



The Safety Net

March 2015

Reaching Out in a New Way

SAFE is pleased to introduce Ms. Edith Ortiz, who has graciously agreed to serve as the Hispanic Outreach Coordinator!

Ms. Ortiz has been very busy since coming on board with SAFE. She has translated the SAFE brochure and the SAFE Display Poster pages into Spanish so that we can distribute these materials to the Hispanic community when we host Outreach booths for them.



Edith Ortiz at the SAFE Hispanic Outreach Booth at the International Festival on March 7 at Nash Community College.

Another SAFE endeavor for outreach to the Hispanic Community was the Outreach Booth we hosted at the International Festival, which was held on Saturday, March 7, at Nash Community College. The poster and all booth materials about human trafficking were in Spanish, and

were freely distributed to interested patrons who attended the International Festival. The booth was hosted by Ms. Ortiz, who was able to interact with others completely in Spanish, making both the conversations and the materials much more accessible and socially comfortable for patrons there.

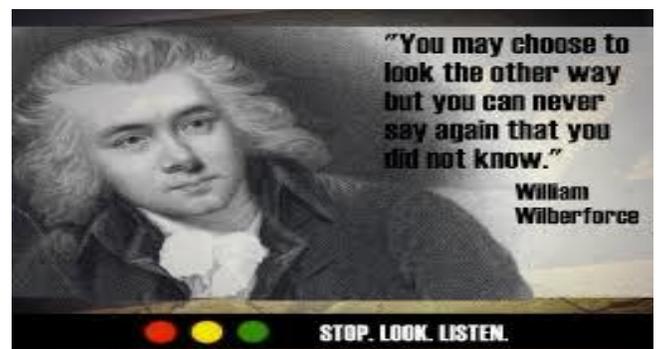
Ms. Ortiz is currently working as an Intern for the Juvenile Justice Commission for the City of Rocky Mount. She brings considerable experience to the table as our Hispanic Outreach Coordinator. Her experiences with SAFE will certainly prepare her for whatever career she chooses. WE at SAFE are very grateful to have met her and look forward to working together in the future!

Just In Case....

Important numbers to know!

Sergeant Wayne Morris, RMPD (252) 343-3192

National Hotline (to get help) 1-888-373-7888



Oh, The Places We'll Go.....

SAFE has been to the City Council, The Council on Community Services, Golden East Crossing Mall, Braswell Memorial Library, D.H. Cooley Library in Nashville, Edgecombe Library, the International Festival. and the Migrant Council. Where ELSE can we go? Please tell us your suggestions!

Do Something!

SAFE has been active, working hard to spread the message of the need to protect our children from the dangers of human trafficking and to alert our communities of the widespread realities of human trafficking here in the Tri-County area.

One question that we must be brave enough to answer is: "What am I doing to stop trafficking?" Is it enough to attend meetings? Is it enough to read newsletters? Is it enough to feel badly about the victims of trafficking??? Is it enough to read about their terrible experiences? Are we willing to DO something to stop this insanity?

WHAT CAN ONE PERSON DO TO FIGHT TRAFFICKING IN OUR AREA?

- LEARN about the realities of human trafficking by reading articles online.
- USE social media to spread the word about human trafficking.
- CONSIDER financial donations to organizations that fight trafficking.
- VOLUNTEER your time, energy, and skills in an event sponsored by SAFE.
- PRAY for the victims of human trafficking and their families.



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“SAFE” The Date!

The SAFE March meeting is Thursday, March 26, at 10:00 a.m. at Eastpointe! Hope you're there!

My Turn...

"Is this not the fast I have chosen: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, to let the oppressed go free, and that you break every yoke?"

Isaiah 58:6

This passage from the prophet Isaiah in the Old Testament may at first glance seem to have very little to do with the issue of human trafficking. Most people who read or quote this passage use it to point others to the need to reach out to the poor, the needy, and those weighted down with personal and emotional burdens that life brings to us all.

This verse does apply to reaching out to poor, needy, and destitute people in our world! Included in this category are the often overlooked people who are tragic victims or potential victims of human trafficking. It is to this group that we at SAFE must fearlessly and tirelessly seek to connect with and serve. We must put ourselves where these people are and hold out our hands of love and acceptance to them in ways that will give them the hope and courage to seek the assistance and support they so desperately deserve!

Kenny Sumner, SAFE Director

**Are WE breaking these
chains of trafficking????**

Fast Facts about Trafficking

- Traffickers make more than \$9.5 billion dollars annually in the sale of human beings.
- 300,000- 500,000 children are at risk every year in the United States to being trafficked.
- North Carolina is ranked 8th in the nation for human trafficking, given our advanced networks of highways in the state.
- Most children who are groomed are done so between the ages of 12 and 14 years old!
- Pimps, or traffickers, frequent locations where young people hang out to intentionally target kids for grooming.
- Traffickers appear clean-cut and nice looking when they begin the process of trying to recruit new kids into their brothels.
- Traffickers promise all sorts of wonderful things to potential recruits to convince them to run away with them.



