

SCHEDULED HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH ACTIVITIES, 2017

Dec. 28, 2016 – Anthon City Council proclaimed January as Slavery Human Trafficking Prevention month

January 3, Woodbury County Board of Supervisors voted to proclaim January as Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness month

January 4, SCAHT meeting

January 9, 4:00 Sioux City City Council issues Proclamation of January as Human Trafficking Awareness Month

5:00 South Sioux City City Council issues Proclamation of January as Human Trafficking Awareness Month

Interview runs on KMEG and KPTH

Bernadette and Sr. Shirley, as Board members of the Iowa Network against Human Trafficking, will be at Governor Branstad's Press Conference and Proclamation of the week as Human Trafficking Prevention and Awareness week. IANAHT Board meeting to follow.

January 10, 2:00 at Betty Strong Encounter Center, Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting for SCAHT.

4:00 Possible acceptance of Proclamation from Woodbury County Board of Supervisors

January 11 HHS' thunder clap for use on social media

January 16, presentation to all Sioux City Catholic school elementary teachers (Bernadette)

January 17, Fundraiser, 5:00-8:00 at all 4 Sioux City Wendy's. SCAHT will receive 10% of any receipts put in the box at Wendy's.

Week of Jan. 23, Janet will give presentations at East, North and West High School classes.

January 24-26 Break the Silence Exhibit at West High

January 26, 7:00 Sr. Shirley will give a presentation to the public at West High

January 30-February 3 the Break the Silence exhibit will be in the East High Media

January 31, the exhibit will be open to the public and Janet Coon will be there to answer questions and possibly give a presentation.

Throughout the month:

Mercy's electronic billboards will include a human trafficking message.

KMEG and KPTH will run a human trafficking PSA that they created

PSAs on KWIT

Display at South Sioux City Library

SCAHT Activities for 2016:

January is Human Trafficking Awareness month and SCAHT has been very visible in the community with billboards, proclamations, displays at the libraries, PSAs, and talk shows.

Art students from Briar Cliff University and other schools created displays for Break the Silence Exhibit depicting human trafficking. This display has been well received as it travels to multiple sites and events.

The Siouxland Restoration Center has been looking for property for nearly a year and were finally blessed with a donated home. The Board of the Restoration Center continues to work on funding to remodel and additional financial support for the Center.

Various SCAHT committees have been very active teaching students and the community about human trafficking. The Education Committee has been teaching in multiple middle and high schools, health classes, and the Catholic schools about human trafficking. Teacher and staff education was presented as well.

Members have been meeting with hotel and motel staff to give trainings about recognition and reporting human trafficking.

SCAHT speakers have talked to many organization in the Siouxland area including the Rotary, AEA, the Children's museum, PEOs, Neighborhood Watch groups and churches. They have also been on radio and television and in the newspapers.

SCAHT has had displays at the Siouxland Multicultural Fair, Siouxland Community Health Center, Mercy Hospital and the Woodbury and Thurston- Dakota County fairs.

SCAHT has teamed with a variety of organizations to educate and fundraise. Some of these agencies include churches and the Roller Dames and Corn Stalkers

Thanks to our volunteer members we have a well-maintained Facebook page.

A large fundraising dinner with speaker was held at Sunnybrook Church. The event was a sell out earning SCAHT additional funding for the year.

Grant report was completed for a Sister's of St Francis grant which helped SCAHT get off the ground.

SCAHT sponsored a training "A Beginning Path of Hope" at Radiant Life Church featuring a national speaker, Rev. Dr. Marian Hatcher who works for Cook County Law Enforcement in Chicago. She is a survivor of human trafficking. As a consequence of that training, the Sioux City Police Dept. is participating in the National Johns Suppression Initiative.

Members have been visiting medical offices, emergency rooms, and local businesses throughout their area handing out brochures and giving a brief overview of human trafficking.

Our SCPD liaison attended several SCAHT meetings updating the membership as to activity around the Siouxland area. He has been taking calls with leads from the National Human Trafficking hotline (1-888-373-7888) and has been working with the FBI.

PJ Jennings, County Attorney, addressed the SCAHT membership noting an increase in focus on human trafficking in the past 2 years and reviewed the state laws.

Representatives of various agencies have attended SCAHT meetings to share information about their work on human trafficking or to learn more about what is happening locally in regard to human trafficking.

Groups have taken on efforts to raise awareness of human trafficking by doing things like Morningside College students' 24 hour Stand against Human Trafficking.

Members have attended conferences on human trafficking and trainings in regard to hospitality organizations and human trafficking, and school curricula aimed at prevention of human trafficking. They have been networking with organizations such as the Watertown Initiative to Prevent Sex Trafficking, Chains Interrupted in Cedar Rapids, and Family Crisis Center in Sioux Center as well as local agencies.

SCAHT has two representatives on the Iowa Network against Human Trafficking Board of Directors.

Members were informed of and encouraged to support legislation expanding services in the state that would help prevent/address human trafficking.