: January 11 & 25 and February 8 & 21, 8:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Salina Christian Heights, 801 E. Cloud St. • Register/Questions: training.childally.org, 785-235-5437, klostrom@yahoo.com

You're invited to attend workshops on parenting and working with children who've experienced trauma. TBRI (Trust-Based Relational Intervention) is an attachment-based, trauma-informed intervention that is designed to meet the complex needs of children. Learn how to understand and handle children's difficult behaviors as well as be a healing force in their lives!