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Miami hosts 4th annual award ceremony recognizing Law Enforcement Vision and Leadership
The Malone Prize honors the work of law enforcement officials in sex trafficking

MIAMI, Florida – The Women's Fund Miami-Dade and *3 Generations* will co-present and host the 2016 Malone Prize for Law Enforcement Vision and Leadership. The award ceremony and reception will be held at Chapman Conference Center at Miami Dade College (245 NE 4th Street, Building 3, 2nd Floor, Miami, FL 33132) at 6:30 PM on Thursday, February 9, 2017.

3 Generations, a non-profit based in New York City has again selected Miami as the host city because of its robust community-based collaborative awareness campaign on the issue of sex trafficking in the United States.

The Malone Prize was created by *3 Generations* as an outreach project of their feature documentary *TRICKED*, a critically acclaimed exploration of sex trafficking in the USA which was released nationally in 2013 and globally in 2016. The Malone Prize, awarded annually to three winners, was established in 2013 to honor law enforcement officials who recognize sex trafficking as modern-day slavery and work on the front-lines of change. It seeks to inspire others in law enforcement to become active participants in cultural and legal change.

The 2016 Malone Prize winners are:

- Michael Panico - Chicago Police Department
- Penny Gallegos - Colorado State Patrol
- Raul Cabrera Jr. - Miami-Dade Police Department

The Women's Fund Miami-Dade will present the second annual Leslie Sternlieb Advocacy Award to two recipients: Judge Maria Sampedro-Iglesia for her pioneering work with G.R.A.C.E (Growth Renewed through Acceptance, Change and Empowerment) Court, the first court of its kind designed solely for minor victims of human trafficking, and to Dr. JoNell Efantis Potter for her work in the design of a home healthcare model for survivors of human trafficking. The Women's Fund will also honor Melissa Schwartz with the first annual Butterfly Survivor Award for her courageous will of survival and her new role in helping other trafficking survivors find their inner peace. The State Attorney's Office will be recognizing the University of Miami's THRIVE Clinic with the Katherine Fernandez Rundle Visionary Award for offering multidisciplinary trauma-informed services in a single location for survivors of human trafficking.

For more information, please visit www.womensfundmiami.org or call 305.441.0506. Attendance is complimentary but registration is requested: rsvp@womensfundmiami.org.

About The Women's Fund Miami-Dade

The Women's Fund Miami-Dade empowers women and girls through advocacy and funding for innovative initiatives that build equality, foster social change and create community partners. The Women's Fund Miami-Dade improves the lives of women and girls through grant making, research, advocacy and education.

About 3 Generations

3 Generations is a non-profit organization that documents stories of human rights abuses through film. They enable survivors of crimes against humanity to record their experiences as an act of healing, a call to action and to create historical evidence. Their goal is to influence the national dialogue and build momentum for social change.

About Stop Sex Trafficking Miami

Sex trafficking in our own community is hidden, under-addressed, and misunderstood and, therefore, flourishing with impunity. Public awareness is the lynchpin to ending this scourge. Stop Sex Trafficking Miami is a collaborative community campaign, involving a multitude of organizations and leaders, to build a movement of awareness and action to stop sex trafficking in Miami.