PATH of WNY Expands Hope for Human Trafficking Survivors Through Education, Prevention, and Restoration

PATH Inc. (People Against Trafficking Humans) in Western New York is strengthening its mission to end human trafficking through education, prevention, and restoration—giving survivors compassionate, trauma-informed support and empowering communities to recognize and respond to exploitation. PATH is a faith-motivated, not-for-profit (501c3) organization working to ensure victims of human trafficking are not alone.

“Human trafficking is modern-day slavery, and it affects people right here in our community,” said PATH leadership. “PATH exists to educate the public, reduce harm before exploitation escalates, and restore hope through survivor-centered care.”

A Three-Part Approach to Ending Exploitation

PATH’s work is organized around three core areas:

Education: PATH engages the community through trainings and speaking engagements for schools, medical professionals, human service providers, community organizations, churches, and more—helping partners increase awareness and strengthen local response.

Prevention: PATH provides preventative services for individuals who have experienced trauma or lack resources, addressing basic physical needs and offering emotional support so people are protected earlier and better.

Restoration: Through the PATH Enrichment Center, PATH offers therapeutic survivor support services for adults and youth affected by human trafficking. The Enrichment Center provides a safe, secure environment and helps address the whole person physically, emotionally, and spiritually through services such as counseling, case management, crisis management, and safety planning. Support also includes programs such as art therapy, music therapy, fitness classes, support groups, trauma groups, tutoring, and work readiness for adults and youth ages 12–18. Additionally, Well Health provides healthcare and substance use treatment on site, with meals provided and access to clothing closet and hygiene items when clients need them.

Safe Support and Direct Access

PATH encourages anyone who needs assistance to call or text the organization’s 24-hour line at **716-601-5678**. For intake-related support, PATH can also be reached by email at **intakevictimservices@pathofwny.org**.

The PATH Enrichment Center operates on the following schedule: **Monday 9a–4p; Tuesday 11a–7p; Wednesday 11a–7p; Thursday 9a–7p; Friday 11a–7p.** Services are provided **free**.

Community Contact and Location

PATH Enrichment Center

5165 Broadway #192, Depew, NY 14043

For general inquiries: **info@pathofwny.org**

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How to Get Involved

PATH invites community members to help support survivors by **volunteering, requesting a speaker, or giving**. PATH’s work underscores the organization’s guiding message: helping survivors regain safety, healing, and a renewed sense of belonging.