

ORGANIZATION CONTACTS:

NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE. (888) 373-7888
Mott Children's Health Center (Ages 0-19) (810) 767-5750
Youth/Family Counseling/Catholic Charities of Flint. (810) 232-1188
Family Service Agency of Mid-Michigan (810) 767-4014
GB City Police 911 or administrative office at (810) 694-1111
GB Twp. Police ... (810) 424-2611 or call **CRIMESTOPPERS: 1-800-SPEAK UP**

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

Michigan Department of Health & Human Services. (810) 444-3911
Voices for Children Advocacy Center (810) 238-3333

RUNAWAY SERVICES

Reach Runaway Services (810) 449-3667

ALCOHOL/DRUG COUNSELING

Michigan Service of N/A (877) 338-1188
Central Michigan Cocaine Anonymous (810) 235-2222
Flint Odyssey House. (810) 238-5888
Sacred Heart. (810) 392-2167
Crisis/Access Center. (810) 257-3740

LGBTQ

Wellness Services, Inc. (810) 232-7621

SEXUAL ASSAULT/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

YWCA (Age 12+) (810) 238-7621 Ext. 356
Voices for Children Advocacy Center (Under 18) ... (810) 238.3333 Ext.205
RAINN (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network) (800) 656-4673

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Genesee Health System. (810) 257-3705
Crisis Line (810) 346-3648
Easter Seals of Michigan (810) 238-0475

SUICIDE INTERVENTION

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (800) 273-8255

ONLINE RESOURCES:

Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women gaatw.org
Global Centurion Foundation globalcenturion.org
Operation Underground Railroad. ourrescue.org
Polaris Project polarisproject.org
Stop the Traffik. stopthetraffik.org
U.S. Department of Defense: Combating Trafficking ctip.defense.gov
Thorn thorn.org
Truckers Against Trafficking. truckersagainstrafficking.org
Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force mhhtt.org

*"Ring of Silence" was directed, written and produced by
award-winning independent filmmaker, Nicole Bowers Wallace.*

www.ringofsilencemovie.com



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FILM IS RATED PG-13: Some people might find portions of the content difficult to view.

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Grand Blanc High School is proud to present the movie *Ring of Silence*.

This is a story about a vulnerable teenage girl from a stable, suburban family who meets an older man on social media. He lures her away from the safety and security of her family and friends and betrays her, forcing her into a world of drugs and sex trafficking. She is manipulated, beaten, drugged and sold, her innocence robbed... by a man she loved and trusted. The movie was filmed right here in Genesee County.

THANK YOU TO THESE SPECIAL GUESTS

presenting more information following the movie:

Dawn Teneyuque: YWCA of Greater Flint, SART Coordinator

Ron Wiles: Chief of Police, Grand Blanc Twp. Police Dept.

D./Tpr./Spl. Amy Belanger: 3rd District Human Trafficking Coordinator, FBI Task Force Officer (NEMTEC), MSP

Traffickers use various techniques to keep victims enslaved. Some traffickers keep their victims under lock and key. However, the more frequent practice is to use less obvious techniques including:

- Debt bondage – financial obligations, honor-bound to satisfy debt
- Isolation from the public – limiting contact with outsiders and making sure that any contact is monitored or superficial in nature
- Isolation from family members and members of the community
- Confiscation of passports, visas and/or identification documents
- Use or threat of violence toward victims and/or families of victims
- The threat of shaming victims by exposing circumstances to family
- Telling victims they will be imprisoned or deported for immigration violations if they contact authorities
- Controlling money, e.g., holding their money for “safe-keeping”

IF YOU SUSPECT HUMAN TRAFFICKING:

- **24/7 AND CONFIDENTIAL:** Call the National Human Trafficking Hotline: **888.373.7888**, chat humantraffickinghotline.org or text “BEFREE” 233733.
- **Contact local police. Call 911, especially if a crime is in progress.**
- Call **CRIMESTOPPERS** anonymously at **1-800-SPEAKUP** or submit a tip online at: **www.1800speakup.org**
- Tell a parent/guardian, teacher, coach, pastor, police officer, or counselor and keep telling people until someone believes you.

TAKE-AWAYS FROM “RING OF SILENCE”:

- Recognize that human trafficking occurs everywhere throughout the world, including in Grand Blanc.
- Encourage and empower teens to talk openly about any forms of mistreatment and encourage them to tell someone. *Tell until someone believes you.*
- Expose any type of harassment or abuse; perceived, threatened, or carried out. Educate those around you about what you’ve learned. *Talk about it.*
- Recognize sexual assault and understand how it can lead to human trafficking. Learn how to report sexual assault and human trafficking.
- Understand how low self-esteem, abuse, trauma and/or depression can contribute to a person’s vulnerability to human trafficking.
- Recognize that a safe, caring relationship with an adult can help combat human trafficking. *All of our community members can help.*
- Identify and define safe adults and healthy relationships (friends, relatives, dating and parents/guardians).
- Encourage people to talk about personal issues with someone they trust instead of posting on social media or sharing with strangers in any way. Traffickers and abusers identify and prey upon people that are especially vulnerable from grief, sadness, abuse, loneliness, etc.

CHARACTERISTICS OF A POSSIBLE VICTIM:

- Has coached/rehearsed responses to questions.
- Frequently runs away from home.
- Makes references to frequent travel to other cities or seen at hotels/motels.
- Shows signs of drug addiction.
- Exhibits bruises or other signs of physical trauma: withdrawn behavior, depression, anxiety, extreme fatigue and/or fear.
- Demonstrates an inability to attend school on a regular basis and/or has unexplained absences.
- Lacks control over his or her schedule and/or identification or travel documents. May have tattoo(s) that identify ownership or control.
- Is hungry, malnourished, deprived of sleep or inappropriately dressed.
- Lives with adults that are not legal guardians.

***I didn’t know I was
a victim of human
trafficking until
I told my story.”***

~ Lydia, Survivor Advocate

*This movie is currently available for personal rental on
vimeo.com/ondemand for a rental fee.*