

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE, JACKIE

Jackie Willcutt, a long-time volunteer, staff member, and friend resigned to follow the Lord's lead in a new direction. Jackie served on staff as the Assistant Director of The *A Way Out* Program. Her gifts and talents were a great asset to the ministry AWO offers to hurting, broken women and children.

Her love for Jesus was the greatest gift she shared with everyone she met, especially the AWO program participants. She not only taught them in class, but she always found time to stop to share Him and His Word one on one with them.

Jackie may no longer be on staff but she left an imprint on many lives and the extent of her influence on the ministry at CCV/AWO will go on in the hearts of all of us. We thank you, Jackie, for your service to CCV/AWO. Our prayers are with you as you seek new direction.



CCV Connection

Citizens for Community Values
And The *A Way Out* Program

INFORMING
the community

PROTECTING
the family

RESCUING
the exploited

SUMMER 2017

P.O. Box 770775
Memphis, TN 38177

Non-Profit Org.
US Postage
Paid
Memphis, TN
Permit No. 1592

Many Thanks to Second Presbyterian Women of the Church for Providing Railings for the Stairs at Agape House



We are very grateful for the beautiful iron railings installed at our *A Way Out* Program's Agape House, made possible by a generous donation from the Women of the Church at Second Presbyterian Church.

The Agape House, donated to the program in 2010 by an anonymous donor, has served as a tremendous blessing to our ministry, affording women who wish to permanently escape the sex trafficking industry a safe place to live. We have found that it is vital that the women feel safe and secure in their living situation while healing from the tremendous wounds of their pasts and transitioning to a new life. Thank you for the many generous donors who allow us to continue to house women in this lovely home.



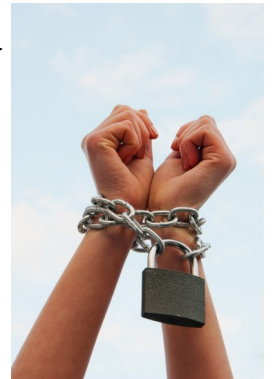
Save the Date for CCV's Annual Fundraiser Dinner And Silent Auction November 2nd, 2017

Citizens for Community Values and The *A Way Out* Program's annual fundraiser dinner and silent auction will be held at Bellevue Baptist Church on Thursday, November 2nd, 2017. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for the silent auction and dinner will be served at 6:30.

We are pleased to announce that our featured speaker at this year's event will be Victoria Hearst. Ms. Hearst, the granddaughter of famous publisher William Randolph Hearst, is the founder and chairwoman of Praise Him Ministries in Ridgeway, Colorado. She is also involved in a campaign called Cosmo Hurts Kids, which raises awareness about pornographic content in *Cosmopolitan* Magazine aimed at young girls.

In addition to Ms. Hearst, testimonies will be shared by women who have escaped the snare of the sex trafficking industry. This event is regularly a highlight of our year. Please join us to celebrate the work God is doing in and through this ministry.

Call (901) 452-7884 or email lacey@ccvmemphis.org to purchase tickets. \$500 per table of 10 or \$60 per individual ticket.



Director's Message

From Russ White, Executive Director
Citizens for Community Values

Greetings again from CCV to our supporters, volunteers, and friends. We are continuing in our efforts to be in more regular communication with you about our efforts at CCV and our A Way Out Program. It has been my distinct privilege to have served now for 20 months as Executive Director at CCV. George Kuykendall, my predecessor for 16 years, laid down a "large footprint" in greater Memphis as he advocated and fought through this ministry for promotion of the standard of decency in our community and to assist in the rescue and restoration of women ensnared by sexual exploitation.

In connection with CCV's vision to motivate elected officials to take action against sexual exploitation, over the last couple months we as staff have met with 2 Tennessee State Senators to present a list of suggested legislative reforms that would impose stronger penalties for pimps convicted of sex trafficking, including expropriation of assets owned by those pimps, and that would also remove barriers to employment for women emerging from our A Way Out program. Several of our proposals were well received, leading one State Senator, Brian Kelsey, to propose to the state of Tennessee that we be added to the Advisory Committee on Governor Haslam's Task Force on Sentencing and Recidivism. We are most interested in advocating as a voice at the state level for the efficacy of the A Way Out program as an alternative to the "revolving door" process of women arrested and prosecuted for prostitution and/or drugs, who spend time in jail, are released by the system, and who then keep on with the same cycle. CCV has been blessed through it's A Way Out program in having great success with many of its graduates breaking the seemingly endless cyclical process and turning around for good the trajectory of their lives.

We have recently been blessed by the opportunities to speak about our ministry at local Bott Christian radio on Karen McNeil's show "For Life and Liberty," to speak at 2 services and a Sunday School class at Independent Presbyterian Church, and to be featured in an interview in "The Messenger" newsletter of Second Presbyterian Church. As well, we have met with the Memphis missions ministry leader at First Evangelical Church, and have spoken at Brother Juniper's Restaurant to a group of Christians, about our ministry efforts. We are so thankful for these opportunities that have opened in the community.

We are also thankful for the opportunity to have assisted Victoria Hearst in her ministry efforts through cosmohturkskids.com. We helped to assist Ms. Hearst in making connection for her billboard display on I-40 as she comes against the display and sale of pornography to minors.

Further, we are in regular communications with public officials regarding the status of the County's enforcement of its adult entertainment ordinance, which you will recall was upheld as constitutional after 5 years of litigation initiated by the attorneys for the former strip clubs in Memphis.

In light of the many harmful effects of pornography in our culture, especially on our children, we at CCV would be interested to speak to your church or civic group about what parents can do to counter the influence of porn in our culture. Please contact us if you would consider us to come to speak to your group or church on this topic.

We have been financially challenged in the first few months of 2017 and covet your prayers and financial support for the ministry. Thank you for what so many of you have already done this year to support our efforts. Please let us know how CCV can help you to promote the standard of decency in greater Memphis. God bless!

A Way Out Reunion



On June 27th, we had the delight of hosting a reunion of past and present *A Way Out* participants at the CCV office. We had a lot of fun catching up with friends and hearing all about what God is up to in their lives. It also served as an encouragement to women currently in AWO to hear about how far those had come who had come from backgrounds much like theirs. We are very grateful to those who came, and look forward to doing it again in the future!





From the Desk of Carol Wiley, Director of The A Way Out Program

As I have had opportunities to speak to different churches and community groups, it has become evident that there are many misconceptions about sex trafficking. Since this is a growing blight in our own backyard, it is important to address some of the most common misunderstandings.

1. **Trafficking must involve the crossing of borders.** Anti-trafficking laws don't require that victims must have traveled from another country or across state lines. Pimps (Traffickers) often take their women from state to state, for example the Super Bowl is a big draw for their business. They take the girl's ID's, Birth certificates, Social Security Cards. They also work the women in their hometown and if they get arrested they pay their bail and move them to another town and remind them over and over that if they go home they will be arrested and have to serve time.
2. **Human trafficking happens in other countries more than in the U.S.A.** In 2013, TIP Report found that human trafficking has been reported in all fifty states. In 2006 the FBI estimated that the trafficking of humans generated approximately \$9.5 billion annually for organized crime. Sadly, Shelby County is rated 4th in the state of Tennessee for sex trafficking.
3. **Victims know what they are getting into or have chances to escape.** The real fact is that among the 500 plus women we have helped in varying degrees through The *A Way Out* Program, most all have been duped into it by slick traffickers posing as "boyfriends". After a period of conditioning they were then put out to sell their bodies. Some victims have freedom of movement, but are coerced to return to him because they are afraid of being beaten themselves or believe the trafficker will make good on his threats to harm their families.
4. **Prostitution is a victimless crime.** One report from the FBI stated that in over 100 arrests, most of the women expressed that prostitution was not their career of choice. I personally can tell you that in all the women I have interviewed, not one said that as a little girl they dreamed of becoming a prostitute who sold her body and then turned her earnings over to a controlling abusive taskmaster.

Under federal law, an individual who uses physical or psychological violence to force someone into labor or services or into commercial sex acts is considered a human trafficker. Therefore while some victims experience beatings, rape and other forms of physical violence, many victims are controlled by traffickers through psychological means, such as threats of violence, manipulation, and lies. In many cases, traffickers use a combination of direct violence and mental abuse. (Polaris Project)

5. **Pornography, stripping, and prostitution are unrelated to human trafficking.** In a study done by Focus on the Family they reported that pornography serves as the market vehicle in commercial sex trafficking. Also, a study done by Shared Hope found that 1 out of every 5 pornography images is of a child and that 55% of child pornography comes from the U.S.A. and sale of same has become more than a \$3 billion annual industry.
6. **Females are the only victims of sex trafficking.** The U.N. Office on Drug and Crimes estimates that as many as 20% of sex trafficking victims are males.

This is far from a comprehensive list of myths concerning the sex trafficking industry. The sobering truth is that even though large-scale slavery was abolished in 1863 with the Emancipation Proclamation, there are more slaves trapped in sexual slavery than at any other time in history. There are over 30 million worldwide with approximately 80% being women and 1/2 being children.

CCV/AWO continues to be committed to enter the pervasive darkness of this exploitive industry in the Greater Memphis area by intentionally bringing the light and love of Christ to those caught in this egregious slavery. The staff at CCV/AWO is very grateful to all of you who volunteer and pray for us and who financially support our efforts to tackle this blight in our community one precious life at a time.

A Way Out Volunteers Needed

AWO's Agape house has staff oversight during the week and at night, and is overseen by female volunteers during the daytime on weekends and some holidays. We are trying to find 30-40 volunteers willing to help with this need so that it won't be too time consuming for any of the volunteers.

Weekend shifts are as follows:

Fridays 1:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Saturdays 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

1:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Sundays 12:30 pm – 5:30 pm

A Way Out volunteers have a profound opportunity to share the love of Christ with women who have

been exploited through sex trafficking. Please consider joining our team of volunteers and ministering to women seeking a sincere life change.

If you are a woman interested in helping meet this need, please contact *A Way Out* Program Director Carol Wiley at (901) 452-7884. She will give you further information and discuss training.



A Way Out Named Muddy's Bakeshop Tip Jar Recipient for the Month of September

We are excited to announce that **Muddy's Bake Shop** and **Muddy's**

Grind House (coffee shop) will be donating the contents of their tip jar to *The A Way Out* Program for the month of September. Muddy's is famous in Memphis for their excellent cupcakes and other treats.

Their giving program, called Refill Our Community With Positive Change (or ROWPC), has been a blessing to us in years past, and a great excuse to eat more cupcakes! So please stop by Muddy's during the month of September and drop some change in the jar to support *A Way Out*. Thanks, Muddy's!

They have 2 locations:

Muddy's Bake Shop

(East Memphis)

5101 Sanderlin #114

Memphis, TN 38117

901.683.8844

Open: Mon-Thu 10am-9pm,

Fri-Sat 10am-10pm

Closed Sundays

Muddy's Grind House

(Midtown)

585 S. Cooper St.

Memphis, TN 38104

901.443.4144

Open Mon-Fri 6:30am-9pm,

Sat 7am-9pm

Closed Sundays



FUN TIMES AT THE POOL & THE ART STUDIO

The participants and volunteers in *A Way Out* had a wonderful time at volunteer mentor Cathy Graham's house on July 8th. This annual event is known as the "P" party, complete with pool time, painting lessons from Cathy, and pizza. It's always fun to flex creative muscles and spend quality time with friends. It was a great day. Thank you, Cathy, for so generously hosting our group!



Automatic Giving

Go to ccvmemphis.org and click "[Click Here to Set Up Recurring Donations](#)" on the right side of the page. There you will find a form. Fill this out, then return it to CCV by mail along with a voided check. Contact Lacey for more info: 901-452-7884 or lacey@ccvmemphis.org

CCV Mission Statement

The mission of Citizens for Community Values (CCV) is to inspire, motivate and mobilize citizens, community leaders and elected officials to take action against sexual exploitation and pornography so that our children and families are protected, victims are rescued and restored, the standard of decency is raised and our quality of life is improved.

Contact Us

Citizens for
Community Values

P.O. Box 770775

Memphis, TN 38177

www.ccvmemphis.org

Phone 901.452.7884

Fax 901.452.7886

Russ White
russ@ccvmemphis.org

Carol Wiley
carol@ccvmemphis.org

CCV is a 501(c)3
not for profit
organization.

Tax ID/EIN #62-1584178

Board of Directors

John Brooks
Joyce Caldwell
David Coombs
Jim Graham
Kim Hall

Gary Howell
Robert Sutton
Linda Tichenor
Russ White

United Way Workplace Campaigns

Do you give to United Way through a workplace campaign with your company? You can direct your United Way gift to CCV & A Way Out. Simply specify that you would like your gift to go to **Citizens for Community Values, Memphis**, or use our number: **277631**. Spread the word to your co-workers!

Community Giving

Sign up for CCV & A Way Out to receive donations through the following shopping rewards programs:

Kroger Community Rewards
Superlo Foods
Amazon Smile