



**Save the date!**



1<sup>ST</sup> Annual Walk & Run 4 Shelter

to benefit

*United Hands of Hope House, Inc.*

Date: Saturday, August 25, 2012

Time: 10AM

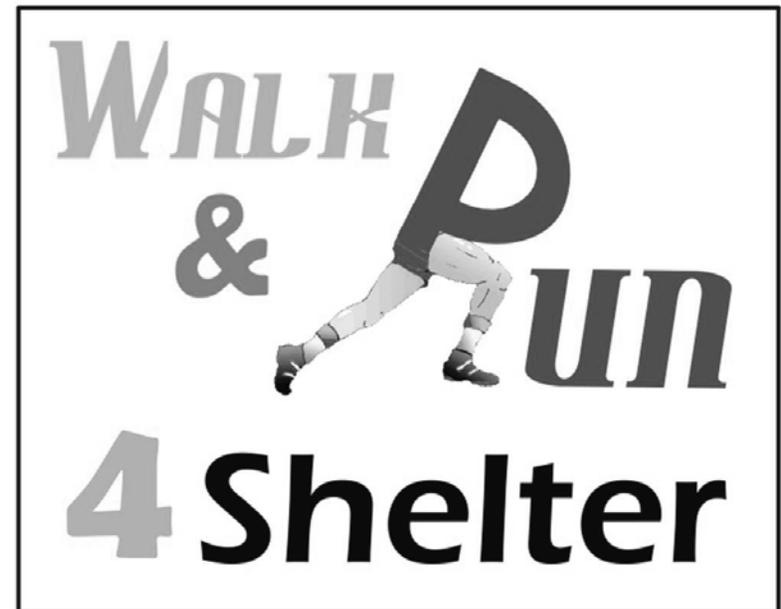
(Day of registration 8:30-9:45AM)

Location: Delaware Park

Buffalo, NY

[www.unitedhandsofhopehouse.org](http://www.unitedhandsofhopehouse.org)

*An end to domestic human trafficking...*



*...begins with the first step!*

*\* We are currently seeking sponsor support for this event. Please contact us at: (716) 864-0602*

# HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE AND ALLIANCE



**Are you in grammar school, middle school, high school, or college? Do you have a passion for art? If so then we want you!!!**

We are holding a contest to see who can make the best poster for our Human Trafficking Task Force and Alliance! A winner will be picked from each category of schools and professional levels. All posters should measure 13"X 21". These posters will be displayed all around WNY! Final Date to have posters turned in will be November 8<sup>th</sup>, Judging will be on November 15<sup>th</sup>, and there will be an art show displaying all work submitted on November 29<sup>th</sup> 2012. If you have any questions or concerns please call Deputy Fildes or Roy Wood at (716) 858-7804.

So what is Human Trafficking? Trafficking in person and its associated crime is the practice of modern day slavery. It is the second largest criminal industry in the world today and is the fastest growing international crime. Traffickers generate billions of dollars in profits every year while victimizing millions of the most vulnerable people around the globe.



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**United Hands Of Hope House Inc.**  
*A new beginning for domestic survivors of human trafficking.*

**ROY WOOD**

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## **Attention Artists!**

Dear Artist and Professional Artist:

I am an Intern with the Erie County Sheriff's Department Human Trafficking Task Force. I am writing to you to give you information on an upcoming competition/event that the Human Trafficking Program is going to be holding. We are having an art competition to see who can come up with the best poster. You do not have to be limited to designing a poster if you have a passion for sculpting, drawing, sketching, painting, spray painting, working with wood, etc. Then please feel free to do whatever your passion is. We can always take a picture of your art work and put it on the poster. You will also get to decide what words you want to be used on the poster to reflect your work. All artwork must be turned in by November 8, 2012. We will be judging all art work on November 15, 2012. On November 29, 2012 we will hold an event showing off all art work. All proceeds from this event will help benefit the United Hands of Hope House, Inc. The UHOHH is a non-profit organization that will provide support and recovery services to identified domestic female survivors of human trafficking in the future.

The Western District of New York Trafficking Task Force and Alliance is a multi-agency group designed to combat and bring awareness to human trafficking for domestic and international victims.

Let me tell you some of the facts about Human Trafficking;

1. Trafficking in person or its associated crime is the practice of modern-day slavery.
2. It is the second largest criminal industry in the world today and is the fastest growing international crime.
3. Traffickers generate billions of dollars in profits every year while victimizing millions of the most vulnerable people around the globe.
4. You do not have to be a woman to be trafficked, it happens to men also.

*Sincerely,*

Roy Wood and Deputy Elizabeth Fildes BS, MS, Program Director

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Dear Principal, Professor, Teacher, Student, and Professional:

I am an Intern with the Erie County Sheriff's Department Human Trafficking Task Force. I am writing to you to give you a little information on flyers that are enclosed in this envelope. The first flyer is about a competition that we are holding to help promote the awareness of Human Trafficking around the WNY area. We are holding a contest among elementary, middle, and high schools along with colleges and people at the professional level. We would really like you/or your school to participate in this event.

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The Western District of New York Trafficking Task Force and Alliance is a multi-agency group designed to combat and bring awareness to human trafficking for domestic and international victims. The task force includes the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Erie County Sheriff's Office, the International Institute of Buffalo, the Attorney General Office, the U.S. Dept. of Labor, the Wage and Hour, the Homeland Security Investigation, the FBI, the Border Patrol, the New York State Police, the Worker Justice Center of New York, the U.S. Air Force, the Coast Guard, as well as the Missing and Exploited Children.

So what happens when we find people who have been trafficked? Well we have created the United Hands of Hope House, Inc.; which is a non-profit organization that will provide support and recovery services to identified domestic female survivors of human trafficking. This safe house is going to be the first "safe house" located in the Western District of New York, covering 17 counties from the Niagara Region to Rochester. That's why on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012 we will be holding the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Walk & Run 4 Shelter to help benefit the United Hands of Hope House, Inc.. Enclosed is a flyer with more information on this event.

For any more information regarding the contest or the United Hands of Hope House, Inc. please feel free to give Deputy Fildes or Roy Wood a call at (716) 858-7804.

Thank you for your time in reading this letter.

*Sincerely,*

Roy Wood