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GRACE FARMS FOUNDATION LAUNCHES JUSTICE INITIATIVE TO ACTIVATE AND SYNERGIZE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTOR TO DISRUPT AND HELP ERADICATE CHILD EXPLOITATION

Inaugural Two-Day Workshop to be Held at Grace Farms November 5-6

Grace Farms, the River building, Library, Justice Initiative Panel led by Krisha Patel, Director of Justice Initiatives at Grace Farms; © Dean Kaufman

NEW CANAAN, CT — Advancing its work in a core program area, Grace Farms Foundation today announced that it will inaugurate its Justice Initiative by organizing a two-day workshop to create synergies across the private and public sector and to activate community groups to develop comprehensive long-term strategies and partnerships to combat child sex trafficking and gender-based violence. Convening on November 5 and 6, 2015 from 8:30 am to 6:30 pm, the workshop will address the three key areas of the Foundation's Justice Initiative to create a multi-disciplinary model focused on disrupting and eradicating child exploitation: awareness and prevention, investigation and prosecution, and victim services. Over the two-day period, the workshop will progress from discussing the issue on an international, to national and then local level. Open to the public, the workshop will be held at Grace Farms, the new center for nature, arts, community, justice and faith in New Canaan, Connecticut.

The workshop is organized by Sharon Prince, President of Grace Farms Foundation; Krishna R. Patel, Director of Justice Initiatives at Grace Farms; and Rod Khattabi, Director of Safety & Advisor for Justice Initiatives at Grace Farms. Ms. Patel is the former Deputy Chief for National Security & Major Crimes for the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Connecticut. Mr. Khattabi previously oversaw the New Haven office in Connecticut with the Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations.

"Grace Farms is a place for people to come together for the greater good," Sharon Prince said. "Child exploitation is a matter of global importance, and our stake in the ground is to do our part to help prevent this brutal crime, first here in Connecticut, then nationally, by bringing together the private and public groups that have already been involved in this critical effort."

Among the awareness and prevention topics to be discussed is the opportunity to impede child trafficking over the Internet through the development and deployment of effective big data technologies. Grace Farms Foundation, a private non-profit organization, is pioneering the support of the development and facilitation of big data platforms and advanced technologies for use in the public sector by those who are on the frontlines and best positioned to disrupt the criminal networks that exploit children.

"Grace Farms Foundation is committed to finding ways to utilize the most advanced technologies to help eradicate child trafficking," Krishna Patel said. "The Internet has become the marketplace for the exploitation of children. However, the amount of publicly available information found on the Internet is far too large for most state and local law enforcement entities to analyze in any meaningful way with their current tools. New technologies have created unparalleled opportunities to perform innovative analytics using publicly available data to detect, investigate and disrupt child exploitation."

Agenda items related to investigation and prosecution methods will include the discussion of the most effective strategies on an international, national and local level to combat child exploitation as well as the best critical care models utilized to restore and stabilize victims. The workshop will bring together experts who will focus on deploying big data platforms as well as amending state legislation to incorporate more recent changes to federal laws including the creation of victim restitution funds. The workshop will also include a discussion on the relationship between domestic violence and human trafficking. Sessions focusing on victim services will convene non-governmental organizations including faith based programs and other groups to discuss creating effective partnerships to leverage resources and provide direct victim services as well as creating effective awareness campaigns. The workshop is designed to engage communities to act and to combat the brutality of this crime.

The Foundation believes that an effective multi-pronged strategy requires the combined resources and coordination of governmental groups, private sector entities and non-governmental organizations. Participants in the workshop will include Congressman Jim Himes; Louis E. deBaca, Director of the Justice Department's Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking (SMART Office); Anthony Scandiffio, Deputy Assistant Director, Department of Homeland Security/Homeland Security Investigations; Jeffery Sallet, Public Corruption/Civil Rights Unit, Federal Bureau of Investigation; Bradley Myles, CEO, Polaris Project; Joette Katz, Commissioner, Department of Children & Families; Emily Pasnak-Lapchick, End Trafficking Program Officer, U.S. Fund for UNICEF; Gary Haugen, President and CEO, International Justice Mission; Richard Lui, News Anchor MSNBC & NBC; and Dr. Sharon Cooper, CEO of Developmental & Forensic Pediatrics among others.

Additional program highlights include the premiere screening of Not Just Pictures by GroundSwell Productions and a book signings and readings with best-selling authors Corban Addison, author of The Tears of Dark Water, and Conor Grennan, author of Little Princes: One Man's Promise to Bring Home the Lost Children of Nepal. For a full schedule and list of participants, please the see text at the bottom of the release and a link to the website: gracefarms.org/calendar.

Grace Farms recently opened to the public with a hugely successful two-day celebration, which welcomed more than 5,000 visitors throughout the festivities. Proceeds from the Foundation's Opening Night Benefit Concert that featured Aloe Blacc will support Grace Farms' Justice Initiative.

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About Grace Farms Foundation

Grace Farms Foundation is a private operating foundation with 501c3 status, established in New Canaan, Connecticut in 2009 to support initiatives in the areas of the arts, justice, community and faith. Supported by individual gifts and (in the future) program revenues, the Foundation carries out its work principally through the facilities and programs of Grace Farms, an 80-acre property that the Foundation owns, has developed and is managing for the benefit of New Canaan, the local nondenominational Grace Community Church and the greater community.

Full Schedule of Events
Justice Initiative Launch: Eradicating Child Exploitation Two Day Workshop

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2015 | DAY 1
8:30 am – 7 pm

8:30–9:45 am | Breakfast, TED Screening & Registration 1

Continental Breakfast | Light fare will be available in the Commons

TED Screening | Gary Haugen: The Hidden Reason for Poverty the World Needs to Address Now

Please note the screening will take place in the Sanctuary at 9 am

9:45–10:15 am | Welcome & Opening Remarks

Leveraging Big Data Platforms: Eradicating Child Exploitation

Performance | Lisa Lynne Kirkpatrick, Manager of Faith & Arts Programs, Grace Farms Foundation
America the Beautiful

Welcome | Krishna Patel, General Counsel & Director of Justice Initiatives, Grace Farms Foundation

Remarks | Sharon Prince, President, Grace Farms Foundation

10:15–11:30 am | Morning Panel Discussion

Global Strategies for Success: Identifying & Eradicating Child Trafficking

Facilitator | Krishna Patel, General Counsel & Director of Justice Initiatives, Grace Farms Foundation

Panelist | Gary Haugen, President & CEO, International Justice Mission

Panelist | Bradley Myles, Executive Director & CEO, Polaris Project

Panelist | Louis E. deBaca, Director of the Justice Department's Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART Office) and Former Ambassador, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, U.S. Department of State

11:30 am–12 pm | Break & Book Signing

Book Signing | Gary Haugen, Author, *The Locust Effect*

Please note that this book signing wil take place at 11:30 am in the Library, where copies will be available for purchase

12–12:30 pm | Presentation

Big Data Tech & Tools: Disrupting Global, National, and Local Trafficking Networks

Speaker | Ryan Patterson, Founder & CEO, IST Research

Speaker | Emily Wyatt, Technical Lead, Counter-Human Trafficking Applications; Principal Investigator, MEMEX

12:30–1:15 pm | Presentation

Sharing Narratives: Using Fact & Fiction

Speaker | Richard Lui, News Anchor, MSNBC & NBC

Speaker | Corban Addison, Best-Selling Fiction Author, *The Tears of Dark Water*

Speaker | E. Benjamin Skinner, Founder & Principal, Tau Investment Management

1:15–2:45 pm | Lunch Break, Tours & Book Signing

Lunch | Available in the Commons

Art Tour | Kenyon Adams, Director of Arts Initiatives, Grace Farms Foundation

Architecture Tour | Lisa Lynne Kirkpatrick, Manager of Faith & Arts Programs, Grace Farms Foundation

Book Signing | Corban Addison, Author, *The Tears of Dark Water*

Please note that these tours will begin at 2 pm & can only accomodate 15 participants each. Sign-up at regis-

tration upon arrival.
Please note that this book signing will take place in the Library at 2 pm where copies will be available for purchase

2:45–3:45 pm | Afternoon Panel Discussion
Human Trafficking: A National Perspective
Facilitator | Richard Schechter, Senior Litigation Counsel, U.S. Attorney's Office
Panelist | Deirdre M. Daly, U.S. Attorney, District of Connecticut
Panelist | Anthony Scandiffio, Deputy Assistant Director, DHS/HSI
Panelist | Jeffrey Sallet, Public Corruption/Civil Rights Section Chief, FBI

3:45–4:15 pm | Break & Afternoon Registration 2
Book Signing | Corban Addison, Author, *The Tears of Dark Water*
Please note that this book signing will take place in teh Library at 3:45 pm where copies will be available for purchase

4:15–4:30 pm | Short Screening & Presentation
UNICEF's Advocacy & Awareness Campaigns to End Child Trafficking
Short Screening | Educating Our Children About Domestic Violence
Speaker | Emily Pasnak-Lapchick, End Trafficking Program Officer, U.S. Fund for UNICEF

4:30–5:15 pm | Premiere Screening
Not Just Pictures by GroundSwell Pictures
Please note that some material in this film may be unsuitable for children under the age of 12 & parental discretion is advised

5:45–6:30 pm | Conversation & Book Signing
Children, Violence, & Trauma: Meet the Experts
Speaker | Dr. Sharon Cooper, Faculty at UNC School of Medicine; CEO of Developmental & Forensic Pediatrics
Speaker | Joette Katz, Commissioner, Department of Children & Families
Speaker | Melissa A. Snow, Program Specialist, National Center for Missing & Exploited Children

6:30–7 pm | Book Signings
Book Signing | Dr. Sharon Cooper, Co-Author, Perspectives on Missing Persons Cases
Book Signing | Corban Addison, Author, Tears of Dark Water
Please note that these books signings will take place in the Library at 6:30 pm where copies will be available for purchase

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2015 | DAY 2
9 am – 3:30 pm

9:00–10 am | Breakfast, Tours & Registration 3
Continental Breakfast | Light fare will be available in the Commons
Art Tour | Kenyon Adams, Director of Arts Initiatives, Grace Farms Foundation
Architecture Tour | Lisa Lynne Kirkpatrick, Manager of Faith & Arts Programs, Grace Farms Foundation
Please note that these tours will begin at 9:15 am & can only accomodate 15 participants each

10–10:30 am | Welcome & Opening Remarks
Performance | Abigail Zsiga, Pop/Vocal Artist
America the Beautiful
Welcome | Krishna Patel, General Counsel & Director of Justice Initiatives, Grace Farms Foundation
Opening Remarks | Hon. Jim Himes, Connecticut Congressman
Remarks | Steve Martin, CEO, Love146

10:30–11:30 am | Morning Panel Discussion
State of Connecticut Initiatives to Eradicate Child Sex Trafficking
Facilitator | Krishna Patel, General Counsel & Director of Justice Initiatives, Grace Farms Foundation

Panelist | Joette Katz, Commissioner, Department of Children & Families
Panelist | Richard J. Colangelo, State Attorney for the Judicial District of Stamford/Norwalk
Panelist | Joseph Gaudette, Chief, Bridgeport Police Department
Panelist | Tammy Sneed, Director of Girls Services, Department of Children & Families

11:30 am–12 pm | Break

12–1 pm | Presentations
A Personal Journey
Speaker | Tina Frundt, Founder, Courtney's House, A Survivor's Story: The Truth About Sex Trafficking in America
Speaker | Conor Grennan, Author; President, Next Generation Nepal; Dean of Students, NYU Stern School of Business

1–2 pm | Lunch Break & Book Signing
Lunch | Avilable in the Commons
Book Signing | Conor Grennan, *Little Princes: One Man's Promise to Bring Home the Lost Children of Nepal*
Please note that this book signing will take place in the Library at 1 pm where copies will be available for purchase

2–3:30 pm | Optional Working Groups
Multidisciplinary Initiatives to Combat Trafficking

Session 1 | By Invitation
Educational & Legislative Efforts
Facilitator | Krishna Patel, General Counsel & Director of Justice Initiatives, Grace Farms Foundation

Session 2 | By Invitation
Law Enforcement Strategies
Facilitator| Rod Khattabi, Director of Safety & Advisor for Justice Initiatives, Grace Farms Foundation

Session 3 | Public Welcome
Faith-Based Programs
Facilitator | Annmarie Boulay, Director of Connection and Women's Ministry, Wintonbury Church & Executive Director of The Underground Ministry, CT

Session 4 | Public Welcome
NGO Prevention & Awareness Campaigns
Facilitator | Alicia Kinsman, Managing Attorney, Legal Services Program, International Institute of Connecticut

Session 5 | Public Welcome
The Relationship between Domestic Violence & Human Trafficking
Facilitators | Jennifer Ferrante, Attorney & Alina Reynolds, Assistan U.S. Attorney's Office

Session 6 | Public Welcome
Engaging Students & Schools to End Trafficking
Facilitator | Emily Pasnak-Lapchick, End Trafficking Program Officer, U.S. Fund for UNICEF

Session 7 | Public Welcome
Strengthening Our Communities
Facilitators | Michael Evans, Founder, Full Court Peace & Charlie Grady, Former Bridgeport Coordinator, Project Longevity

Note that this agenda is subject to change. Please view gracefarms.org/calendar for updates.