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**THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LONG BEACH, IN CONJUNCTION WITH  
THE LONG BEACH HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE, PUBLISHES AND  
DISTRIBUTES A COMPREHENSIVE RESOURCE GUIDE TO ASSIST SERVICE  
PROVIDERS WHO ARE ON THE FRONT LINES HELPING SURVIVORS**

**The Resource Guide Includes a Range of Community-Based Organizations  
and Law Enforcement Agencies Who Work Together to Combat Human  
Trafficking by Identifying, Rescuing and Empowering Survivors  
and Assisting in the Prosecution of Traffickers**

**March 5, 2015 (Long Beach, Calif.)** The Junior League of Long Beach (JLLB) has published a comprehensive Resource Guide to assist organizations, agencies and individuals in the greater Long Beach and Los Angeles County areas who are helping survivors of human trafficking. The Guide is a collaborative effort between JLLB and the Long Beach Human Trafficking Task Force (LBHTTF). Hard copies were distributed at this morning's monthly Task Force meeting and an electronic version is available by request.

The Guide's service provider categories are: Advocacy, Basic Needs, Case Management, Counseling, Drop-In Services, Education, Emergency Response, Foster Care Facilities, Law Enforcement/Prosecution, Legal Services, Mental Health Services, Mentoring Services and Shelter/Housing.

"The Junior League of Long Beach, in partnership with the Long Beach Human Trafficking Task Force, is pleased to publish this Resource Guide for all in our area who are helping the survivors of human trafficking," JLLB President Danita Humphrey said. "We know how important it is to take action on this critical issue. This is part of the mission of our organization – to assess needs in our community and then to address them by providing support with volunteers, funds and leadership."

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Earlier this year in January, the Long Beach Human Trafficking Task Force organized and hosted the first annual Youth Exploitation and Safety Symposium (YESS 2015) in partnership with the Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) and the Long Beach PTA. The free event, held at Cabrillo High School in Long Beach, attracted more than 400 parents, students, educators and volunteers to this timely gathering of dozens of organizations, workshops and speakers aimed at keeping young people safe from the world of human trafficking.

Said Jeanette Leilani Cheng, a co-founder of the Task Force and Board President of Kingdom Causes Long Beach: “Now in our third year, the Long Beach Human Trafficking Task Force was founded to assist with supporting survivors and prosecuting offenders and we are thrilled at how much the organization has grown. We all look forward to using the Resource Guide as a tool to help with the work that needs to be done to eradicate human trafficking.”

Adam Anderson, Executive Director of Kingdom Causes Long Beach, and also a founding member of the Task Force, added, “It takes more than a few agencies and the courts alone to defeat the nightmare of human trafficking and the cyber-crimes that are now being perpetrated against younger and younger victims. It takes a true collaborative community effort.”

Kingdom Causes Long Beach was formed in Long Beach in 2003 to inspire, connect and mobilize the faith-based community toward good work for the city. With a board of directors comprising of government, business and community leaders, KCLB has invested in four neighborhoods, four city causes, city/non-profit partnerships and developed over 50 faith-based partnerships.

The organizations and agencies listed in the Resource Guide include: Boys & Girls Clubs of Long Beach, Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (CAST), Crittenton Services for Children & Families, Department of Homeland Security Investigations, the LAPD/FBI Operation South Bureau Human Trafficking Task Force, the Long Beach Police Department, the Long Beach City Prosecutor’s Office and the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office – Victim-Witness Assistance Program.

Alexandra Weiss, JLLB Community Vice President, said, “The Junior League of Long Beach has been working in the community for more than 80 years. This support of these service provider organizations – by publishing the Resource Guide – mirrors the messaging of our key programs that teach 5th to 8th graders and their caregivers the life skills that encourage relationship-building and respect for self and others.”

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Added JLLB member Virginia Zart, also an active participant and a founding member of the Task Force: "It's exciting to see so much progress in this area, and to look at what can be achieved when numerous organizations come together to work as a cohesive group and make a difference."

In addition to being a member organization of the Task Force, JLLB is a member of the Junior Leagues of California State Public Affairs Committee (SPAC), a non-partisan advocacy and education organization charged with promoting legislation favorable to its member Leagues' community projects and focus areas and tracking all legislation that would affect those projects and areas.

At the conclusion of a two-year bill cycle, thirteen bills supported by SPAC made their way to the Governor's desk and into law in the Fall of 2014. These bills include SB-1165 Pupil Instruction: Sexual Abuse and Sex Trafficking Prevention Education and SB-1388 Human Trafficking.

### **About the Junior League of Long Beach**

The Junior League of Long Beach was established in 1931 as an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. Through needs assessment, support of fund development and volunteer hours, the Junior League of Long Beach has been instrumental in launching more than 60 projects and programs into the greater Long Beach community.

For more information, to become a sponsor, make a donation, or to become a member, visit [www.jllb.org](http://www.jllb.org).

### **About the Long Beach Human Trafficking Task Force**

The Long Beach Human Trafficking Task Force is a multidisciplinary, survivor-centered collaborative community effort by law enforcement agencies and community-based organizations to combat human trafficking by identifying, rescuing and empowering survivors and assisting in the prosecution of traffickers. The Task Force meets monthly and is open to anyone interested in the human trafficking prevention efforts in Long Beach.

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