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Providing modern-day slaves hope, to restore their future.

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Wow, 2013 was an active year for Juneteenth. The team stayed busy speaking at community events, conducting research, hosting a Spa-Night Fundraiser, opening the Paradigm Center for local victims of human trafficking, and more! Our new team member, Sue, has come on board to work with local health providers to educate on this issue and provide awareness of possible trafficking behavior. She is an RN, and in the last 6 months has already increased the understanding of human trafficking in nearly 40 individuals at local hospitals and clinics.

Human Trafficking 101

The US Department of Justice defines this as, "the act of compelling or coercing a person's labor, services, or commercial sex acts. The coercion can be subtle or overt, physical or psychological, but it must be used to coerce a victim into performing labor, services, or commercial sex acts."

The goal of Juneteenth Central Washington is to free modern day slaves in our community through awareness, educational services, training, and providing resources to local victims of human trafficking.

One way that we met our goals in 2013 was by

bringing awareness of the issue at the local forum held at Central Washington University. With the help of many other community partners, over 300 individuals took action by getting educated.

The Paradigm

With the immense support from volunteers, local churches, community members, donors, and many others, Juneteenth Central Washington was able to open the Paradigm, drop-in center on August 19th, 2013.

The goal of the Paradigm is to offer resources for those who have experienced human trafficking. The counseling room contains comfortable couches, a tv, fridge and microwave, as well as hygiene products. In the

office area there are two desks, an area to hang clothing for the clients, as well as a resource station for pamphlets and brochures. The medical room is in the most need at the moment. We are looking for more supplies and furniture for this room

Shortly after the opening of the Center we were able to offer services to local victims.

The opening of this drop-in center would not be possible without our

gracious donors and supportive community. It also would not be possible without the strong and committed volunteers that have dedicated time to this nonprofit organization.

We are so thankful for all of the support Juneteenth has received in 2013! If you know someone who would like to receive the Juneteenth Newsletter or get involved, please contact us by the information listed.

