



“We Have to Keep Doing This.”

Raising awareness of human trafficking in Connecticut

“We do this,” said Nathaly Hernandez of the Center for Youth Leadership (CYL), “because a lot of people still do not that human trafficking happens in Connecticut. We have to keep doing this over and over and over again.”

Nathaly was talking about the latest installment of CYL’s trafficking windows in South Norwalk. That’s her talking to a passerby, with Kaela Teele as our model in the window. They were joined by Mackenzie

Scott, another window model, and Freni Campos.

In addition to ongoing activities like the windows, members of CYL are making plans for September. That’s when they will launch new human trafficking initiatives with taxi companies and the local hospitality industry. The focus will be on educating drivers and hotel/motel staff about the warning signs of trafficking. It will not be too dissimilar from our ongoing visits to

rest areas and truck stops in I-95. In fact, the truck stop visits received a boost in June when Governor Malloy signed PA 13-166. Among other things, the law requires the placement of human trafficking posters at rest areas and truck stops and in businesses that sell liquor.

CYL’s next activity is on August 3.

It’s our annual freeze at the SoNo Arts Festival.