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Miami hosts award ceremony recognizing Law Enforcement Vision and Leadership

The Malone Prize honors the work of law officials in sex trafficking

MIAMI, Florida –The Women's Fund Miami-Dade together with Switchboard of Miami, Stop Sex Trafficking Miami and Actors' Playhouse will co-present and host the 2014 Malone Prize for Law Enforcement Vision and Leadership reception and award ceremony on January 12, 2015 in recognition of National Human Trafficking Awareness Day (January 11). *3 Generations*, a non-profit based in New York City 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 in conjunction with *TRICKED*, a feature documentary they produced on the sale of young women and men for sex. The prize, awarded to three winners annually, 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 winners will be law enforcement officials selected from departments across the country. In conjunction with the awards, *TRICKED* an eye-opening documentary that weaves together the experiences of those involved in the \$3 billion dollar a year industry of sex trafficking across the country will be screened earlier that same day.

For more information, please visit www.womensfundmiami.org or call 305.441.0506.

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.

Founded in 1993, The Women's Fund is Miami-Dade's only organization directing all of its energy toward creating equal opportunity, access and influence for women and girls. Through research, collaboration, and grant-making we expose the issues, give voice to



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the silent majority, and pool our collective giving power to provide grassroots solutions. We believe that by pooling our resources we can create a just and safe Miami-Dade, where power and possibility aren't limited by gender. The Women's Fund Miami-Dade improves the lives of women and girls through grant making, research, advocacy and education.

About Switchboard of Miami

Created in 1968, Switchboard of Miami, Inc. is a private, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that counsels, connects and empowers people in need. Anyone has access to help, anytime, always by simply calling 211. With more than 15 specialty phone lines, Switchboard offers free and confidential telephone counseling, crisis intervention, suicide prevention and information and referral services to every caller, chatter or texter 24/7. The organization also maintains a comprehensive and reliable social services databases of 5,000+ entries, and provides immediate tri-lingual assistance for an estimated 140,000 individuals annually. Last year alone, Switchboard provided more than 150,000 referrals to callers and is one of the largest organizations of its kind in the country. Switchboard also offers other programs, including suicide prevention, family and individual counseling, senior services, child developmental screenings, youth prevention programs and more. We are here to help, anytime, always.

About Actors' Playhouse at the Miracle Theatre

Actors' Playhouse is the nonprofit resident theatre company and managing agent of the historic Miracle Theatre on Miracle Mile in Coral Gables. Actors' Playhouse, which has brought home 82 regional Carbonell Awards for artistic excellence, is a Florida Presenting Cultural Organization and one of 13 major cultural institutions in Miami-Dade County. In addition to its Mainstage season, Actors' Playhouse offers a year-round season of Musical Theatre for Young Audiences, a National Children's Theatre Festival, a Theatre Conservatory and Summer Camp Program, as well as educational arts outreach programs for underserved youth, and has initiated a Young Talent Big Dreams contest for children in partnership with The Children's Trust. www.actorsplayhouse.org
<<http://www.actorsplayhouse.org>>

About Stop Sex Trafficking Miami

Sex trafficking of children in our own community is hidden, under-addressed, and misunderstood and, therefore, flourish 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 the Sale of Our Children for Sex.