



COLLABORATING TO COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

ANNUAL REPORT 2014

Dear Friend of LifeWay Network,

It has been an exciting year at LifeWay Network. Our work continues in our Safe Housing and Education Programs, and as a result of our ongoing commitment to expanding our services, we are poised for significant growth in the coming year. I am pleased to share the latest news with you in this report.

Our work is made possible through the tireless efforts of our entire staff, board, volunteers, donors, and all who support us in so many ways. Working together, our mission becomes a reality that is lived out every day in our programs and services.

Sr. Joan S. Dawber, SC
Executive Director

Collaborating to Combat Human Trafficking

No organization can successfully combat human trafficking on its own. Partnering with other organizations who share similar missions and goals strengthens LifeWay Network's efforts.

We collaborate with a vast network of organizations including social service agencies and health providers that refer women and provide ongoing services. To ensure the legal rights and the safety of the survivors, we work with legal advocates and law enforcement partners such as the NYPD Anti-Trafficking Unit, FBI, and Department of Homeland Security.

Many coalitions work together to combat human trafficking. LifeWay Network is a founding member of CRC-STOP (Coalition of Religious Congregations to Stop Trafficking of People) and is an active member of almost a dozen other coalitions, including New York State Anti-Trafficking Coalition (NYSATC), and NGO Committee to Stop Trafficking in Persons (STIP).

Our Mission

LifeWay Network joins the global movement against human trafficking by providing safe housing for women who have been trafficked and offering education about trafficking to the general public.

LifeWay Network envisions a world in which human trafficking is abolished and every survivor is strong, connected and free.

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(As of January 1, 2015)

2014 LifeWay Network News

It was an exciting year as LifeWay Network remained committed to its work in the anti-trafficking movement and expanding its services for women survivors of human trafficking.

JAN The Aspire Partnership project, a collaboration of LifeWay House and Covenant House New York, is named one of the 12 finalists in Partnership for Freedom's *Reimagine: Opportunity Challenge*, a national award competition to spur innovation in social services for survivors of human trafficking.

MAR March 2014 marks the second anniversary of the opening of LifeWay House.

APR LifeWay Network co-sponsors "The \$\$\$ And Sense of Modern Slavery" conference at St. John's University exploring the relationship between consumerism and modern slavery.

MAY At LifeWay Network's annual fundraiser, "Event Towards New Life," the second Freedom Award is presented to Dr. Holly Atkinson of the Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, in recognition of her advocacy and work on behalf of trafficking survivors.

SEP Sr. Joan S. Dawber, SC, receives the Caritas Medal at St. John's University's Vincentian Convocation, to honor her work for those who are victims in our society. She is also profiled in the book 'If Nuns Ruled The World' by Jo Piazza.



An evening of celebration at LifeWay House welcomes 'home' the women who have lived there since its opening, renewing friendships and sharing a sense of hope with the current residents.

NOV The Women's Club of Forest Hills, founded in 1913, honors and supports LifeWay Network at their Annual Philanthropic Luncheon.

DEC The 2014–2015 New York's New Abolitionists are announced, and include two LifeWay Network women: Sr. Joan Dawber and Carmen, a survivor who resided at LifeWay House.

During the course of 2014, four women successfully moved on to independent living. The five women residing at the house as the year comes to a close are also on their way to building a safe and secure future.



The Education Program is poised for expansion in 2015 with the hiring of a new Education and Training Coordinator, and the training of new volunteers who will serve as educators.

The year closes with plans underway for the opening of a second LifeWay safe house in 2015.

"For the first time, I could sleep deeply."

One of the first women residents of LifeWay House

Safe Housing Program

The New York metro area is a hub for human trafficking, yet LifeWay is one of only two organizations in the tri-state area offering long-term safe housing for women survivors of human trafficking. The Safe Housing Program consists of both short-term and long-term beds.

LifeWay House

LifeWay House provides five beds where a woman can reside for up to one year. Since the March 2012 opening of our long-term safe house, we have had the privilege of providing a home to seventeen women. Twelve have moved on to independent living.

What sets LifeWay House apart is its community living model. Each woman is welcomed into a caring environment, enabling her to move towards healing and independence through training/job placement, social services, adjunct therapies and community life. A Host Community of three religious, supported by our social work and house management staff and committed volunteers, provides the help and support needed for the women to prepare to move on to the next phase of their lives.

During 2014, nine women resided in the house, representing eight countries, bringing a rich and diverse culture to LifeWay. Four have moved on to their own living arrangements. The five current residents are involved in work, education, and ESL programs.

LifeWay House 2

During the course of 2014, the groundwork was laid for opening a second safe house, including identifying possible locations, working out logistics of partnerships, legal issues, planning for staffing, and additional funding.

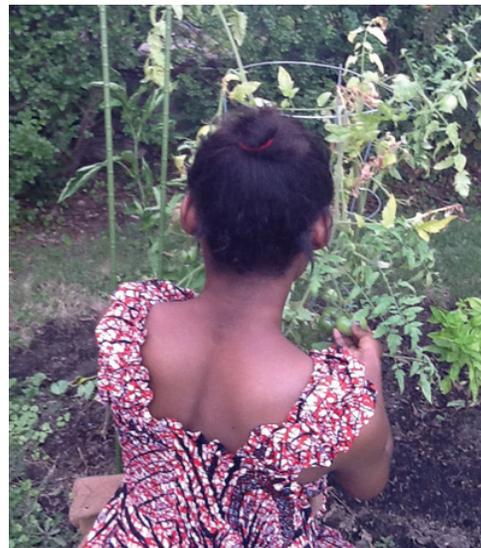
We look forward to this expansion of our program with the opening of LifeWay House 2 in 2015, which will increase the number of long-term beds available at LifeWay to thirteen.

Aspire Partnership with Covenant House

In October 2014, Aspire Partnership, a collaboration of LifeWay Network and Covenant House New York, received an anonymous grant of one million dollars over three years to establish Aspire Home. Planned to open in 2015, Aspire Home will provide safe housing for seven to ten women survivors of human trafficking.

Emergency Safe Spaces Program

LifeWay Network also provides beds for short-term emergency safe housing. During 2014, eight women were provided safe haven for periods ranging from one week to nine months. Three of these women ultimately came to LifeWay House when space became available.



Did you know...

Human trafficking is the second largest criminal industry in the world, second only to the drug trade.

It brings in an estimated \$32 billion per year, more than Nike, Google and Starbucks combined.

Education Program

LifeWay's Education Program currently consists of educational events and presentations to raise awareness that human trafficking is a global issue, a national issue and a New York issue. To date, the education program has reached over 6,300 people with its message.

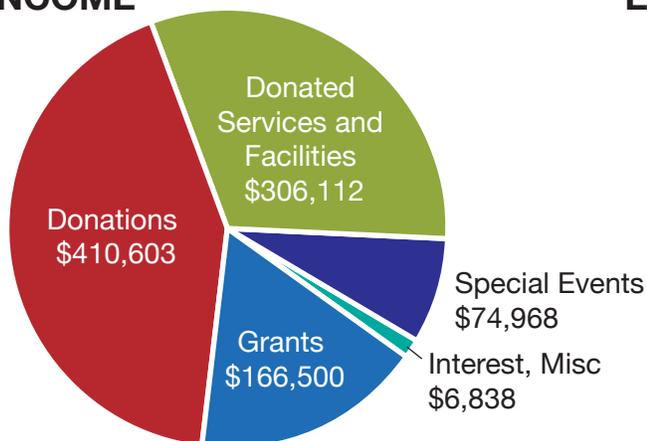
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LifeWay Network participates in conferences on human trafficking, and delivers presentations to the general public (often schools, parishes, civic or community groups). Presentations range from short introductions to half-day seminars. All presentations teach what human trafficking is, how to spot possible signs of human trafficking, information on the national hotline for trafficking, and suggestions for next steps.

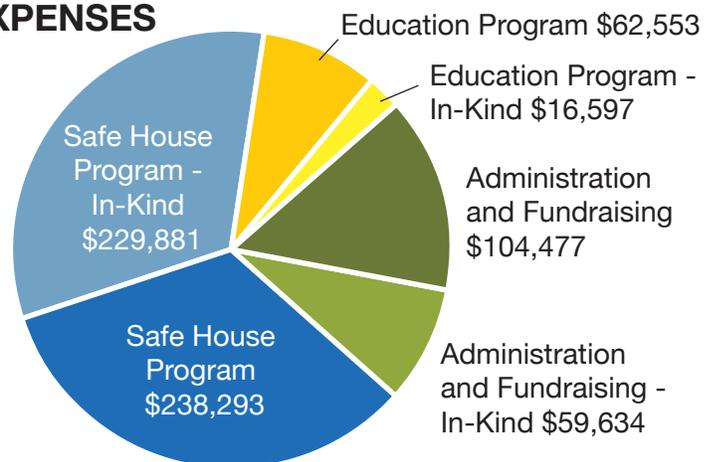
The Education Program's 2015 calendar is already filling up with a busy schedule of presentations at conferences on human trafficking, and projects with schools, coalitions, and community groups.

LifeWay Network 2014 Finances (Unaudited)

INCOME



EXPENSES



Generous donations from individuals have provided \$240,000 in start-up money for LifeWay's second safe house. The generosity of individuals giving of their time and talents contributes 43% of our operating costs.

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