Letter From the President & CEO

Dear Friend:

You are unique because we believe that you can help someone who has endured victimization and abuse that is unimaginable and horrifying. You can help a child, a girl, who never imagined that she would be traded for drugs, money or security. She is a girl who dreamed of becoming a doctor, flight attendant, or Marine. She did not realize that she was groomed, lied to, and then forced to be a sex slave.

What if there was a way to restore her health, hope and dreams? Vista Maria is one of the only treatment providers within the State of Michigan uniquely trained and positioned to provide the restorative care, treatment and education for children rescued from a life of trafficking. Our work with marginalized females dates back over 130 years and we have developed our programs to address the most devastating trauma experienced by today’s youth. It is our mission to deliver innovative care, support, treatment and education so that vulnerable youth heal, believe in their worth and build the skills needed to succeed.

Vista Maria has the clinical expertise and programming to restore victims, yet the number of girls needing rescue and restoration from the sex trade exceeds our current capacity. We seek your support to aid our efforts to build a new Stabilization Treatment House with an Emergency Intake Wing so that we can double our capacity. We believe that you have a heart to help restore girls who have been victims of sex trafficking. Become a lifesaver, a difference maker for a child in need.

Angela Aufdemberge
President and CEO

Victims Are Hidden In Plain Sight

Human Trafficking by the Numbers

- 24.9 million victims are trapped in modern-day slavery performing labor or sex acts
- 4.8 million victims are exploited and forced into prostitution, pornography, and other acts

In the United States:

- 83% of trafficked persons are U.S. citizens
- Cases of human trafficking have been reported in all 50 states
- 40% of human trafficking cases involve the sexual exploitation of a child
- Nearly 300,000 U.S. children are at risk for sexual exploitation
  - Over 12,000 Michigan children are at-risk for sexual exploitation
  - 1,000 children are reported missing in Michigan on a weekly basis
  - S.E. Michigan law enforcement raid operations recover more than 40 children annually

Some of the most vulnerable children are:

- Females between the ages of 12–14
- Children with a history of sexual and/or physical abuse
- Youth who frequently experience changes in school settings; and or
- Youth with low family cohesiveness

“As a victim, I struggled with addiction, and I would cut myself as a way to numb the pain. Today, I am drug free, and I haven't self-harmed in over a year. I am attending college to earn an associate's degree. None of my accomplishments would have been possible without Vista Maria.” — Wings client, age 18
Growth Beyond Capacity

Vista Maria’s Human Trafficking Stabilization Housing & Emergency Intake Wing

Due in large part to the DeRoy Testamentary Foundation, Vista Maria opened DeRoy Hall in 2014. This 16-unit specialty treatment housing was designed to address the unique needs of female victims of human trafficking. The Wings treatment program staff provide the physical and mental health treatment needed to aid victims to heal and achieve restoration.

Unfortunately, human trafficking continues to be one of the fastest growing criminal acts in Michigan. There is a shortage of treatment providers within the State as identified by the Department of Health and Human Services. Vista Maria receives referrals for clients on a daily basis and works with an average of 20 clients per day.

Due to our experienced, highly trained staff and secure campus setting, Vista Maria is uniquely positioned to expand capacity and deliver the best in class care, treatment and education to rescued victims.

The additional capacity will allow Vista Maria to:

- Improve trauma response to victims rescued in law enforcement covert operations
- Address emergency physical and mental health needs of clients
- Double the number of available treatment beds within SE Michigan
- Provide a continuum of housing to meet the unique needs of children (stabilization and reintegration)

Program Statistics

Wings Clients

- Children served: 88
- Emergency admissions: 34
- Average length of stay (days): 243
- Average daily census: 20

Program Outcomes

- Successful program completion: 71%
- Improved psychological functioning: 85%
- Improved family functioning: 93%
- Improved school functioning: 90%
Overview

The Stabilization Housing is a single story treatment building designed to meet the needs of adolescent victims of human trafficking. The secure structure is protected by card access and building-wide video surveillance. The housing will include:

- Furnished rooms with single bed, closet, desk and storage space
- Shared bathroom between two clients
- Dining area and teaching kitchen
- Laundry and shared storage areas
- Individual, group and experiential therapeutic spaces
- Staff offices: Psychiatrist, Psychologist, Therapist, RN, Program Manager, Coaches, Counselors
- Two conference rooms for family visitations

and protective services professionals come to her to provide needed services such as forensic interviewing, medical examinations and screenings, assessment, and psychiatric services as well as food, clothing and personal care.

The Emergency Intake Wing (EIW) is specifically designed to reduce the traumatic effect of rescue efforts and provide immediate treatment for the physical and mental abuse endured by the child. The conceptual design of the EIW reflects the collective input of experts within the Michigan State Police, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and out state Child Advocacy professionals. The EIW is a central location where trained professionals provide victim-centered support so that the child remains in her new, safe and secure setting. Law enforcement, legal, medical

In addition to a separate entrance and drop-off area for clients, the EIW will feature:

- (3) bedroom units including two bathrooms with showers
- Medical examination and treatment room
- Dedicated psychiatric meeting space
- Forensic interview and law enforcement work spaces
- Common living room and visitor area

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**Investment Opportunities**

**Making a Difference for Human Trafficking Victims**

You can help make a difference by supporting our housing and treatment expansion. Your investment will restore hope to young women who have been rescued from a life of victimization.

**Naming Opportunities**

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Total project goal ........................................................................................................................................... $4.6 Million

Grant from Federal Home Loan Bank Indianapolis .............................................................................................. ($500,000)

The Carl’s Foundation ............................................................................................................................................... ($500,000)

Remaining Fundraising Goal ....................................................................................................................................... $3.6 Million

“I’ve gained the coping skills I need to deal with life in healthy ways. Vista Maria’s Wings program, which helps victims of human trafficking, allowed me to become more independent, while increasing my self-confidence. Because of the program and Vista Maria staff, I’ve also improved my people skills, and I feel more comfortable in a group setting.” – Wings client, age 17
HUMAN TRAFFICKING STABILIZATION HOUSING AND EMERGENCY INTAKE WING

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