



COUNTY OF FRESNO

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STOP TRAFFIC TO STOP TRAFFICKING FUNDRAISER TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 11TH

On **January 11, 2018, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.**, more than a dozen local nonprofits, local law enforcement, and area leaders will be supporting The Pledge to Stop Trafficking (PTST) campaign in the **2nd annual Stop Traffic to Stop Trafficking**, an event where leaders and volunteers will line **Blackstone Avenue from Shields Avenue to the Riverpark Shopping Center** to raise awareness and Funds.

Volunteers will include: **Ashley Swearengin** (President and CEO, CVCF), **Clint Olivier** (Fresno City Council Member), **Jerry Dyer** (Fresno Police Chief), **Lisa Smittcamp** (Fresno County District Attorney), **Ana Lopez** (Beauty for Ashes), **Andrea Shabaglian** (Made for Them), **Curtis Chastain** (Fresno Police VICE Sargent), **Debra Rush** (Breaking the Chains), **Ed Kaczmarek** (Fresno/Madera Youth for Christ), **Rodney Lowery** (Fresno Police Chaplaincy), **Ryan Townsend** (Central Valley Justice Coalition), **Torella Minor** (Mollie's House), **Don Eskes** (Fresno Rescue Mission), **Kelly Lilles** (Catholic Charities), **Richard Burrell** (Live Again Fresno), **Sarah Johnston** (Fresno EOC/Central Valley Against Human Trafficking), and *Lifestyle Furniture*.

The Pledge to Stop Trafficking (PTST) is a coalition of seven local nonprofits that provide critical services and support to victims of sex trafficking. Money raised for the PTST fund is distributed to those organizations that are working tirelessly to prevent sex trafficking as well as provide direct support to help victims heal.

At **12:00 noon at Lifestyle Furniture**, a \$5,000 check will be presented from CVCF to the PTST campaign from former Mayor and current CVCF President and CEO Ashley Swearengin.

The Media may contact Debra Rush at debra@bpcfresno.org or call (559) 402-3955 with questions.

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