



Transforming the lives of women and their children

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What is the New Friends New Life mission?

NFNL is a faith-based organization located in the Dallas-Fort Worth area that enables women to leave the degradation of the sex industry and to build new lives for themselves and their children. We help women overcome backgrounds of abuse, addiction, poverty and limited opportunities by providing access to education, job training, interim financial assistance and spiritual support.

Whom Does New Friends New Life Serve?

NFNL serves women who have been exploited in prostitution, brothels and clubs. Some are part of the over 300,000 women and children trafficked in America each year. Others are society's throw-aways, some are runaways, and many are enticed by supposed friendships and easy money. The sex trade in this country is quickly becoming as lucrative as the illegal drug trade. National research shows 90% of women in the industry were sexually abused as children. The average age that women begin work in prostitution is 13.

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NEW FRIENDS NEWS

SPRING 2011 UPDATE

WINGS Luncheon

The 8th annual WINGS Luncheon held April 15 at the Hyatt Regency was a spectacular event and helped raise over \$125,000 for the women and children of New Friends New Life. This year's luncheon focused on the realities of sex trafficking in our community and in the nation. Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott educated the over 550 attendees on the prevalence of sex trafficking in Texas and how state officials are working to help combat this increasing crime.



Robin Bagwell, Bob and Myrna Schlegel, Kimberly Clifton and Harriet Miers

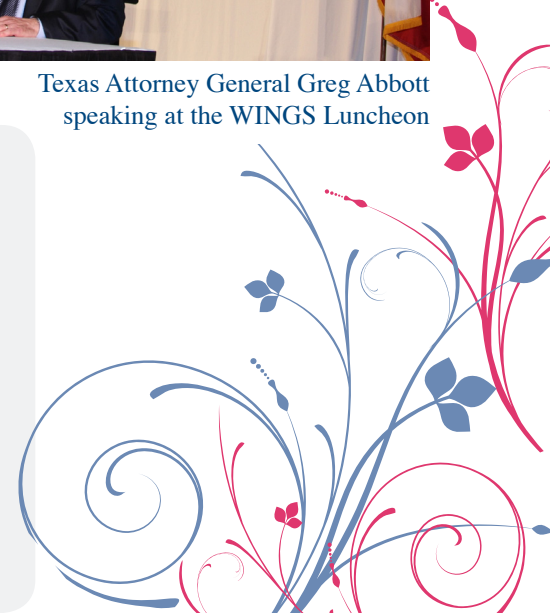
Keynote speaker Harriet Miers, former White House Counsel, discussed NFNL's role in helping women and their children heal from the devastation of a life marred by the degradation of the sex industry. Thank you to our luncheon co-chairs Robin Bagwell and Kimberly Clifton, honorary chairs Myrna Schlegel and Kimberly Schlegel Whitman and to all of our sponsors for making this event such a success. For more event pictures, visit www.newfriendsnewlife.org.



Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott speaking at the WINGS Luncheon

Upcoming Events

- May 2011 Circle of Friends Membership Drive
- July 10 Cut for a Cause
- September 15 North Texas Giving Day (www.donorbridgetx.org)
- September 26 New Friends New Life Tennis Round Robin
- December 4 New Friends New Life Home Tour



Director's Message

Hope, value, support, transformation - these are the words I used to introduce New Friends New Life at this year's WINGS Luncheon. We are not just another organization. We are people who believe that when you help a woman escape the trap of sex exploitation, you are lifting up her children, family, community, nation and world. National research supports the stories we hear each day of women who were abused as young children, forced or coerced into sex trafficking at the average age of 13 and suffered exploitation and abuse into adulthood. Because of the grace of God, NFNL will replace this generational cycle of abuse with redemption, healing and self-sufficiency.



Kay Thomason, Ray Hunt, Gail and Gerald Turner and NFNL Director Katie Pedigo

To this end, the NFNL staff and board met for a strategic planning retreat in February to set goals and tactics to implement our vision: serve more women and serve them more. NFNL is poised to enter the next stage of our growth with excitement, expertise and vigor. We ask that you consider ways that you can help women in need through NFNL. One way may be through our new Circle of Friends, a community group that seeks to raise awareness and garner support for NFNL. Please consider joining today at www.newfriendsnewlife.org.

We want to express our immense gratitude to each woman who transitioned off the board at the end of 2010: Anita Carpenter, Andrea Dyer, Pam Heard, Maria Kell, Kay Neve and Edgel Vinson. We are grateful for their leadership and commitment to our mission. Additionally, we are proud to add several members to the 2011 leadership team. Thank you to each board member listed in the newsletter for being ambassadors of NFNL to our community.

Thank you, generous supporters, for donating your money and time to NFNL. Whether at our Wednesday night support group meetings, the Home Tour, Golf Classic, Tennis Round Robin or WINGS Luncheon, every donated dollar and volunteer hour make a significant impact on those we help. On behalf of the women and children we serve, thank you for your continued support and for being a woman's new friend as she seeks a new life.

Junior League of Dallas Supports New Friends New Life

It's no coincidence that the Junior League of Dallas' mission is about empowering women, and NFNL is thrilled and honored to be selected for the Junior League of Dallas' 2011-2012 Community Program. JLD volunteers will be planning opportunities to introduce our clients to some of the best Dallas has to offer, including the Dallas Museum of Art, the Nasher Sculpture Center, and the Meyerson Symphony Center. Volunteers will also

host special activities for our New Friends women and children, such as school-supply drives and holiday meals at Thanksgiving and Christmas. NFNL is grateful to the Junior League of Dallas for their partnership in providing funding and volunteers.

The Real Story

"Emily" cried during her first visit to New Friends New Life. She was broken by the loss of her mother, the needs of her daughter and the feelings of hopelessness derived from a desperate past. She had been kidnapped and raped during her early teen years as an introduction into prostitution. Selling her body was, in her words, "all I was worth," and the only way she knew how to pay her bills. Emily came to NFNL in search of hope and determined to care for her daughter despite her lack of education. Due to financial help, nurturing, support and lots of hard work, she obtained a GED and is now a certified pharmacy assistant at a company that has employed her for several years and has enabled her to become self-sufficient. When Emily wanted to remove a noticeable "branding tattoo" on her neck, a pimp's sign of ownership, the men's ministry of Irving Bible Church raised the funds to help her remove it, signifying her release from her old life into the new. Emily has progressed past the need for financial assistance from NFNL, and she and her daughter are thriving. However, Emily and her daughter still attend the weekly meetings at NFNL where Emily serves as a source of inspiration and encouragement to other women. Thank you to all of you who have helped make Emily's story possible through your prayers and financial support. To support women like Emily and read other stories from the women we serve, visit www.newfriendsnewlife.org.



NFNL Golf Classic

The NFNL Golf Classic was a hole-in-one! Sponsors and participants raised over \$34,000, which will directly improve the lives of the women and children we serve. We are extremely grateful to Jim Barnett and the Preston Road Men's Ministry for organizing the event and to our anonymous Title Sponsor and Renaissance Construction, Eagle Sponsor, for making this tournament such a great success. Thank you for your generous support!



Darcy Peterson, Gregg Murry, Bryan Eck and Tommy Tucker

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