Dear Friends of CIH,

The beginning of this summer has been a time of grace at Children of the Immaculate Heart. We are thrilled to share that our new Drop-In Center has been officially blessed - a joyful moment that dedicated this space to Christ, the one who restores all things. Thank you to Father John Lyons, FSSP!

We invite you to pray these beautiful words of the blessing with us: *"Let us pray and beg our Lord Jesus Christ to fill with his blessings this house and all who dwell herein. May he give them his holy angel as their guardian; may he prompt them to serve him, mindful of the wonders of his law; may he ward off every hostile power; may he save them from fear and from all anxiety, and keep them safe and sound."*

Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

This season also brought the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary - a feast day of special significance for us at Children of the Immaculate Heart. Our foundress, Grace Williams Lionello, recently shared with our team how it is said that trafficking victims in the region of Lourdes, France are sometimes seen visiting and praying at the grotto of Our Lady at night. While they may feel uncomfortable in the crowds of pilgrims and tourists, these women are drawn to the maternal heart of Mary who does not cast judgement, but welcomes all as her children - with each one's brokenness and pain - and encourages all of us to turn to the mercy of her son, Jesus. Her heart is a safe place to bring our cares. She is the Refuge of all of us Sinners. For our part, we strive to follow Our Lady's example, welcoming the survivors of sex trafficking we serve, and pointing them to the healing and redeeming love of Jesus. Our hope and prayer are that the women we serve will encounter this gentle, caring, motherly heart of Our Lady, like these women of Lourdes.

Open-House

Thank you to all who joined us for our Drop-In Center open house on Saturday, June 21st! We had a lovely afternoon with new and longtime supporters who gathered to tour our new space, learn more about our services and how a drop-in center works, and joined us in prayer for our clients. We were also honored to have Chorus Breviarii San Diego stop by and lead Vespers so beautifully!

Thank you for being a part of our mission! We are so grateful for you walking alongside us with your support and prayers for the survivors of sex trafficking we serve.

In Christ,

The Team at Children of the Immaculate Heart

This Summer

Donate today!

Heat up the fight and cool down exploitation!

Summer is often a season when we receive less support. Will you help us fill the gap? Your financial donation keeps our lights on, and our hands ready to serve survivors - thank you!

Will you help us spread the word?

Education is often the first step in the fight against sex trafficking

Educational Night

Monday, July 28th | 6:00 - 8:00PM

Location: Drop-In Center
Guest Speaker: Officer Rivas

Come learn from a law enforcement officer their perspective about the reality of sex trafficking, and what you can do!

Contact Monika Spatcher to RSVP:*
monika.spatcher@ciheart.org | 619-944-9286
**Address will be sent out after you RSVP*

Educate Others

Do you know a ministry, young adult group, or other community that would be interested to learn about the the issue of sex trafficking and how they can support local survivors?

Contact Jenna Christakis:
jenna.derham@ciheart.org

Client Corner

One of our incredible clients recently started a new job with the US Postal Service. Starting full-time, stable employment is a big step for our clients. We are so happy for her, and proud of her perseverance and determination in a journey that has not always been easy!

After starting work with USPS, she discovered something powerful: the postal service plays an active role in protecting victims of financial crime and child exploitation. She herself had been the victim of mail control and cyber abuse by her traffickers. Through USPS, she's now exploring the idea of getting involved in the services for child victims of exploitation. This job has become more than just employment. It's a place of empowerment and purpose.

As she told our Case Manager: "God really has a plan, Monika." Indeed He does!

As seen on our social media!

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