



Sacred Beginnings

A SAFE HAVEN FOR THE UNHEARD VOICES, UNSEEN FACES AND CRIES FROM THE DARK.

My Voice

- ▶ Sacred Beginnings is the first survivor led peer mentored program founded in Michigan in 2003, licensed in 2005.
- ▶ Leslie King, sold at the age of 15 years into the dark underworld life of human trafficking/sexual exploitation, stayed trapped for over 20 years.
- ▶ Untrusting, terrified of people unlike myself, suicide felt like my only way out.
- ▶ Having survived, I found the strength to work with women like myself and be their voice.
- ▶ Thus Sacred Beginnings was birthed.

What Do We Do

We lead The Revolution Against Sexual EXPLIOTATION In These Ways

- ▶ Rescue: Victims & Facilitate Holistic, Long Term- Healing.
- ▶ Equip: Supporters To Take Meaningful Action
- ▶ Mobilize: Survivors To Lead Change
- ▶ Advocate: For Prevention & Justice

Who Are We

- ▶ 501 (c) 3 non profit agency licensed by the state of Michigan.
- ▶ A residential home in Grand Rapids, MI specializing in the safe housing needs of prostituted individuals over the age of 18
- ▶ We partner with various social services, law enforcement and medical agencies assisting us in the care, well - being and integration of our residents.
- ▶ Our resident's maximum stay is two years.
- ▶ Many of our resident have went on to go to college, found gainful employment, become peer support staff, reunited with their families, but most of all productive members of society

Partnering organizations

- ▶ Sacred Beginnings: www.sbtp.org
- ▶ Manasseh Project: Serving minors 18 and younger
www.manassehproject.org
- ▶ The Hope Project: www.hopeprojectusa.org
- ▶ Women At Risk: www.warinternational.org
- ▶ YWCA: www.ywcawcmi.org
- ▶ Eves Angels: www.evesangels.org

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