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Party For a Purpose

On Friday November 9th, 2017 from 6—9pm the HEAAT Foundation will host its annual Party for a Purpose fundraiser. This year we're changing venues: The event will be held at J.D.'s Pub & Grille in Galloway!

The proceeds for the event are used to help pay for the activities that the foundation delivers each year, including education and trainings, advocacy work, awareness campaigns, and direct services to survivors. This is the seventh year that the HEAAT foundation has hosted this event!

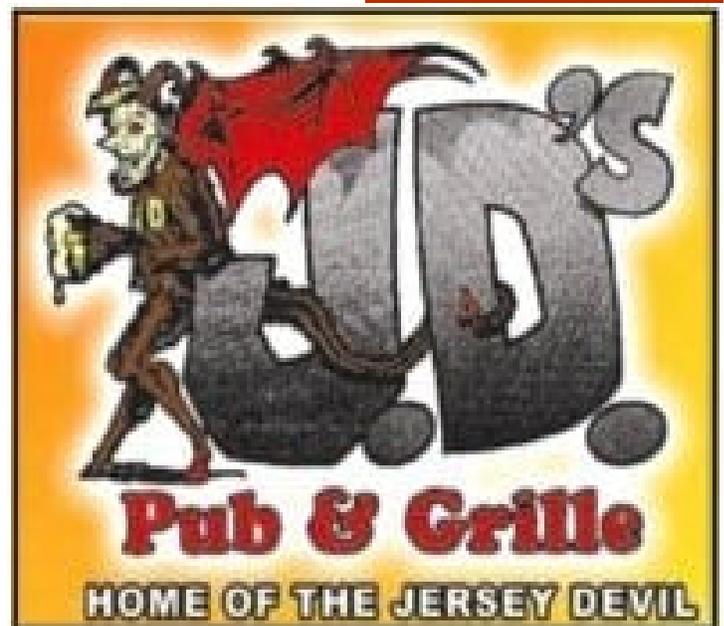
Tickets for the fundraiser are \$25, and must be purchased in advance. As part of the ticket price, participants will be treated to a hot food buffet, drinks (including soda, beer and water), music, and will have the opportunity to purchase items in the fisherman's auction.

In order to make this year's fundraiser a success, we need your help! First, we need your help to invite as many friends,

relatives colleagues and acquaintances as possible. Second, we need your help collecting items and baskets for the auction. If you have items you can donate, please let us know. And finally, if you're able to help volunteer with preparations before or at the event in some other capacity, we would appreciate it!

Please contact us if you would like more information about the event, if you would like to purchase tickets, or if you would like to volunteer in some way (theheatfoundation@gmail.com).

Tickets are \$25, and must be purchased in advance. Children 3 and under are free.



The Story of a Survivor

For more information on human trafficking, or what you can do to help, go to: www.theheatfoundation.org

All of our board members and volunteers are exactly that: volunteers. We don't volunteer with HEAAT as part of our paid work. In fact, for most of us, we volunteer with HEAAT on top of what we do as part of our paid employment. And that's where this next survivor's story comes from.

One of our volunteers was working in her regular paid employment where she encountered Kathy (name changed to protect the survivor). Today is Kathy's birthday. She just turned 9 years old. She isn't very excited because her mom is a heroin addict, so Kathy knows there will be no presents or birthday cake. But she is a little excited because Grandmom said she would stop by with a present.

There is a knock on the door. Kathy runs to open it, hoping it's Grandmom. When Kathy opens the door,



she turns to run away. The man grabs her and says "you know what time it is!" Kathy pulls away & tries to run, but the man slaps her across the face & picks her up.

Kathy's mom watches as the man carries Kathy into the bedroom & throws her on the bed. Kathy is screaming & crying. The man slaps her again. Mom is in the doorway watching. The man pulls off Kathy's clothes & rapes her. Mom is still in the doorway watch-



ing. Kathy is still screaming & crying. Mom screams at Kathy "shut up, just shut the f**k up! It will be over soon!" It doesn't feel like soon to Kathy.

When the man is done, he hands mom a tiny little bag. Mom grabs her lighter off the nightstand & runs into the kitchen. The man leaves, laughing. Kathy is left alone, alone on the bed, crying & bleeding. Kathy knows this will happen again, because this wasn't the first time. She knows it won't be the last time! But she hoped it wouldn't happen today.

This IS domestic human traffick-ing! This is the part of the heroin epidemic that almost no one is talking about! For more information on human trafficking, or what you can do to help, go to: www.theheatfoundation.org

HEAAT has a New Home

Part of the recent work of the HEAAT Foundation has included submitting grants to help expand the services we can offer. As part of these efforts, we recently developed connections with organizations and churches that have offered us spaces that we can call home.

The first space that we have been offered is through St. Michael's church in Atlantic City. The church has recently made efforts to renovate and repurpose the old St. Michael's school on Mississippi Avenue which has been sitting vacant for years. The church has recently begun offering classroom space to local non-profits such as Mudgirls and Closet of Hope. The HEAAT Foundation has also been a recipient of this generosity, and has been granted use of two of these classroom spaces. This will be a big help with

HEAAT's educational outreach, as well as its desire to provide increased services in the Atlantic City community.

A second space that has been offered to the HEAAT foundation has been through Christ Church in Somers Point. This church community is also interested in using some of their spaces to help provide outreach in the local community. This church has offered HEAAT office and storage space, as well as shared use of the Parish Hall, a fireplace sitting room, as well as a board room. Other community organizations that will be housed at this location include Adelaide's Place, which helps to provide service to disenfranchised women.

The HEAAT Foundation is grateful to have these spaces, and excited about the opportunities they will afford to us for collaboration! Watch for further details soon.



St. Michael's Catholic Church in Atlantic City



Christ Episcopal Church in Somers Point

Churches that have offered us space that we can call home.

We're Looking for Volunteers!

Although there are a number of organizations across the United States that conduct education, advocacy, and services for victims, the HEAAT Foundation is one of the few organizations focused on addressing this problem in Atlantic County, and South Jersey.

The HEAAT Foundation can't do this on it's own! We are a non-profit organization, and we don't have any paid staff. We provide our services through volunteers just like you. In short, we need

your help in order to ensure the continued success and operation of our organization!

We are specifically looking for individuals who are willing to: (a) attend educational events, (b) participate in human trafficking rallies in Trenton and in our local community, (c) plan fundraisers, (d) plan and deliver education seminars, (e) provide information in the local community, and (f) provide web-design service. If you have the ability to help us in any of these ways, we are looking for

you to lend a hand in the flight against human trafficking!

Even if you don't have any experience providing these types of services, we would still love to have you involved. Please email us to let us know that you are interested in volunteering (theheatfoundation@gmail.com) or check us out at our website, (www.theheatfoundation.org) There, you will be able to find out more about the work that we do, and make donations. We value your contributions!



Turning up the HEAAT on Human Trafficking!

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MISSION

The HEAAT Foundation's Mission is to help build a community coordinated response that will combat human trafficking. It seeks to prevent human trafficking by raising awareness, educating and empowering the community to take an active role in fighting against this modern day form of slavery. The organization is also committed to conducting advocacy work at the local, state and federal levels of government to help enact legislation that will combat the perpetrators of trafficking. Finally, the organization is dedicated to providing for the needs of survivors, both in the form of material and financial needs, as well as in the form of emotional and social support.