

FUNDRAISING

Our inaugural Freedom Gala 2018 was a great success! Raising more than \$20,000 to support our fight against trafficking. We are grateful to everyone who helped us out...donated items for the live and silent auctions and/or donated their time. Couldn't have done it without our great fundraising team! A huge thanks to our corporate donors! We couldn't do it without you!



Diamond Level: Christ Church Presbyterian, Davidson Homes, Debra Callahan - Realtor with Skogman Realty, Mercy Medical Center, Pulse Financial and Raeside Real Estate



Ruby Level: University of Iowa Community Credit Union, Ali & Friends



Emerald Level: Betenbender Enterprises



*Thank you, Cost Cutters!
Your stylists worked endless hours (donating \$1 for each hair cut), educated your patrons on Chains Interrupted's work as you wore our t-shirts and*

encouraged them to donate a little extra, too! What a fantastic gift of time and talent! We are grateful!

Fundraising Team Notes/Needs

We are currently looking for a few people with experience and energy to write grants. This is no small task. As we look to 2019 and all the big plans we have for both our medical project and the transitional housing project, we need to secure funding.

We're beginning our search for corporate donors for the 2019 Freedom Gala. If you have a contact or know of someone in a company that may be interested in joining this fight, please do let us know!

Please contact Tish@ChainsInterrupted.com or 319.551.3056 if you're interested in helping in any way! Thank you!

SURVIVOR SUPPORT GROUP

The group is back up and running after a hiatus due to college classes for survivors. If you know of a survivor that would like information on the group, email Teresa@ChainsInterrupted.com.

MERCY MEDICAL CENTER

The large state-wide hospital training on November 27th was a great success! Over 32 hospitals across the state participated in the training, with roughly 150 in attendance. Attendees not only learned the basics of Human Trafficking, but how to specifically identify a potential victim in the healthcare setting, how to work with a victim/survivor through Trauma-Informed Care, and how to develop a program and protocol for their institution. Teresa has also spoken at the Psych Nurses' Conference, EMS Conference, the Sexual Health Alliance and trained almost every school nurse in Cedar Rapids and Des Moines.

CHURCH PARTNERSHIPS

We have started a Prayer Team! If anyone is interested in joining with us in praying for victims, survivors, traffickers, buyers, and abolitionists, please contact Rae Rochester at info@chainsinterrupted.com. About 15 churches, and multiple individuals have committed to pray so far! Rae sends out specific prayer requests to the list monthly and emergency prayer requests as needed. Christ Church Presbyterian has been reaching out to other churches to speak with their youth groups. Tim Dohrman and Rae Rochester will be presenting at Westminster Presbyterian in January, and hopefully this will just be the beginning of strong connections with more churches. Be on the lookout for details about our upcoming Spring "Coffee and Connection!"

CEDAR RAPIDS AREA

ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING COALITION

These quarterly meetings provide education on a topic on Human Trafficking, intentional networking, updates on local, state and national happenings, and calls to action members can do to truly make a difference. The next Coalition Meeting will be on Tuesday, January 29th from 11:30 to 1:00 in the Hallagan Education Center at Mercy Medical Center. Lunch will be provided. CRPD and a City Council Member will give us an update on happenings in our city and area. Lauren Camp will also update us on her role at Iowa Legal Aid for victims of Human Trafficking.

