

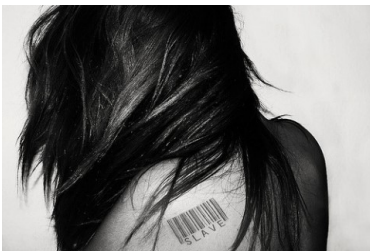


## Women of Nations Eagle's Nest

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## January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month



*The average age of girls who are targeted for sex trafficking is 13 years old.*

*Traffickers look for victims who are vulnerable.*

*To get help from the National Human Trafficking Hotline: Call 1-800-373-7888*

*Or text "Help" or "Info" to BeFree (233733)*

As defined by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, human trafficking is a criminal business that profits from enslaving people for sexual servitude and forced labor. It is the fastest growing and second largest criminal industry in the world today (second only to drug trafficking and tied with illegal arms). Human trafficking is separated into labor trafficking and sex trafficking.

According to Blue Campaign, the unified voice for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) efforts to combat human trafficking, traffickers prey on victims with little or no social safety net. They look for victims who are vulnerable because of their illegal immigration status, limited English proficiency, and those who may be in vulnerable situations due to economic hardship, political instability, natural disasters, or other causes.

Sex trafficking is 9.5 billion dollar industry where traffickers use fear, violence, intimidation and threats to control their victims. Men and boys are sometimes targeted by traffickers, but women and girls make up the majority of victims with the average age of 13 being targeted. Even though data is sparse on sex trafficking it is thought that somewhere between 100,000 and 300,000 children are victims to sex trafficking in the United States.

Until the Safe Harbor Law was passed in 2011 children who were sexually exploited could have been charged with a crime. Today, anyone under 18 who engages in sexual activity for exchange of anything of value will be treated as a victim and given resources and those who exploit them will be charged with a crime.

Learn more at: [www.dhs.gov/bluecampaign](http://www.dhs.gov/bluecampaign)

## Executive Director's Corner

Dear Friends,

2016 was the year of change for Women of Nations. We are expanding our services and creating new partnerships in order to meet more needs for our clients. As we begin 2017, we are full of gratitude for the community support that has allowed us to grow over the past year.

We look forward to the new year, even the challenges ahead, and we want to give hope to and inspire change in those we meet whether it's here at our shelter, or those we meet out in the community.

Our goal is to make long term impacts on the women, children, and to anyone whose lives have been affected by domestic violence, sexual violence, or sex trafficking. We hope that all the women who leave here, leave with power and the knowledge that they deserve better.

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## Identifying Human Trafficking

According to the Blue Campaign “human trafficking is often hidden in plain sight.” They have come up with a list of “red flags” that can help to identify human trafficking.

### Some Indicators Concerning a Potential Victim Include:

#### Behavior or Physical State:

- Does the victim act fearful, anxious, depressed, submissive, tense, or nervous/paranoid?
- Does the victim defer to another person to speak for him or her?
- Does the victim show signs of physical and/or sexual abuse, physical restraint, confinement, or torture?
- Has the victim been harmed or deprived of food, water, sleep, medical care, or other life necessities?
- Does the victim have few or no personal possessions?

#### Social Behavior:

- Can the victim freely contact friends or family?
- Is the victim allowed to socialize or attend religious services?
- Does the victim have freedom of movement?
- Has the victim or family been threatened with harm if the victim attempts to escape?

#### Work Conditions and Immigration Status:

- Does the victim work excessively long and/or unusual hours?
- Is the victim a juvenile engaged in commercial sex?
- Was the victim recruited for one purpose and forced to engage in some other job?
- Is the victim’s salary being garnished to pay off a smuggling fee? (Paying off a smuggling fee alone is not considered trafficking.)
- Has the victim been forced to perform sexual acts?
- Has the victim been threatened with deportation or law enforcement action?
- Is the victim in possession of identification and travel documents; if not, who has control of the documents?

#### Minor Victims:

- Is the victim a juvenile engaged in commercial sex?

For more information, please visit: [www.dhs.gov/bluecampaign](http://www.dhs.gov/bluecampaign)

If you suspect that a person may be a victim of human trafficking, please call the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations Tip-line at 1-866- 347-2423. You can also report online at [www.ice.gov/tips](http://www.ice.gov/tips).



## Benefit for Women Victims of Domestic/Sexual Abuse

Come and join us for a fun night of music, dancing and friends on Friday, February 3, 2017 at Eagles #34. The Fraternal Order of Eagles #34 (in Minneapolis) will be hosting a benefit concert to support Women of Nations in our mission. All in-kind and monetary donations will go directly to help with programming.

There is a five dollar cover charge and this event is 21+. Some items we will be collecting for the shelter are:

- Clean winter coats for women and children
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Diapers sizes 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5
- Training pants for children, all sizes
- Pillow cases
- Underwear – Women's and Children's all sizes (only new, please)
- Yoga pants or sweatpants, all sizes

Check out the event on Facebook: [Benefit for Women Victims Feb. 3](#)

The Fraternal Order of Eagles, is an international, non-profit organization, Their mission is to unite fraternally in the spirit of liberty, truth, justice and equality, to make human life more desirable by lessening its ills, and by promoting peace, prosperity, gladness and hope.

**Benefit Concert**  
**Friday, February 3, 2017**  
 A show to raise awareness and money for women victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and to take a stance against sexism. All donations will go to the Women of Nations Eagles Nest Shelter.  
 Two stages! \$5 cover. Show starts at 9 pm.  
 Bands:

Blood Cookie	Mrs.
Daisy Chains	Brilliant Beast
Fiji-13	Drumbeat Red
Floods	Intrepid Hearts

Eagles 34  
 2507 E 25th St, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55406



## From the Staff Lounge



Crystal Hedemann, Cultural Coordinator and Case Manager

Crystal has been with Women of Nations since March of 2014. She started out as a part-time advocate and then came on board as the full-time Cultural Coordinator. Her background is in Social Work and Gender Studies. She is happy to be able to work in the Native community and to work with women on their healing journey from domestic violence and trauma. She enjoys helping the women connect to the Native culture as a way to help facilitate healing.

Crystal is a proud member of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and a mother of four. She loves to go to powwows and many times you will see her sitting at the Women of Nations information booth talking to women about healthy relationships and domestic violence. She is a fancy shawl dancer and makes all her and her children's regalia.

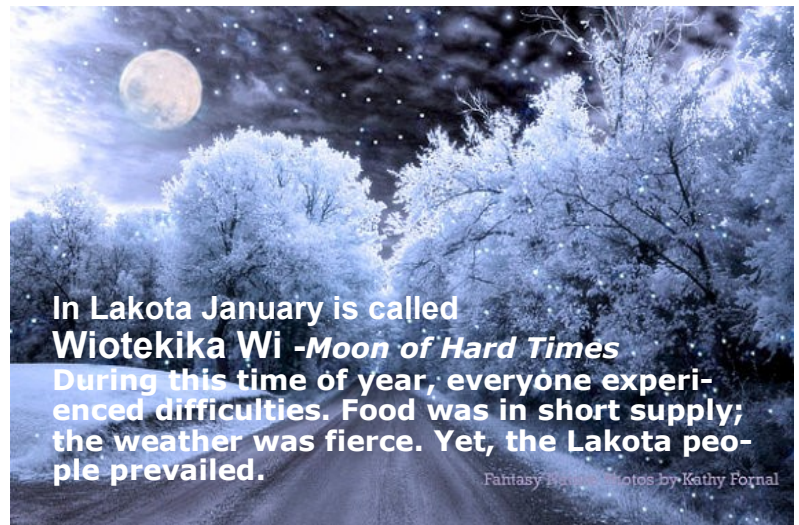
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Please visit our website @ <http://women-of-nations.org/>

*Women of Nations provides culturally specific emergency services and support to all who have experienced trauma and domestic, sexual, and dating violence and empower Native American communities to put an end to all forms of violence through education and prevention services.*



## January Community Events

January 7&8  
Ojibwe Mitten Workshop  
Mille Lacs Indian Museum and Trading Post

January 10 5:30-8  
Family Education Diabetes Series  
DIW St. Paul

January 13  
Saint Paul Indian Education Powwow  
American Indian Magnet School

January 20 6-8pm  
Family Fun Night  
Minneapolis American Indian Center