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Project Traffic Stop

For many, it may be surprising that sex trafficking - exploitation of people for the purpose of commercial sex - happens in Allegheny County. Yet it does. The victims are as young as 13, all genders, some are immigrants, but most are domestic youth.

This past January PAAR opened the doors to the drop-in center. The drop-in center is the only space in our county devoted to servicing this population.

The center offers free, on site services to youth including one-on-one Case Management, computer access, personal space for peer interaction, a kitchenette with access to refreshments, small meals and snacks, emergency hygiene products and clothing and referrals to other PAAR services (counseling, legal advocacy, etc.). The overall goal is to help the victim break free from their trafficker, heal from abuse, become self-sufficient, and build a strong support system.



The needs of Commercially Sexually Exploited Victims (CSEV) are complex and unique. Victims often have a strong trauma bond with their trafficker. PAAR's 45-year history of helping victims of sexual assault and abuse, makes PAAR uniquely qualified to help local victims of sex trafficking progress along a continuum of care - safety, healing, gaining strength, and independence.



To learn more about Project Traffic stop visit:
paar.net/project-traffic-stop/

Current drop-in center groups and activities for clients

Creative Arts: Join us in a different artistic project each week, including visual art, crafts, activities, and journaling.

#RelationshipGoals: What are your #RelationshipGoals when it comes to a romantic partner, family members, and friends? What makes these relationships ideal and what can we do to build lasting, healthy relationships? Join us to find out!

Lovin' Me: Self-care is an important practice for all of us. Learn new ways to promote well-being in your everyday life at this group.

What the Health?! Learn more about different health topics, including mindfulness, safe sex, physical health, mental health, and more!

Real Talk: Sometimes it can feel like we're completely alone in our experiences. Real Talk is a space for us to find support and strength in each other so that we may find community and move forward from these tough experiences.

Movie Day: Join us for a Friday afternoon movie and popcorn!



Project Last Call

"Project Last Call will not only provide a critical resource to individuals affected by sexual assault and violence in their workplace, but will also serve as a definitive call to action and accountability for those in positions of influence. The strong collaboration between PAAR and the Pittsburgh Service Industry will institute and reinforce a new environment of respect and safety that should be a basic principal of employment regardless of the nature and status of your position."

- Cory Hart,
Wine Sales Consultant



Project Last Call (PLC) is a training designed to help end sexual violence and sexual harassment in the service industry. PAAR, in collaboration with the USBG, trains staff to recognize and intervene on sexual harassment/violence in the workplace.

For more information on PLC email plc@paar.net

Gift of Security

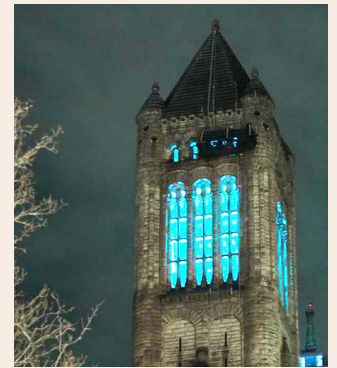
Thank you to Security 101 Pittsburgh for donating the gift of security to PAAR! Security 101 Pittsburgh hosted a contest that enabled nonprofits in Pittsburgh to win \$10,000 worth of security technology and PAAR was the winner! PAAR would not have received this gift without all of the community members who voted online. You helped to ensure both staff and clients of PAAR have a safe place to work and receive services.



SAAM 2018

Everyone can play a role in helping to end sexual violence. This past April you did your part in participating in Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). Community members all over the county played a critical role in honoring survivors and bringing awareness to ending sexual violence.

Survivors and advocates shared #TealTuesday pictures on social media and we celebrated survivors in a big way this year at the annual Teal Ball. This year's ball was particularly successful because of the support of our local business and dedicated donors! We had more people in attendance and raise more funds than any previous year!



PAAR was honored to have the County Executive, Rich Fitzgerald light the County Courthouse teal in honor of SAAM.



You Are Awesome!

Please know the impact of our agency would be impossible without people and businesses in our community like you. Your support and dedication to survivors through events that you have hosted throughout Allegheny County is unmatched. We would like to thank each and every one of the business and individuals who hosted hugely successful events to benefit PAAR this past year.

Together as a community we are expanding the boundaries of what is possible in the fight to end sexual violence.



Thank you!

- Anti-Fest
 - Black Cate Café
 - Butterjoint
 - CMU Plaidvocates
 - Comedy Show - Don't Grab My..
 - Dance Party - Diamond Life
 - Federal Galley
 - FEMME CMU
 - Franktuary
 - Brenna Fritz
 - Google
 - Phil Hilf
 - In the Blood Tattoo
 - Kristine Irwin
 - Loughner Massage
 - Magee Residents
 - Minor Demons
 - Pittsburgh Fit
 - Pittsburgh Poetry Review
 - Smallman Galley
 - Studio Hustle and Flow/
 - S.O. Chic Boutique
 - Square Café
 - "Your Power Pose" Exhibit
- A special thank you everyone who donated your birthdays and other special occasions to PAAR this year on Facebook.



On June 10th
WE will be participating in

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Still Not Asking For It 2018

stillnotaskingforit.gives



An empowerment project by Shauna Miller
Benefitting Pittsburgh Action Against Rape

Opening Reception: April 6th, 6-10pm
DJ set by D2 Party Time
Closing Reception: May 4th, 8-10pm
DJ set by The Lopez

THE POWER POSE PROJECT



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1-866-END-RAPE

We need YOUR help!

Volunteer on the 24/7 helpline, provide in-person support in the Emergency Department or throughout the legal process or provide education in schools, colleges and the community to prevent sexual violence.

Volunteer opportunities at paar.net



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