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# SA INFORMER NEWSLETTER

The SA Foundation's long-term objective is that no person be enslaved by, or trapped in the sex trade.

Our highly effective recovery program offers a viable solution to those who are able to escape the sex trade. We plant these programs in partnership with individuals who are committed to providing comprehensive recovery programs to trafficked and sexually exploited women.

For more information about our programs and services please visit our website at [www.safoundation.com](http://www.safoundation.com)

## BRAVE ENOUGH...

...to fly across provinces and restart her whole life with two small children, just so she had a chance to recover

...to leave the shelter and not take no for an answer in her search for a home

...to stay in a hospital program for six months just so her unborn son could be born free of addiction

...to show up for class every day, with no complaints, despite debilitating disease

These are just a few examples of young women in the SA Foundation's programs who are **brave enough to forge ahead when it would be so much easier to just give up**. These brave girls have had to face circumstances we can never imagine.

Sometimes people say that those who advocate for victims of exploitation are brave, but at the SA Foundation we know that we have made the only decision we could when faced with such injustice. **The real bravery comes from the ones who have experienced injustice firsthand and decided to move forward**. They testify against their pimps despite the danger. They advocate for others instead of choosing to hide away. They get up each day and work towards bettering themselves. They dance in the face of adversity. The greatest slap in the face to the enemy that wished to destroy them, is that today they are laughing!

**Let us honour and celebrate this bravery** and remember, always remember, that they ARE redeemable and their lives CAN be rebuilt!



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## SHOPPING FOR A HOUSE IN BUDAPEST!

The time is drawing very near when we will be able to report HUNGARY HAS TAKEN IN ITS FIRST TRAFFICKED VICTIMS!

After 3 long years of training, structuring, preparing, and spreading the word to others, the team in Budapest is now searching for their first front-line house and day program space! They are looking for a 7 bedroom house in a good neighbourhood: 6 rooms for program participants and 1 room for the live-in house director. Please pray for them in this process as location will be extremely important for security reasons.

Along with searching for the perfect home, they are busy translating all the program materials given to them during their recent internship in Canada and are making crucial contacts with other agencies to receive program referrals. Already an organization in Vienna, Austria has two young women looking for a long-term home and recovery after escaping their traffickers.

The start up date is April 1, 2013. Much is needed: they will need to pay for the rent, damage deposit and utilities. Start up costs include furniture, bedding, pots, pans and everything needed to furnish a house. The classroom needs binders, whiteboards, desks, chairs - the works! As tax season arrives we ask you to prayerfully consider supporting the first SA Foundation recovery house for trafficked women in Hungary!

Detailed budget information can be provided upon request. THANK YOU!

**YES! I want to donate to start up  
the first house and day program in  
Budapest!**

Click on the box above to make a one-time  
or ongoing monthly contribution.

THANK YOU!!

Please indicate "Budapest Project" in the  
comments box on the payment page.



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## OH YES, VAL TOOK THE PLUNGE!

Val Lieske, our famous MC from the Her Story Luncheons in Calgary, buckled under peer pressure and took the polar bear plunge at Discovery Ridge on January 1st! And what a site it was - she had some very masculine firefighters 'help' her to the edge of the ice water and she managed to manhandle a few of them into the drink with her!

Besides the star of our show, (who raised over \$7,000 by the way) a whole host of others took the plunge in support of the Foundation's programs in Vancouver, Nepal and Budapest.

Over \$40,000 was raised by the Old Guys in Action, the group behind this great plunge. Thank you so much to all who participated - either by plunging, pledging or praising those who did it!



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## UPCOMING EVENTS!

OK ladies, clear your schedules for **March 14, 2013** because **SPRING BLING IS COMING!!!**



For those of you who have attended in the past, you know what a fun and exciting evening this is. For those who are newbies, trust the oldtimers and come out for a fabulous evening of desserts, door prizes, auction items and the launch of Global Wonders Spring line.

**LOCATION:** Polish Canadian Cultural Centre  
3015 15 Street NE, Calgary, AB

**TIME:** Doors open at 6:30pm, event starts at 7:00pm

**TICKETS:** \$20.00 per person, \$160 per table



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GLOBAL WONDERS IS A WONDERFUL WAY TO SUPPORT THE CAUSE!

The Fall/Winter 2012 line is still a best seller!

For a quick peek, check out the new GW video:

**[CLICK HERE FOR THE GLOBAL WONDERS FALL VIDEO](#)**

Book your Global Wonders party now!

lise@safoundation.com or globalwonders@safoundation.com

**[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE ONLINE SHOPPING CART!](#)**



## GET INVOLVED TODAY!

There are so many ways to get involved with the SA Foundation! Here are just a few:

1. Take the Communicar Seminar! This educational online course will provide you with a deeper understanding of how young girls become enslaved in the sex trade, and will educate you about the realities of exploitation and recovery. **[Click here to learn more!](#)**
2. Many have joined the Monthly Donor Program as a way to equip the SA Foundation to consistently provide the care and services needed by participants to exit the sex trade and build a new life for themselves and their children! *It's amazing what \$25/month or more can do!* **[Click here to sign up today!](#)**
3. **PROGRAM FINANCIAL SUPPORT:** This month we need financial support for our Vancouver Housing Program of \$4,000 and for the Day Program of \$5,000. If there's anything you can contribute, it would be greatly appreciated! **[Click here to give a gift!](#)**
4. Give a tax deductible gift to the general fund. Your support is greatly appreciated! Every dollar translates into lives being saved! **[Click here to give a gift!](#)**
5. Organize a small (or large!) fundraising event! Supporters have put together fun runs, bowlathons, luncheons, dinner events and the list goes on! Become an ACT team leader in your community! Contact Dominique at the coordinates below to get yours started!



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