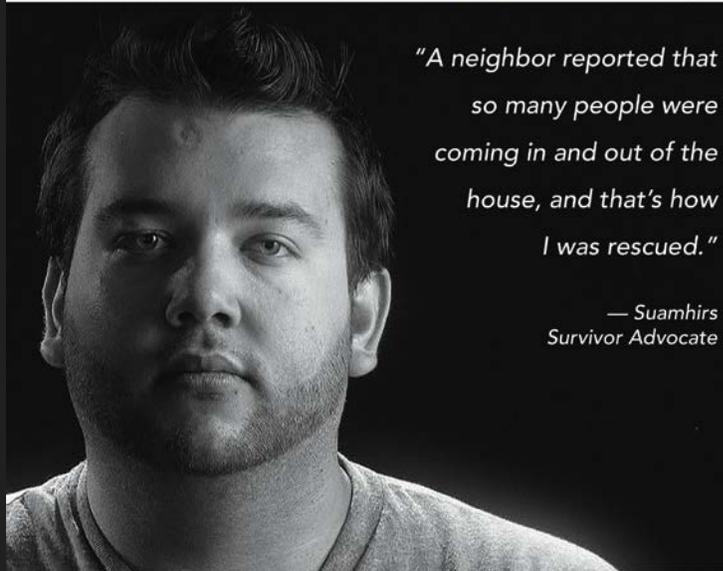




The Advocate Aspect

By Laurie Cole

Know the Faces of Human Trafficking



"A neighbor reported that so many people were coming in and out of the house, and that's how I was rescued."

— Suamhirs
Survivor Advocate

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We Have Backpacks!

Once again the Northeast Washington Association of Realtors has been gracious enough to donate 100 backpacks filled with supplies for kids and adults in need. This is their 11th year of donating these much needed supplies to our agency. Thank you NEWAR for your generosity!



National Slavery and Human Trafficking Month

January is National Slavery & Human Trafficking Month

What is Human Trafficking?

The TVPA defines a "severe form of trafficking in persons" as...

- Sex trafficking (the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act) in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age: or
- The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.

Who Are the Victims of Human Trafficking?

Anyone who is compelled (through force, fraud, or coercion) to perform any kind of work or commercial sex act by another person, and any minor engaged in a commercial sex act, is a human trafficking victim. Victims of human trafficking come from all walks of life

and are entrapped in many different settings. Anyone can be a victim, regardless of their race, color, national origin, disability, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic status, or citizenship status. While there is no defining characteristic that all victims share, traffickers frequently prey on individuals who are poor, vulnerable, living in an unsafe situation, or are in search of a better life. These victims are deceived by false promises of love, a good job, or a stable life and are lured into situations where they are forced to work under deplorable conditions with little to no pay. Whether made to work in agriculture, a factory, or a strip club, forced into commercial sex, or abused in a home as a domestic servant, federal law recognizes these individuals as victims of human trafficking.

Who Are the Traffickers and How Do They Trap Victims?

Traffickers are similarly diverse. There are traffickers working alone to deceive and prey on victims; businesses that enslave their workers; families who have been in the business of human trafficking for generations or have just begun exploiting a family member; criminal networks, large and small; and front businesses that appear legitimate at first glance but disguise human trafficking.

An individual can be enslaved without chains.

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Teen Dating Violence

Awareness Month

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

More than 1 in 10 teens who have been on a date have also been physically abused by a boyfriend or girlfriend in the last year.

One of the most important things you can do is keep the lines of communication open with your kids.

Take steps to make a difference:

- Be a role model – treat your kids and others with respect.
- Start talking to your kids about healthy relationships early – before they start dating.
- Get involved with efforts to prevent dating violence at your teen's school.
- If you are worried about your teen, call the National Dating Abuse Helpline at 1-866-331-9474 or text "loveis" to 77054.
- You can also get help locally by calling Victim Services at: **1-844-509-SAFE (7233)**

Staffing Update

Effective January 12th, our Team in Colville has grown by TWO. We have two new advocates...

Ashley Grubb

Is our new advocate who will mainly be working with Victims of general crimes like; Identity Theft, Assault, Harassment, Vulnerable Adult Abuse and many more.

Jessica Yost

Is our new advocate who will be working with victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and victims of general crimes.

Come introduce yourself to our great new advocates in training.

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Indeed, traffickers often go beyond physical abuse and use extreme forms of psychological abuse that exploit victims' vulnerabilities to maintain control over victims and prevent them from escaping. To achieve their ends, traffickers instill fear of arrest or deportation, use threats of harm to a family member, perpetuate shame or guilt about what is happening, and warn of financial ruin. These experiences are traumatizing and often result in psychological dissociation, distrust, and gaps in the victim's memory that make recounting a clear and complete story difficult. In addition, traffickers sometimes promote drug dependencies among their victims, keeping the victims reliant on the trafficker for access to the substances that fuel their addiction.

How Many Human Trafficking Victims Are in the United States?

It is difficult to measure the magnitude of human trafficking. DOJ's National Institute of Justice supports an array of research projects working to estimate the prevalence of human trafficking in the United States. You can find the most recent research on their web site at www.nij.gov.

What Services Do Victims of Human Trafficking Need?

While each trafficking victim is unique, the emergency and long-term services that trafficking victims often require include intensive case management, victim advocacy, shelter and housing, food, medical and dental care, mental health treatment, substance abuse treatment, support groups, interpretation and translation services, immigration and other legal assistance, literacy education, and employment and training services.

Primary sources of federal grant funding for services specific to trafficking victims are the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office on Trafficking in Persons and DOJ's Office for Victims of Crime. When victims are involved in trafficking investigations and prosecutions, some victim assistance is also provided by system-based victim/witness coordinators and victim specialists housed within federal agencies, such as DOJ's U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Department of Homeland Security's U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations. Victims of human trafficking are also regularly identified and served by individuals and organizations working with related vulnerable populations – such as child welfare systems, runaway and homeless youth programs, and domestic violence Shelters/Agencies.

- www.ojp.usdoj.gov (OVC Fact Sheet)

National Stalking Awareness Month



January is National Stalking Awareness Month

Stalking is often portrayed in film and music as an expression of love and infatuation. The truth is...it's not romantic. It's frightening, and it often leads to other forms of violence, and it's a **crime**.

If you or someone you care about is being stalked, give them our number.

Check us out on Facebook for more stalking information:
<https://www.facebook.com/hashtag/nsam2016>

If you or someone you know is being stalked, keep a log of all the stalking behaviors, including emails, texts, and phone messages...this will help with proving your case. To find out more information about stalking or other crimes visit www.victimsofcrime.org.

And remember, We are here to help... **1-844-509-SAFE (7233)**

Waffle Watch

Waffle is 10 months old and 80 pounds! While she's still at least six months away from testing to be a forensic interview and courtroom dog, she's learned a lot already. She has passed her Canine Good Citizen test at only four months old and she's been progressing well through training since then. She is mastering basic and advanced obedience and moving into therapeutic techniques, but still needs time to move up through the five stages of moral development. These five stages are Dr. Bonnie Bergin's theory that dogs develop morality in a similar fashion to humans. The stages are:



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- Positive reinforcement
- Tit-for-tat
- It's all about the rules
- Morally right

While she's 80 pounds, Waffle is still a puppy at 10 months old. And for large-breed dogs like the Bernese, adulthood comes at a slower pace. Ms. Waffle is right on track and doing beautifully in training.

Waffle also took a dog personality test. Yes, you heard that correctly; a personality test for dogs. Ms. Waffle is an analytical amiable. This means that she is thoughtful and takes time to analyze her surroundings, others' emotions and commands. Her amiable side means that she wants to please. These are great traits for a therapy animal. In case you were wondering, on the other end of the dog personality test are dogs who are "expressive" and "drivers."

Starting in February, Waffle's trainer, Chaun Gause, will be coming to the Colville office to train. This is great news for a variety of reasons. For one, Waffle will benefit from having the training in the location where she provides her service. Secondarily, the humans need just as much training as the dog! So all of our staff will learn how to reinforce Waffle's development.

As always, keep up with Waffle by liking/following our Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts (@RuralVictimHelp) or search with the hashtag #WaffleWatch.

Northport Community Night

We are hosting a community night in Northport on February 3 at 4:30pm. Dinner and a family-friendly activity will be provided. For more information, contact Alex at (509) 684-3796 or check out our Facebook page (facebook.com/RuralVictimHelp).

Northport Community Night

Wed Feb 3 @ 4:30
501 Center Ave

(Northport Bible Church Education Building)

FREE Dinner & Valentine's Day Craft



For more info, contact Rural Resources Victim Services
684-3796 or the Northport School

2015 Happenings and Statistics

2015 was a busy year for Rural Resources Victim Services...

- We expanded our services into Ferry County and added four new advocates: Shannon, Gloria, Kirstin and Rachelle and a Receptionist/ Intake Coordinator (Dianna) in our Republic office.
- Lyni Smith and Sharon Cording retired from our Colville office.
- Sherie Lynn became an advocate in our Colville office.
- Ashley and Jessica were hired in the Colville office as advocates.
- We also "Hired" a new Therapy Dog..."WAFFLE"

But now to the people we helped...

- 426 New Client Intakes (new clients are 405 – new cases or crimes against current clients are what make up the total of 426 intakes)
- 735 People Served (no duplication between crime types) there are 696 other household members in the families of these 734 served.
- 67 of the 735 (9.12%) people were served in more than one crime type (802-67=735)
- 670 Help Line Calls (of the 670, 246 (37%) reported in more than one crime type).
- 224 other Help Line Calls were made to us that did not fit any crime type.

COOL Job Waiting Just for You!

We have a cool job waiting just for you, but we haven't had much interest yet. A person who cares about the community and has reliable transportation is all that is required, really. A young person who just graduated from high school would be great. A 60 year old who is substitute teaching and wants a stable job would be great. No BA required.

This person will help with education work, post flyers, update our Facebook page, and spread the word about our services.

Here is the WorkSource listing:

<https://fortress.wa.gov/esd/worksource>

Search by Number: WS452599056



DONATION



Diapers & Wipes

Antiperspirants / Deodorants

Snacks for clients

Bottled Water

D-size batteries for flashlights in emergency backpacks



Yard Sale

to start setting aside any unwanted items for our upcoming Annual Fundraiser Yard Sale sometime in April...more to come later!

Rural Resources Victim Services & Kids First CAC

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CenturyLink-Mike White	Karen Rundberg-Bunney
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