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Valerie E. Pavey: All right.

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Valerie E. Pavey: Welcome, everyone. We're so glad that you're here with us today for our webinar, and my name is Valerie Pavey. I'm a member of the Territorial Modern slavery. Human Trafficking Response Council here in Canada and Bermuda

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Valerie E. Pavey: with me today on screen, is Cristina. Cristina is a member of our MSHT. 2025 January awareness month team. And so I'm really happy to have her today supporting me as a co-host. As we look at today's webinar, which is, step up and try something new.

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Valerie E. Pavey: And the goal today is to encourage us in understanding that modern slavery and human trafficking is happening here in our communities.

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Valerie E. Pavey: We have a responsibility to help create awareness, to encourage others to step up and support those who are at risk.

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Valerie E. Pavey: We've invited panelists from 4 different corps churches or ministry units who are stepping up to create awareness, provide support in their communities. And they're each going to be sharing an awareness or support idea that you can choose to step up and try right where you are.

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Valerie E. Pavey: And so, as we begin today, I would like to share with you our land acknowledgement.

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Valerie E. Pavey: The Salvation Army, Canada, and Bermuda Territory acknowledges this land is the traditional and homeland of many indigenous nations

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Valerie E. Pavey: as the original caretakers indigenous peoples welcome newcomers with hospitality and generosity, seeking to walk well with one another.

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Valerie E. Pavey: Today. Indigenous nations comprising of the 1st nation Inuit Metis.

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Valerie E. Pavey: continue to reside across this land we seek to honour the past, present, and future contributions indigenous people make to strengthening communities across Turtle Island

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Valerie E. Pavey: we are all residing on traditional, unceded or Territory Treaty territories. Many of us have come here as settlers, immigrants, newcomers in this generation or in generations past. We are mindful of broken covenants, and we strive to make this right with the land and with each other.

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Valerie E. Pavey: We also reckon also like to acknowledge those of us who came here involuntarily, particularly as a result of the transatlantic slave trade, and so we honor and pay tribute to the ancestors of African origin and descent.

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Valerie E. Pavey: May we learn to walk gently with one another.

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Valerie E. Pavey: So today is webinar style. If you were with us 2 weeks ago, it was meeting style. But today's webinar style, which means, your Mics and your cameras are turned off, the chat features should be available that you can

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Valerie E. Pavey: post into it where you're joining us from. If you have any resources or ideas that you think would encourage others, post them there. We are going to have a Q and A period after each of our guests have had an opportunity to speak. And so for that, we'd like you to use the Q&A button that's down in the bottom of your

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Valerie E. Pavey: and if you have a question, if you could also let us know who you would like us to ask the question to that would really help us.

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Valerie E. Pavey: The session is being recorded, and it will be put up on our website later next week, so that if you want to go back and hear something again. Or if you want to tell someone else to to check out the webinar, you can share that with them as well.

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Valerie E. Pavey: And so before we begin, and we introduce and welcome our panelists, our 1st panelist. Let's have a word of prayer together.

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Valerie E. Pavey: Father, God, we invite you into our presence today.

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Valerie E. Pavey: We thank you for our speakers today, and for their willingness to come and to share what you have led them to be a part of in the communities where they are serving you.

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Valerie E. Pavey: And so, father, as all of us join in and listen to what they are sharing with us, we pray that you would help us to consider

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Valerie E. Pavey: what it is that we can be doing in our own communities. May we be inspired today by what we have to hear

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Valerie E. Pavey: in your name, I pray. Lord, Amen, all right.

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Valerie E. Pavey: So my 1st guest today is Joy. So Joy. I just want to start by having you tell us where you're joining us from? And what is your ministry there.

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Joy: Thank you for this opportunity to share the story of this ministry.

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Joy: I am a Ladies Bible study leader at Oshawa Temple in Ontario, and

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Joy: it's the ministry is very grassroots. It is something that we felt led to participate in and to explore and to expand it and to gain education in this issue. And so our take a break. Ladies

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Joy: really grabbed hold of this ministry, and have been doing it now for over 10 years.

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Valerie E. Pavey: Wow! I didn't realize it been that long. That's amazing.

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Valerie E. Pavey: So

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Valerie E. Pavey: can you tell us how you got started? Joy? How did you and your group of ladies get started.

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Joy: Well, one of our members brought in a guest speaker from Durham regional police victim services.

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Joy: and they came into one of our Bible studies and educated the ladies about the growing problem of trafficking in our own community. It had been in the news, and many of the ladies there had no idea that it was so

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Joy: local, so

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Joy: close to them, and many have children and grandchildren in the high schools and out in the malls and things like that, and so they had a great concern. But then this speaker also let us know that many 1st responders who are involved in rescuing victims put themselves in danger sometimes.

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Joy: and so we we all felt led by the Holy Spirit to covenant, to continue in prayer, and to this day we we still remember not only the victims, but all of the 1st responders, and also we pray for resources to be put in place to fund

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Joy: the rehabilitation of victims. Once they come out of.

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Joy: you know, trafficking and terrible situations.

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Joy: So that's how we got started.

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Valerie E. Pavey: Yeah, okay, so that's how you got started. So if someone else wanted to start the ministry in their setting.

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Valerie E. Pavey: what what would you say for them?

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Joy: I would say, 1st contact your local police department because many of them have victim services and sometimes separate departments altogether for human trafficking and just talk with them about it. See what their needs are. Would they be open to donations, or to have a speaker come from that department to speak to your group.

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Joy: There's lots of ways to explore setting up this ministry, and you can get very creative with it.

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Valerie E. Pavey: Yeah, that's great. Alright, can you? Can you let us know what? What are some of the items that you would put into the purses that you put together, you and your team.

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Joy: Well, we focus on comfort items.

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Joy: Everything is donated, all of the purses, all of the items inside, and some of the ladies have been very creative over the years. We always make sure that we have handcrafted crosses that go in.

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Joy: One of our ladies at church. Does that?

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Joy: Another lady this year was trying to think about what would be practical for soap.

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Joy: So inside this little handmade pouch, which is supposed to be used as a scrubber

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Joy: has a bar of soap in it, and it can be hung up to dry. So that's very practical, we put in, you know, hats and socks we put in always toothbrush

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Joy: toothbrushes, toothpaste,

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Joy: dental floss. Other comfort items include hand sanitizer and chapstick, which are very well received, but the other thing that we put into the purses every time is some sort of publication, like daily bread, so that they know that you know they can read about God's Word and what his love is. We sometimes write

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Joy: personal notes and words of encouragement, or a piece of Scripture that we want to give to them, to encourage them, and let them know that this is what real love is is God's love, not what the world has been.

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Joy: you know, teaching them and making them experience. It's that's not true love, but God's love is eternal and always there for them.

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Joy: So those are the kinds of items.

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Joy: Sometimes people give us gift cards to put in something for like groceries, or a Tim Hortons card or something, you know, they can get themselves a treat

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Joy: and

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Joy: but there's any number of things we put in shampoo and conditioner and body lotion, and you know just whatever is donated. If it's a safe item, then we put it in. If if it's an item that could cause harm, then we separate that out, and we give that to the police and let them decide if it's appropriate to donate to whoever they're rescuing.

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Valerie E. Pavey: That's good.

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Joy: This is helpful.

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Valerie E. Pavey: That is helpful. So Joy is there opportunity for further education from outside resources.

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Joy: Absolutely. 1st of all, people could go to our website and learn all kinds of things, including a list of of items that you could

consider to put into the purses. There's a lot of room for creativity. What would you like to receive if you had nothing.

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Valerie E. Pavey: And

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Joy: So the purse itself is meant for

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Joy: the sake of dignity. Every woman carries a purse

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Joy: but as far as outside again I would approach the the victim services through the police, and they have many people that would be willing to come and speak because their resources are so stretched that they focus on education so that people in the community know that this is happening. And where can they go and that sort of thing?

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Joy: So that's really what I would do.

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Valerie E. Pavey: All right. Thank you. Good advice. So the problem in our communities is a large problem. And it's a growing problem. Do you feel that prayer has been answered, as you call for an end of human trafficking.

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Joy: Absolutely there is no problem that is too big for God.

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Joy: and he asks us to be faithful in prayer, and to be obedient to the prompting of His Holy Spirit. Yes, I do believe God is answering our prayers, even if we don't see it.

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Joy: and we often do not realize the power of obedience and a prayer. And so we feel like we're planting seeds every time we pack one of these purses, and when we finish packing them before we send them off to the police station. We pray over them. We pray over the person



that's going to receive that, and if there are items in there that will touch their heart and make them think that.

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Joy: you know. Gee! Somebody has showed God's love to me. That's what we're praying for

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Joy: so yes, it it does seem like a very big problem. And we've had a lot of news stories that are very close to home.

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Joy: where they have broken up trafficking rings and

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Joy: and all of that, and one of the police officers said to us that when you see hotels all along any of the 400 series of of highways here in Ontario. When you see those hotels, there's trafficking happening in those hotels.

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Joy: and so that really kind of brought it home to many of the ladies who always thought.

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Joy: this is happening somewhere else. You know, it's not happening here, but it is.

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Valerie E. Pavey: It's.

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Joy: It's happening in our communities. And so awareness is important.

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Valerie E. Pavey: So you shared that you pray for those who are receiving the purses you pray for the police officers who are serving in the community. Does your group also pray for the perpetrators.

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Joy: Absolutely. They're trapped in this sin themselves, even if they don't realize it or admit it.

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Joy: We pray that the Holy Spirit will work in their lives to stop this activity and

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Joy: heal them, you know, turn their lives around so that they don't participate in this activity anymore. So we do pray for them as well.

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Valerie E. Pavey: Okay, so, Joy.

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Valerie E. Pavey: how has the ministry had an impact on you, your team or your community? Do you have a story that you can share with us today.

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Joy: It has actually impacted our Ladies Bible study group for sure.

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Joy: They were absolutely unaware that a lot of this was happening, and it

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Joy: taught us to be faithful in prayer because the problem is so large. One story I could tell you is that one day when I was taking a donation of purses to the police station. I always chat with the people that receive

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Joy: the donations.

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Joy: and I learned that this young girl that I was talking to was a volunteer in the department.

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Joy: and that she had actually been rescued herself out of human trafficking.

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Joy: and she was so very grateful, not only, for

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Joy: you know this large donation, it it was one of the donations that was quite large.

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Joy: She was so grateful to have that resource.

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Joy: but she was more thankful for the fact that we were continuing to pray for them.

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Joy: and that really struck her.

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Joy: And so I'm working with that department right now to try and see if

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Joy: there is a former victim that would be willing to come and speak to our group

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Joy: to talk about, maybe how their experience of you know, receiving one of these purses.

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Joy: and how it influenced them and changed them so. Yes,

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Joy: it's such a big problem, really. But when you hear little stories like that, you realize it's made some kind of a difference.

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Joy: And but I do emphasize the prayer we have to be continually in prayer over this this particular problem.

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Valerie E. Pavey: Oh.

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Valerie E. Pavey: thank you, thank you. Joy for sharing, and thank you to your ladies. Your take a break group for

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Valerie E. Pavey: the prayer ministry 1st of all, and I think that's a great place for anyone to start is prayer, and you know I recommend. Go back and watch our webinar step up and pray and be inspired by that as well. So thank you, Joy. And so we're going to turn now our attention to 2 other guests who work together. And so I was to ask Megan first, st if, Megan, if you can just introduce yourself, who are you? Where are you from? What is your role in the ministry?

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Megan: Hi, I'm Megan and I work at the Salvation Army Lawson Ministries. We're based out of Hamilton. I am a program supervisor for our community supported independent living program. And I've also been overseeing our SAFE hub, which is what we're here talking about today.

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Valerie E. Pavey: Right, and with Megan is Caitlin. So, caitlin. Now it's your turn, if you can. Just let us know. So we know you're from Lawson ministries. What ministry are you involved in there? What is your role at Lawson? Ministries.

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Caitlin: Yes, I'm Caitlin. I'm also from Lawson ministries.

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Caitlin: My role is a case manager with the supported Independent living program. And I also work.

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Caitlin: 2 days a week on our SAFE hub programming.

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Valerie E. Pavey: Okay, so we're gonna talk about safe hub today. So what what is your target population that you serve? And why? And like what drove what is behind. The development of the program.

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Caitlin: Yeah. So I think I'm gonna start quickly with, SAFE hub is an acronym. So it stands for sexuality, abuse, prevention, family supports and education.

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Caitlin: So the population that we serve is adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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Caitlin: so we serve this population in the greater Hamilton area. So we've served as far as Niagara Falls. We do this work because among adults, with intellectual disabilities, 83% of the females and 32% of the males will be victims of sexual assault.

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Caitlin: The victimization rates are 10 times higher for persons with disabilities than for persons without disabilities.

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Valerie E. Pavey: And then, Caitlin. What programs and workshops do you host?

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Caitlin: So we host quite a few workshops. So the workshop that we run most consistently is our healthy relationships workshop, which is a 6 week course that focuses on the foundations of healthy relationships. We talk about topics such as hygiene, public versus private consent, the different types of relationships these individuals can have.

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Caitlin: We also have our personal health workshop, which is our version of a sexual health class. We talked about body parts, scis, different types of contraceptions.

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Caitlin: We also host Internet safety where we talk about social media as in general online safety, so scams

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Caitlin: and online dating.

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Caitlin: One of our newer workshop is navigating adult content which is teaching these individuals to access adult content in an ethical and legal way.

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Caitlin: We also teach our safe content at Mohawk College, which is the college here in Hamilton. To individuals. Through our let's learn program.

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Caitlin: We also offer one to one supports for individuals who may not find that groups work very well for them.

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Caitlin: and finally, we have our fast friends, social events which encourage friendship, making for these individuals, as friendship is very important for these individuals.

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Valerie E. Pavey: You know.

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Valerie E. Pavey: So, Megan, I'm gonna turn to you now. What are some of the barriers that SAFE Hub has faced since developing the program. And are there any gaps that you feel are still needing to be bridged.

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Megan: Absolutely so. Some of the

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Megan: barriers that we do face is access to pro programming. So geographically, we are only serving the greater Hamilton area. However, this

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Megan: this barrier to to education is across Canada. So we are very limited to only being able to serve individuals within this area.

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Megan: The other piece of this is, we're only hitting the surface of education and the support needs. So because we we don't have a full time staff member and a lot of the other staff that are participating in running these workshops and developing these workshops are actually doing it

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Megan: just when they have free time at work. So they're volunteering their time, which really limits us to be able to develop new content and run programming. As well. Funding is a huge piece for us, so we have not been able to secure funding to support the ongoing growth and development of the safe hub.

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Megan: So those are those are our biggest barriers at this point.

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Valerie E. Pavey: So how will SAFE hub continue to grow and develop.

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Megan: Yeah, so.

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Valerie E. Pavey: The plan.

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Megan: Our plan is, we are gonna continue to apply for grants. That propose further development and expansion and support of the SAFE hub. We are also going to continue to advocate advocate within sectors for this work to continue.

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Megan: We will also continue to build partnerships wherever we possibly can. So we do have a large number of partners within our community who offer their supports to help us with content development. So we'll continue to grow that. And just continued

conversations and offering educational sessions.

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Valerie E. Pavey: Thank you.

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Valerie E. Pavey: Caitlin. How has the work that you've done impacted members of the community and the individuals that you connect with.

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Caitlin: Yeah, so obviously doing most of the workshops I have met with all of the individuals of the SAFE Hub support. And I've had people come up to me and say, I really wish this program had started earlier. I've had individuals after our personal health class. Say, you know, I was kicked out of health class in school. So I never got any of this education. So I'm grateful that you're doing this now.

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Caitlin: I've had support staff email me, saying that after coming to our programming, they told their staff that they wanted to be a better person and work on themselves.

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Caitlin: So it's just been really amazing. It's also really great because these individuals give us feedback and tell us what they want. So most of these workshops that we've developed are because the individuals have asked for them specifically.

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Caitlin: So that's been really huge for me. It's just hearing, you know them say, thank you for joining this and providing that feedback. So we know what they want to learn.

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Valerie E. Pavey: Yeah.

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Valerie E. Pavey: So, Megan. What advice do you have for how someone would start something similar where they are at?

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Valerie E. Pavey: I think that's something we that we would need to know? How? How do we get started?

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Megan: For sure. So I think, as I mentioned, we have a really strong network of supports from our community, so reaching out to partners or potential partners. Right? We can't be the experts in everything. So we support individuals with developmental disabilities. But we're not the experts with parenting or with sexual health. So building those partnerships, getting individuals who want to be involved in the work.

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Megan: Is extremely important. That's how we got started. Thinking outside the box. So you know, even with grant opportunities, we're constantly thinking of different opportunities that we can look at. It's not just developmental disabilities. It's

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Megan: education. It's maybe transitional age, youth. It's health services, it's parenting services and looking at Grant in all areas, and also being open to adapt as needed. So we started the the vision of the safe hub. I believe it was 6, 7 years ago now, and it has shifted and adapted and changed so many times over the years to become what it is, so really being open to change and adoption as.

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Valerie E. Pavey: So, Caitlin? And this is this question I have in my own mind, as even as I'm gonna ask you this. But what services and partners. Are you connected with.

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Caitlin: So let's.

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Valerie E. Pavey: That's really helpful for people to know.

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Caitlin: Absolutely. My community partners have been so helpful in generating workshops and providing me feedback on my workshops and telling me, okay, you know what this might not work. But this will work. So we've been connected with some professors at McMaster University, Professor at the University of Calgary. Hamilton. Public health has come and gone through my workshops to make sure that I'm

providing accurate information, especially regarding, like the Hamilton area

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Caitlin: community living Grimsby specifically there. One of their supervisors, there had come to work on the navigating Adult Content workshop with me. And we built that basically from the ground up together.

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Caitlin: We have the Ywca. In Hamilton. We've reached out to victim services through Hamilton police.

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Caitlin: So we're working on a partnership through them. Besides the clinical services, Hamilton Child and family services which was formerly tas. So we were connected with them.

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Caitlin: Mackenzie health, who are the ones who have provided me the education on the healthy relationships group

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Caitlin: and montage support services who provide us us the sex esteem training. So we can provide comprehensive sex education.

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Caitlin: And that's just to name a few. I'm sure I'm missing them.

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Valerie E. Pavey: Okay. So I would say, like to hear who some of those connections are. You may want to go back and listen again, so that you can kind of take note and figure out. Do we have those same services where we're located? I think that would probably be helpful for people to do right. Caitlin, to kind of figure out. What are you? Who are you partnering with? Is there a similar group in their area?

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Valerie E. Pavey: And you can also reach out to Caitlin and Megan. Their emails will be up on a slide at the end. So they're also there to free to connect with so, Caitlin Megan, thank you so much for sharing about SAFE hubs.

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Valerie E. Pavey: And now I'm going to invite Andrea to introduce herself. Share who she is. What ministry unit she's joining us from. And what is, what's your role at that ministry unit?

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Andrea: Yeah. Hi, thanks, Valerie, for having me here today. And Cristina.

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Andrea: my name is Andrea Petkau, and I work at the Willows Family Life Center and church in Langley, BC. And my current role here is it's called an Integrated Mission Supervisor. So I oversee work in our family services community family services during the week program management and oversight as well as work to connect church members with our

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Andrea: family services. And what's going on in the community during the week.

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Valerie E. Pavey: A busy job. Great connections. So, Andrea, I think.

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Valerie E. Pavey: for it would be really helpful for us if you could give us an explanation of Brave.

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Andrea: And and what that is.

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Andrea: for sure, so Brave might be a familiar program for some of you who are listening today as it has been running in various ministry units across the Territory for a couple of years now. So I'll start by just sharing that Brave is actually an outside entity. It's called Brave Global. And it's a campaign that invites God's people to reach out to girls in communities

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Andrea: to provide empowerment and education in human trafficking. So essentially brave is a prevention program. We are looking to educate and help girls understand what the signs are of human trafficking to keep themselves and the people they care about safe.

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Andrea: So the Salvation Army did partner with Brave Global a few years ago, and we as a team, decided to jump on board and run the program here through the Family life center.

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Andrea: So the Brave program is built on 3 distinct pillars. And so those would be the foundation of what we're working on and what we're doing. So one is equality and dignity. We see you and you matter. So these are the messages that we speak to the girls.

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Andrea: The second pillar is hope and empowerment. We believe in you, and you can do this.

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Andrea: and the 3rd is inclusion and mutuality. So we are with you, and you can count on us. It's a very relational program. So, being partnered with Brave, we are called to intentionally reach vulnerable girls in the community. So we're thinking, foster care, probation, abuse, possibly already street entrenched.

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Andrea: And it encourages the message that the girls are actually the solution and not the problem, because often that is the message that they're hearing.

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Andrea: So because of the vulnerability of some of the girls that access the program, we intentionally offer that education on the reality of human trafficking, both locally and globally. So we've featured speakers like Ray Lamont, who have spoken to the realities of grooming and what those various tactics look like

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Andrea: we've brought in Rcmp to give real life examples which also sheds light to the realities that actually, anyone in our community could be a target.

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Andrea: And so we are hopefully showing them the red flags to look out for, and then who to talk to if they're worried for themselves, or someone close to them.

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Andrea: So

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Andrea: for what it looks like here in our ministry unit. We use the pillars as the foundation, and we

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Andrea: we offer a few different things through the year. So the 1st is a like a large catalyst event, we call it, and we run that in February that is open to girls all through the community. They can come for a day. It's very much focused on empowerment self-care, and we often bring in some special guests. Last year we had Danielle Strickland come in and talk to us about some social justice and personal self worth.

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Andrea: and so, following our event in February we offer a 6 to 8 week journaling and mentorship circle in our center, and we usually get about 20 girls that will 20 to 25 that will engage in that part of the program following our event. Our event over the last couple years has brought out close to 80 individuals. And so that's like a pretty good follow through for us is to have about 20 to 25 showing up for the next step.

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Andrea: for a couple of summers, we had an opportunity to actually run a program, a camp program through our camp sunrise, which is our local Camp Ministry unit for the Brave participants. And last year we transitioned to a weekend that we hosted with another Ministry unit here in the lower mainland at a horse ranch. So that was a bit fun and different.

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Andrea: And then, outside of those like 3 things, the the event, the journaling, and the camp experience. We also have a youth outreach worker who's amazing. And she runs a monthly event here in the center

that offers a meal, a different type of craft, a form of education in

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Andrea: could be anything mental health and wellness. It could be boundaries and relationships, boundaries with others, but love for self, that kind of a thing. And so we work a lot on personal skill development during those those specific events. So that's what Brave looks like in a nutshell. What we're doing in the community here. Yeah.

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Valerie E. Pavey: So you're doing a lot. So I'm not sure to ask the same this question or not. How have you used brave program to create further prevention programs into educational opportunities that relate to MSHT. What and what are those opportunities.

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Andrea: Yeah, for sure. So we we do run the brave program out of our family life center our community services. But we also have been able to make relationships with other schools, high schools in our community.

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Andrea: So our youth outreach worker is taking the program to these schools and running it for at risk youth and girls that are within the school walls in smaller classes. And over this last year they've been actually able to gain credit for taking part in the course.

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Andrea: So that's something that we've done that has taken it outside of the kind of 4 walls of our center. But we also use Brave in partnership with the ministry, or sorry with the

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Andrea: the MSHT programming that's out there that you can access for education. So we've put the 2 things together. And we've actually taught some classes at different schools about the Brave program, but also spinning it to educate the kids about modern slavery, human trafficking and giving them some basic facts and understanding, because

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Andrea: a lot of them have no idea. And so that's been a really cool

opportunity that's come out of what we've been doing here at the center.

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Valerie E. Pavey: Wow!

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Valerie E. Pavey: How have you navigated building community partnerships to support the work in this area?

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Andrea: Yeah, something that we really focused on when we moved into our life center. So we've we've been in our building since 2021. And something that we've really done is focus on building close relationships with the other service providers that are close to us

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Andrea: as well as the inner city, because we're kind of downtown. Langley, our inner City School district school. We call them family of schools. So there's like 3 or 4 elementaries. There's a middle, and there's a high, and then there's a couple more on the outskirts. So we've gone to extensive efforts of bringing encouragement packages to staff coffee days.

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Andrea: Little treats wrapped up just with our business cards or our flyers, just letting people know that we're here, and so that has opened up a lot of doors for us to be able to

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Andrea: talk more about the Brave program. But also we have other programs at the Family Life Center, like Red Cap and TASK and other things that we've been able to plug in as well. So it very much started as like a let's show you how much we appreciate what you're doing in the community, and we would love for you to hear what we can do.

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Valerie E. Pavey: Right.

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Valerie E. Pavey: What has been the reality in creating

transformational experiences for your participants in your youth prevention, programming.

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Andrea: I think one of the realities I'd love to focus on is just the fact that the transformation is slow.

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Andrea: It isn't something that happens overnight. We've had some of our girls in our program 2, 3, 4 years, and it's not, maybe until the 3rd or 4th year that they're looking at

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Andrea: what is the like? What is my spiritual life look like? What would it look like to venture into faith?

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Andrea: Some of them have stepped out of their comfort zones to attend our like fuse or our youth council programs here in the lower mainland. But it takes a while. It doesn't happen right away. So we've we've really come to realize the importance in building a relationship and making this a safe space for them to explore those things that are outside of their comfort zone. And so I guess

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Andrea: the the reality is, it's slow and steady, and you have to. You really have to plug in and be the safe person, the relational person. In this transformative work. I should have said it a little earlier, but brave. The focus of brave is not actually

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Andrea: evangelism. The focus of brave is safe spaces.

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Andrea: and the focus of brave is education and empowerment. And so building that strong relationship 1st and then crossing that bridge to talk very specifically about spirituality or faith, and exploring what that might look like.

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Valerie E. Pavey: So that's that's good reminder for all of us that it's a commitment to the long haul and the commitment to to be there,



and a a good reminder. Things don't happen overnight, no matter what it is.

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Valerie E. Pavey: What has been the impact on your participants and their caregivers.

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Andrea: So something lovely that we've seen is just like I had just mentioned. Some of the girls are starting to access some of our church programs as a result of their involvement in brave. So some have started attending our youth group or attending our youth councils.

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Andrea: We've had moms entrust us with like one-on-one mentoring with our youth care worker.

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Andrea: So she has kind of like. How in a school there might be a child and youth care worker that your child might go and see, or your teenager might go and see for support and encouragement. Sometimes that doesn't work out for kids. So we've created a space where we can take a couple of clients in a week to do that one on one.

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Andrea: We've also been able to in the past support, with intern level counseling workers who are either within our church congregation, or who have agreed to use us kind of as a place to get some referrals from

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Andrea: and so

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Andrea: it's really beautiful to see how the families have come to trust us as a safe place, not just for their kids, but for themselves.

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Andrea: and we've seen them plug into other things like maybe our messy church program and bring their younger children or sign their younger kids up for day camps and anger management, having that foundational family life center behind brave has been helpful in just

empowering families, holistically like all together. So not just the individual. But we have stuff here that we can offer for

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Andrea: for others as well. And so that's been that's been really monumental in our relationship building.

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Valerie E. Pavey: Thank you.

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Valerie E. Pavey: So what? What has brought you joy through this.

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Andrea: I guess, like as a bit of an independent

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Andrea: you know, female working in leadership. It's

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Andrea: brings me joy to be able to teach other girls that they actually have the power to be exactly who they want to be, that they are loved and appreciated by people in the community. I love seeing the girls come in, and not only excited to see the staff that are running the Brave program, head on, like our youth, care worker or our corps officer.

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Andrea: like the joy and the light up of the face and the relationship with the leaders. But they've also created some really cool relationships with each other that are healthy, and often girls are struggling in school and in the community to find other friendships and relationships that are meaningful

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Andrea: and that are kind of based on positive

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Andrea: influence. And so, being here, so many girls have felt safe.

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Andrea: and have expressed that outwardly and often they are the girls who are a little. Maybe they're a little more awkward, or they're having a hard time at school, and so to find a place where they can be themselves probably is. What brings me the most joy.

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Andrea: We always say, embrace your weird, that's what we tell them.

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Andrea: That's what our youth worker tells them. Just embrace your weird, and you know you will find some confidence in that.

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Valerie E. Pavey: Yeah, that's good advice for us all.

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Andrea: Yeah.

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Valerie E. Pavey: So, speaking of advice, did you have other advice beyond embrace your weird? But what advice would you give for people wanting to do this, where they are located.

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Andrea: Yeah, so brave gives you a lot of empowerment tools to be able to run the program. There's a few journals that you can actually offer. So these are great, like catalyst starting points where you can look through, find different themes. So like, for example, this is eating disorders, and you can run a small session, using this as your like, your curriculum. And then it's all about creativity.

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Andrea: What else are you going to do around that lesson? We've kind of partnered stuff like that with. This is how you make it. This is how you make a healthy lunch for school, and we've put out the ingredients. And they can kind of pick and choose and ask questions. And

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Andrea: those types of things are great. And they're really basic level places to start, especially if you are a smaller place.

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Andrea: Or you're feeling like it's overwhelming the events.

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Andrea: the big events they happen around you. I would encourage you to connect with other ministry units in your area to find out if there's anyone currently running events and go and take a look volunteer, see what it's all about and and really use others as an inspiration and like an empowerment tool for yourself in order to get your feet on the ground. And what's and what you're doing.

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Andrea: But we love the program. We use our creativity to have themes and fun events. And I can tell you, too, that your community will get on board.

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Andrea: There are so many people in the community services who are really interested and excited about this program because they see they see the need, especially those who are working the front line out outside of us. Yeah.

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Valerie E. Pavey: Great. Thank you so much for sharing about your program. That's

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Valerie E. Pavey: lots of good advice again, oops if you need to.

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Valerie E. Pavey: If you need to come back in and watch the recording. And again, I'm just gonna say that all of our guests, their email addresses, are going to be there. And if you have questions, the chat wasn't working for a little bit. It's working now. The Q. And A is open as well. If you have any questions that you want to share to Andrea, to Joy, to Megan, to Caitlin. But now I'm going to turn our attention over to Myrna, and so Myrna is just going to introduce herself where she's from and what her role is there.

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Mirna & Tharwat: Yeah. Hi, everyone. My name is Myrna. I'm from

Mississauga, currently the court officer with Tharwat. Our title is Outreach and Evangelism directors. I look over the youth, young adults and social justice ministries.

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Valerie E. Pavey: Okay. Tharwat.

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Valerie E. Pavey: Introduce yourself? Tell us who you are. What are you up to?

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Mirna & Tharwat: Yeah. So my name is Tharwat, and I'm Myrna's husband.

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Mirna & Tharwat: That's my role here. No, I'm.

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Valerie E. Pavey: Sure.

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Mirna & Tharwat: The director for evangelism and outreach, and I oversight some of the alpha courses that we do here as well as our ESL classes that we do conversation classes. And so anything that has to do with adult outreach ministries.

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Mirna & Tharwat: I oversight that. Yeah.

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Valerie E. Pavey: So Tharwat. My 1st question is going to be for you. What is Others Ministry and its mission for justice?

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Mirna & Tharwat: Yeah. So to explain others, most young adults nowadays. They want to stand behind something they believe in.

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Mirna & Tharwat: So if you want to get support from young adults, or like the passion to come through, is something that they believe that

will change the world around them, that something that they can stand behind, and they will put their their energy, their time, their finances behind it. So others is a ministry focused on young adults to teach them about social justice and human trafficking.

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Mirna & Tharwat: to equip them, to lead the fight.

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Mirna & Tharwat: and to have them inspire other young adults to join the fight against human trafficking.

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Mirna & Tharwat: So it has started by training extensive training about what is human trafficking, the signs of human trafficking. And how do we battle it also self care for those that work on the field. Also it was coupled by

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Mirna & Tharwat: outreach in the streets, go into encampments, shelters places where there is a lot of human trafficking happening. Prayer walks. So a lot of hands on ministry besides the teaching and training. Yeah.

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Valerie E. Pavey: So, Myrna? Why why are the Others Ministries focusing on participants who are between the ages of 18 and 30?

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Mirna & Tharwat: Yeah, I think Tharwat mentioned a little bit about why, the young adults there was a survey done with young adults. Millennial, like younger millennials and Gen. Zs, and for them. It's 75% of them said, we want to feel a purpose in our lives, and we want to do something

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Mirna & Tharwat: to change the world. They feel like they have that ability and need to make a difference in this world and to stand behind something big. And even when they're looking at jobs, they're looking at something that has to do with social justice and things that have to do with social work.

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Mirna & Tharwat: and we just feel like we have to take in that passion and fire, and just put it into a greater use because there is justice, and there is God's justice, and knowing what

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Mirna & Tharwat: justice is through God's eyes, and pairing it up with Scripture and you know justice is not something that is outside the Bible. It is the heart of the Bible, and is the heart of God so pairing up?

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Mirna & Tharwat: How does God see it? But also, not only knowing knowing it in faith, but putting that faith into action so

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Mirna & Tharwat: doing, a lot of practical training. So Ray Lamont did a lot of training with them, even though it was online from BC. But they loved it. She also did a lot of pairing up with stories from the Bible, and how that had to do with justice even human trafficking from stories, but also then

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Mirna & Tharwat: took one day in the month where we went to the streets and did a lot of street ministry and outreach. And that's just to get them out of that comfort zone, to feel comfortable, to approach people and have conversations, build relationships with them.

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Mirna & Tharwat: So that was really important. And one thing, during orientation time, when we went and just spoke to them and said, Why did you say yes to this ministry? And they said we were just tired of just going to church on Sundays. We wanted to do more. We know church is not only Sundays, it's throughout the week. And we just want to put

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Mirna & Tharwat: what we're learning into action. They are authentic, they are real, and they are watching, so if they hear you preaching on the pulpit something about doing something, they expect you to do it yourself, and to lead them to do it.

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Mirna & Tharwat: And one thing about others ministries with this young

people. It it was a grant that we have received last year.

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Mirna & Tharwat: and it's the goal of it by the end of it is for them to be leading other ministries that have to do with social justice, so opening doors, equipping them.

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Mirna & Tharwat: giving them the resources and mentoring them to lead on and to continue.

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Valerie E. Pavey: Very encouraging. Myrna, what are what is the future and the long term goal of the Others Ministries.

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Mirna & Tharwat: Yeah. As I mentioned, this was a grant that we have received in the grant. So not only do we do the Street Ministry. But we did have an internal mission trip. We do have an international mission trip coming up.

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Mirna & Tharwat: But we just felt like

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Mirna & Tharwat: there is more. We don't want this ministry to end by the end of July, when we come back from the mission trip. And the goal is for them to continue this ministry and to lead on.

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Mirna & Tharwat: But what we've realized in the past year is that there is a lot of hunger. So we've realized that when they are talking to their friends and other churches about what they're doing, there's a lot of curiosity of like, what is this ministry that you're doing? What is the social justice that you're talking about? How can we do it?

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Mirna & Tharwat: So we felt like we've been led in this New Year to visit different churches and youth groups and talk to them about what this others ministries is, and how we can help them start it. So we have one in February. So we're going to go visit their young adults



and youth.

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Mirna & Tharwat: We want to train them practically of what street ministry is, but also why we do it? What's the heart behind it, and actually go and do it with them? And teach them practical skills of how to do it, because safety also is a big thing, right? You have to learn health and safety. And how do you approach a person? How do you de-escalate? So all these things have to be there. So yeah, the vision is to equip

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Mirna & Tharwat: other young adults and other youth, and inspire them to continue and just grow this ministry.

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Valerie E. Pavey: That's great.

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Valerie E. Pavey: Tharwat, I'm going to come back to you. What message do you hope to convey to the broader public about social justice and human trafficking, and the Church's response to those.

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Mirna & Tharwat: Yeah. Well, I'm I think I we heard this earlier. Somewhere. That

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Mirna & Tharwat: human trafficking is here is happening here in our backyards.

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Mirna & Tharwat: The. It's happening all over the gta all over the country.

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Mirna & Tharwat: And as we we see it happening, or we hear about it happening.

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Mirna & Tharwat: the church cannot stay silent.

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Mirna & Tharwat: learning about that. I mean I was. There are many verses that that can talk about this, but the proverbs 31

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Mirna & Tharwat: 8 says, speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves.

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Mirna & Tharwat: That's the role of the church. And I believe that

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Mirna & Tharwat: if we, if we stay silent. Or if we say it's just a big problem, what? What is my contribution? Gonna make a difference like it's it's just so big. It's so hard.

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Mirna & Tharwat: Then no one is gonna do anything but but the church is called to be the light of the world. And

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Mirna & Tharwat: we need to put that light up and for people to see. So so that is, that's the message that that we we we do. We need to lead, for by example. And as just, Myrna was saying, these young adults are watching us as leaders. They're watching their church leaders. They're watching their their mentors. That we are not all about talk, but we're also about action. So when we actually go out and

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Mirna & Tharwat: teach raise the awareness about the injustices that are happening about the the victims of human trafficking.

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Mirna & Tharwat: And how can we bring justice into this picture? They will be inspired. They would fall in love with Jesus, because that is the whole message of Jesus. He came to proclaim freedom to those who are oppressed, and they will be our next generation. Evangelists who are able to go out to the world and proclaim the gospel.

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Valerie E. Pavey: Myrna, what have been some of the challenges of doing Others Ministries.

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Mirna & Tharwat: I would say challenges. Well, I'm not sure the challenge or a mix, but probably just them facing their 1st time street outreach and the some of the toughest areas. It was a shock for a lot of them. I remember during that time we always come back and do a debrief, and we were in Montreal, and it was one of

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Mirna & Tharwat: the toughest areas there, and half of them were just crying because they couldn't believe what they saw and what they witnessed.

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Mirna & Tharwat: they weren't really exposed to a lot of that stuff previously. So for them it was just that shock, and they? They had a lot of emotions and feelings. And it's just like, Okay, what do I do now? And it's like, okay, let's regulate that. And let's that anger or that passion that you have. We have to just put it into the right place, and see how we can use it for good to make that change. And I think another challenge that I

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Mirna & Tharwat: it didn't start. But I think we need to start thinking of is because not all the young adults are in Mississauga, so they are from different churches, from different cities. So

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Mirna & Tharwat: because we want them to lead ministries in their churches is is making sure their church is open to receiving that are, have the resources to open up for them, and just hope. Have the open mind to be like. Yes, we receive you. We see we see your value as leaders, and we're going to be behind you, supporting you and opening doors for you. But these are 2 things that we could. Yeah, think of.

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Valerie E. Pavey: Thank you.

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Valerie E. Pavey: Tharwat, so what have been some of the impacts and

the joys from the Others Ministry?

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Mirna & Tharwat: I I this can take a long time the impact.

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Mirna & Tharwat: not even because because sometimes you feel like, Oh, I am helping the young adults to cash. But it turns out that they are actually the source of inspiration for us. They their passion, their authenticity. As Myrna was saying, they're they're they're all in. They're buying. Some of them. Come

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Mirna & Tharwat: takes takes them 2 h in a bus to be able to come and join us in our events and and activities is speaks a lot about what's happening. Also, seeing the ultra shy people who says, like.

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Mirna & Tharwat: I cannot speak to a stranger, I cannot come to someone and just pray with them, or, like, you know, have a have a talk with them, seeing them completely change, and they are the ones that are like leading conversations, offering prayers, going out of that shell of safety, of like. I don't want to take the risk

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Mirna & Tharwat: for them to, to completely change and open up the conversations that we have and the debriefs about how their eyes opened up to see things that they would usually walk by and not see. They would usually walk by the same streets or the same neighborhoods, or the same signs, and they would not notice, and how their eyes opened up now, and that they are as they are walking, they are praying

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Mirna & Tharwat: as they are walking. They are thinking about. What can we do in in the face of this injustice. So so that is, that is part of what the joys that we have seen. And and they are the ones that mostly are coming and saying like, we're not ending this after the mission trip, like we want to do, we want to continue this ministry. We want to do whatever it takes to continue doing this.

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Valerie E. Pavey: Wonderful.

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Valerie E. Pavey: They're pushing you guys forward, too. Right?

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Mirna & Tharwat: Yeah.

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Valerie E. Pavey: So, Myrna, one more question for you.

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Valerie E. Pavey: What advice would you give to others who are watching today, or even in the recording, who want to start something like the others. Ministries where they're located.

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Mirna & Tharwat: I would say it wouldn't take

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Mirna & Tharwat: any a lot of resources, because even for us, I think mostly the money was going towards the mission trips, and that's not really the mission of the others. The mission was more just

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Mirna & Tharwat: equipping these young people to go on the streets and do outreach. So it's basically if you have the heart for people outreach passion for justice, that's all you need. It doesn't need a building or a church. All you have to do is listen. If you have young people in your church or in your organization, just

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Mirna & Tharwat: gather them, listen to their hearts. Listen to what they feel like they want to do and let them lead it. Let them lead it. And

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Mirna & Tharwat: if we want this to extend. We have to have a resource that we could be sharing with with others. That has a lot of spiritual but also practical steps of how you can start this and how you can do a lot of this ministry. So that's something also a resource. That we're planning to have it available for the mission trip, but also will be available afterwards. But honestly, if I think about, if I

think even Budget wise.

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Mirna & Tharwat: the the weekly things are not costing any money. So that could be something that anyone could start on their own.

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Valerie E. Pavey: Good. And one thing that sort of repeats, I think, through the different panelists, is to pray over it.

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Valerie E. Pavey: Start with prayer right? Pray for the young people who want to join you. Get them praying and then God will deliver what you need and help you put your program together.

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Valerie E. Pavey: Alright, so I can't see the Q and A. Right now. So, Cristina, are there any questions in there that you would like to post any of our guests, and if you have questions, feel free to drop them in, there.

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Cristina: Yeah, panelists are answering as they post. So I think everything's good.

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Valerie E. Pavey: There's none to be read it. Okay. So one thing I have noticed, if you haven't been watching the chat, I've noticed a few people have asked Joy about what's in the purses. So Joy just want to unmute for a moment. Tell them where to go verbally where you have a list, and we've shared it. So where have we shared that list?

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Joy: Cristina shared the link to this page which has the list.

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Joy: but the list is just to give you an inspiration about what you could put into the purses because your creativity kicks in, and you think well, what comfort items would I like to receive if I came out of a terrible situation and needed

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Joy: just something, and it can be very creative. Anything from T-shirts and socks to, you know. Gift cards and and handmade scarves, or perhaps even a small Bible, or anything like it's just meant to love and encourage them.

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Valerie E. Pavey: And Joy. Where? How do you? What do you use for purses? How do you source the purses.

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Joy: Well.

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Valerie E. Pavey: Themselves to hold everything.

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Joy: Well,

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Joy: I can say that it started off with a plastic bag, and then it's and then it went to a dollar store cosmetic bag. Kind of idea. But we we landed on purses as ladies were cleaning out their closets, and, rather than you know, get just disposing of the purses if they were in good condition. We took them and filled them up with items.

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Joy: People spread the word when they get excited about this sort of practical venture. They start cleaning out their closets. So even ladies that don't come to my Bible study but have heard about it.

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Joy: They clean out their closet this year I've approached the Thrift store to see if they can, you know, pass along some purses that I can use. I usually go for the medium to large size purses, because.

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Joy: God bless them! If you give me a hand clutch, I can't put a bottle of shampoo in that, so God bless their hearts for doing that. But it's more practical to have medium to large size purses. And we've had donations from

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Joy: Avon ladies who are disposing of product.

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Joy: We've had donations from people that

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Joy: work in different workplaces and heard about it, and you know, just sort of packed a box of snacks and other items that they've collected themselves. So it's

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Joy: It's made me realize that God really provides.

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Joy: You know, it sometimes looks like I don't have very much in my closet where I keep the balls, the boxes of donations that I collect over the year. We try to make 2 or 3 donations each year.

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Joy: and sometimes we have 40 purses, and sometimes we have 80 or more.

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Joy: and they're all filled. And they're all donated items. Everything is

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Joy: so it's very grassroots. We have had people that belong to the Family Service Knitting Club, and they make scarves and hats and those little soap pouches that I showed you earlier things like that, and you can imagine if you've got nothing and you receive something that's handmade, it makes you stop and think, doesn't it?

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Joy: So that's where I get the things from.

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Valerie E. Pavey: Thank you. So Joy's list of comfort items for purses is available on the step up page of our website so you can visit there



and check that out. And.

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Valerie E. Pavey: Cristina, I think that's it for questions. Right? Most were related. I am going to share my screen once again.

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Valerie E. Pavey: That's today's webinar. I'm assuming you can see that at the moment, Joy, I can see you my sharing. Okay, yeah, alright.

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Valerie E. Pavey: So you may want to take a picture of the screen.

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Valerie E. Pavey: Or you do have my email because my email sent you the reminder of today's webinar. But these are the email addresses of our speakers today, and if you are, if you think of something afterwards, and you want to ask some questions about, you know. Where where can I find the brave booklets? Or what's the brave website? If you want to connect with Megan and Caitlin about safe hubs? And

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Valerie E. Pavey: you know, who should I? Who should I reach out to 1st about, you know, starting a ministry like that? And if you want to connect with Tharwat, Myrna, about the Others Ministry and

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Valerie E. Pavey: how they got going. What should you do to get it started in your location? Then their email address is there for you? To connect with them. Alright! They'd love to hear from you.

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Valerie E. Pavey: Oh, sorry too many.

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Valerie E. Pavey: I want to remind you.

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Valerie E. Pavey: January is awareness month for modern slavery and human trafficking today is the 30.th There is one more day in January,

but just because the month is ending, it doesn't mean

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Valerie E. Pavey: You cannot use the resources that we've put together. So if you do visit our website, Salvationist.ca Backslash trafficking, you can find the Step Up, page. And on that page there's 2 different things, or Step Up and Pray. There's a 31 day prayer calendar. There's a companion guide that goes with that. There's Scripture verses that are also helpful for you.

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Valerie E. Pavey: There are ideas of displays that you could put together so you could put together a monetary human trafficking display any time during the year to create awareness.

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Valerie E. Pavey: And so that's 1 thing we would encourage you to do is step up and create awareness also on that page is where you'll find Joy's list of ideas.

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Valerie E. Pavey: and then also part of step up is the prayer webinar that we had 2 weeks ago. I really encourage you to go in and to watch the recording of that, and I encourage you to go in and watch the recording of today's as well. Sometimes it's just helpful to hear things a second time.

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Valerie E. Pavey: The other thing that I want to make you aware of is Step Up for Justice. And so we had a great team. Myrna was part of the team putting together a 4 part video series

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Valerie E. Pavey: for high school students. And so it can be used in a high school. It could be used at your ministry unit. It can be used anywhere where you're connecting with kids who are in high school

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Valerie E. Pavey: that's got on street side video interviews. It's got discussions. It's interactive. There are media. There are sorry discussion guides that go with it. So there's a leader's guide, a student guide. And there's also a leader, guide, and student guide that has a spiritual component, a Biblical component to it. And so I

would encourage you to go on the website and look for that and check it out.

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Valerie E. Pavey: All the videos are now up. You can download them or stream them from Youtube. And you can also watch them on our website.

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Valerie E. Pavey: And then I want to remind you about our Introduction of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Certificate. There are 8 modules in here. It's self paced. It's free, so you can go in and do the modules at your own pace, your own speed.

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Valerie E. Pavey: There's a certificate that is granted to people who have completed that. And then, once you've completed the introduction certificate, we encourage you to go and check out the deep and wide training as well, and you can see, some of the courses are listed there on the right hand side of the screen that are part of the Deep and Wide Training to be able to take Deep and Wide Training, though you do have to have completed the Introduction of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Response Certificate.

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Valerie E. Pavey: All right, Cristina, I'm gonna turn things over to you now.

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Cristina: Okay, thank you so much to all our panelists today.

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Cristina: and thank you for sharing in today's topic. Let's wrap it up with a word of prayer.

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Cristina: Our Father, as we conclude this, webinar, we come before you with hearts full of gratitude.

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Cristina: Thank you for the wisdom, awareness, and inspiration shared. Today you are grateful.

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Cristina: We are grateful for this opportunity to learn.

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Cristina: reflect, and be moved to action in stepping up against modern slavery and human trafficking.

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Cristina: Lord, we lift up to you all the victims and survivors of this injustices.

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Cristina: May they find healing, strength and restoration.

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Cristina: Grant them hope and courage as they rebuild their lives.

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Cristina: we pray for those still trapped in exploitation.

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Cristina: may they soon find freedom and justice.

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Cristina: We also pray for those who perpetrate these crimes, those who exploit.

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Cristina: harm and profit from the sufferings of others.

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Cristina: Lord, touch their hearts, open their eyes to the harm they are causing.

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Cristina: and lead them to repentance and transformation.

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Cristina: May they turn away from their wrongdoing and choose a path of justice, mercy, and respect for human dignity!

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Cristina: Bless the advocates, Lord, organizations, and individuals who dedicate their lives

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Cristina: to stepping up against human trafficking and modern slavery

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Cristina: fill them with perseverance, wisdom, and protection.

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Cristina: as they work to bring light into the darkest places.

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Cristina: May their efforts lead to real change in policies, communities, and hearts

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Cristina: as we move forward from this webinar, may we only be hearers?

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Cristina: May we not only be hearers, but doers of change?

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Cristina: Give us the courage to step up and try something new, and many, many other things

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Cristina: to speak out, take action and be a voice for the voiceless.

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Cristina: Help us to use our gifts, platforms, and resources.

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Cristina: to make a difference in the movement for justice and human

dignity.

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Cristina: We trust in your power to bring transformation.

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Cristina: Guide us, Lord, as we move forward with compassion, strength.

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Cristina: and unwavering faith in your greater plans.

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Cristina: In Jesus name, we pray.

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Cristina: Amen.

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Cristina: Well, thank you so much. Everyone, for your participation and hope. You have the rest of your day with you know, enjoy whatever weather we have. Thank you. Everyone.