



PAVING A ROAD TO

# Hope

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**THERE IS AN EPIDEMIC OF AMERICAN YOUTH BEING LURED AND FORCED INTO SEX TRAFFICKING AND OTHER DESTRUCTIVE LIFESTYLES.**

**Florida ranks #3 in the nation for incidents of human trafficking.**

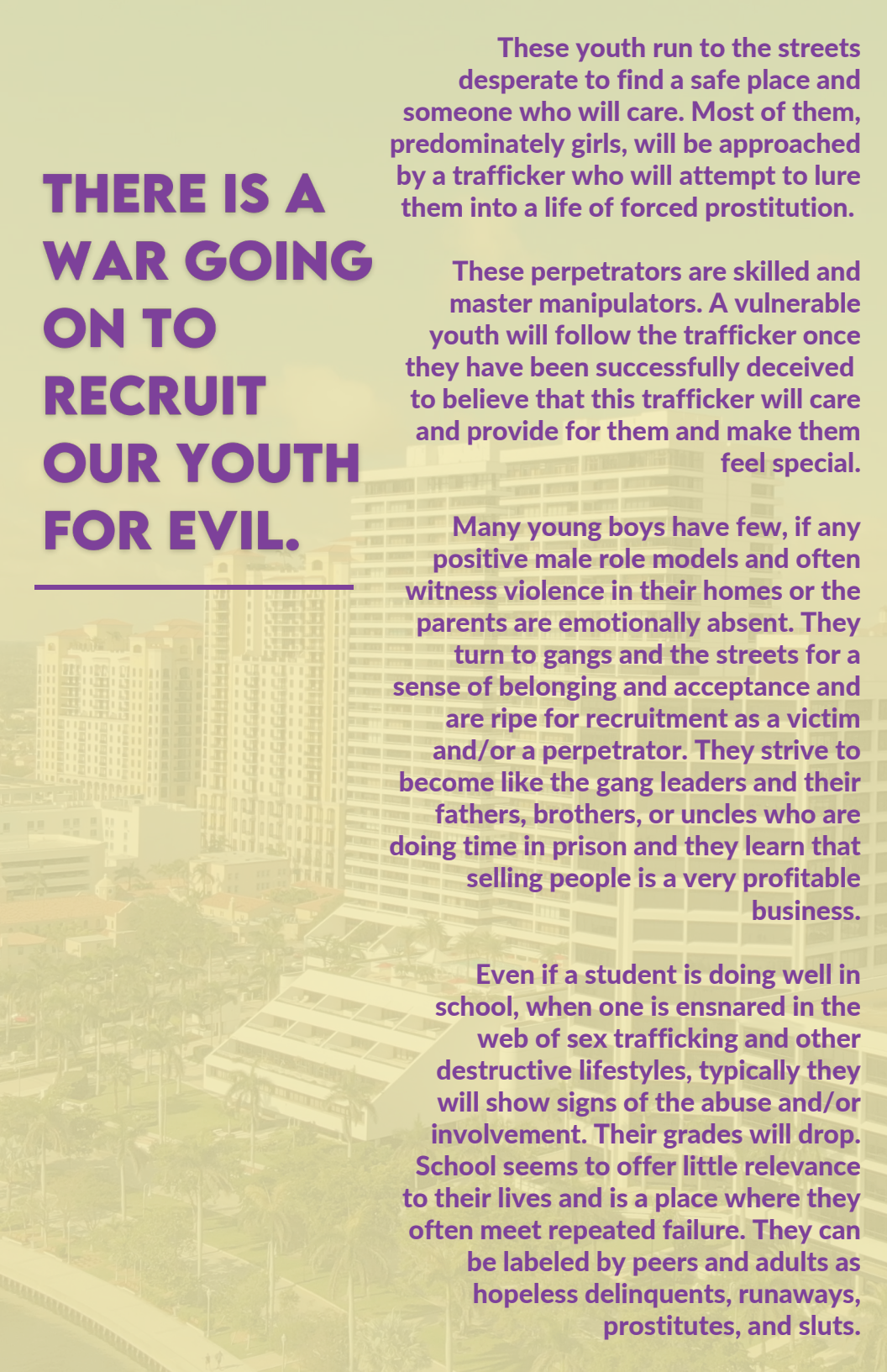
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**In just one month in Broward County, location of Grace Place School, 60 children were identified as victims of human trafficking.**

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**It is estimated that within 48 hours on the streets, a youth will be approached by a trafficker.**





# THERE IS A WAR GOING ON TO RECRUIT OUR YOUTH FOR EVIL.

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These youth run to the streets desperate to find a safe place and someone who will care. Most of them, predominately girls, will be approached by a trafficker who will attempt to lure them into a life of forced prostitution.

These perpetrators are skilled and master manipulators. A vulnerable youth will follow the trafficker once they have been successfully deceived to believe that this trafficker will care and provide for them and make them feel special.

Many young boys have few, if any positive male role models and often witness violence in their homes or the parents are emotionally absent. They turn to gangs and the streets for a sense of belonging and acceptance and are ripe for recruitment as a victim and/or a perpetrator. They strive to become like the gang leaders and their fathers, brothers, or uncles who are doing time in prison and they learn that selling people is a very profitable business.

Even if a student is doing well in school, when one is ensnared in the web of sex trafficking and other destructive lifestyles, typically they will show signs of the abuse and/or involvement. Their grades will drop. School seems to offer little relevance to their lives and is a place where they often meet repeated failure. They can be labeled by peers and adults as hopeless delinquents, runaways, prostitutes, and sluts.



# OUR MISSION & VISION

As vulnerable youth are being targeted by many for participation in unhealthy, destructive, and illegal lifestyles, Grace Place School is targeting these same young men and women to bring them

*hope and a fresh start*

Grace Place School provides a Christ-centered, grace filled environment rich in truth, love and void of judgment for youth ages 13-18.

We specialize in job and life skills training, alternative educational instruction, and business entrepreneurship.

With the expertise of trained teachers, counselors, interns, and other professionals, this nontraditional educational and training setting provides youth with much needed opportunities for success.




*"Grace Place is the best thing that has happened to me. It's changed how I see things and how to do things in a different and respectable way. I feel different now from how I felt when I walked through the door because I have grown in confidence and strength, I am more motivated and feel more independent doing things on my own." - Student*





# CORE PROGRAM COMPONENTS



**THE GOAL OF THE CORE COMPONENTS IS TO HOLISTICALLY MEET NEEDS ENABLING STUDENTS TO REACH THEIR GOD GIVEN POTENTIAL.**

## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

- Targeted, Individualized Instruction
- High School Credit Recovery
- GED Preparation and Acquisition
- Teacher Directed and Online Learning
- College Exploration & Preparation

## SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

- Develop a business plan for a new business
- Identify target audience and marketing strategies
- Build and operate an e-commerce business
- Design, graphics and printing
- Develop profit and loss projections
- On the Job Experience with GPS Social Enterprise

## JOB & LIFE SKILLS

- Extensive Job Readiness Training
- Life Skills – budgeting, conflict management, relationships, etc.
- Career Exploration and Entrepreneurship
- Life and Job Coaching/Mentoring
- Culinary and Nutrition Classes/ Cooking Experience
- On the Job Experience with Local Business Partners

**"SINCE 2014, WE HAVE SERVED AN AVERAGE OF 35 STUDENTS PER YEAR IN SOUTH FLORIDA WITH A 90% CLASS GRADUATION RATE!"**

— Elizabeth Coldern  
Founder & Director



# INTRODUCING STYLIN' WITH GRACE



*Student designed logo representing chains being broken in Christ*

Grace Place School has recently launched a new social enterprise called **Stylin' with Grace**. The students are making custom designed t-shirts and clothing while learning about entrepreneurship and small business development.

As we give the students safe outlets to express their God-given creativity, skills, unique personalities, and experiences in positive ways, their self-esteem grows, they build community with one another, they find legal means of financial independence, and have opportunities to learn and express their leadership potential.

Students gain the strength and confidence to say no to evil influences and believe God has better plans for their future.

*"I learned problem solving skills and effective communication. Also, that God is always listening and watching. The way I see myself is changed." - Student*







- Students learn the concepts, benefits, and techniques of starting their own business and/or marketing new ideas and inventions.
- Students are taught principles in finance, career preparation, resume writing, interview techniques, and effective communication.
- Students are trained in “soft” employability skills such as time management, being an effective team player, attitude, and appearance.
- Students earn cash incentives, based on how they meet the goals in the soft skill areas. Their ability to earn money proves to be highly motivating, but also affords opportunities that lead to obtaining financial independence.



*We envision  
a world where*

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*"I appreciate the volunteers for sharing their hard-working time and hearts with us and showing us that there's more in life than human trafficking and abortions because we are worth more. As long as we believe in God and our Savior Jesus Christ we will go far." - Student*

# *Join the journey!*

## **BECOME A PATH PAVER ON THE ROAD TO HOPE**



*"This program made me look at life different and made me respect myself, my peers, and everyone around me. It changed me from a young boy to a gentleman." - Student*

## **PATH PAVERS ARE PAVING THE WAY**

*"I first learned about Grace Place School from a fundraiser I attended where a detective described in great detail what was happening with the youth in Broward County, FL. They were being trafficked and abused. I had no idea this was happening. I went home and talked to my husband and we prayed about ways to make an impact. We decided to financially support and volunteer at Grace Place School. I love giving to Grace Place School because I get to see first hand lives being changed. I hope you will consider donating your time and money. You will not regret it!"*

**- BARBARA**

*"I got satisfaction in personally, positively impacting someone who has had a rough go in life and was now in the foster care system as a teenager by supporting Grace Place who is on the front lines with these teens. The most impactful was the phone call from the student the last week of the program. I was able to get to know him and about his life and struggles. I encouraged him and prayed with him."*

**- BOB**

We are committed to providing full or partial scholarships to all students regardless of their financial situation.

Most of our students are NOT able to afford tuition due to their life circumstances. Path Pavers make this possible!

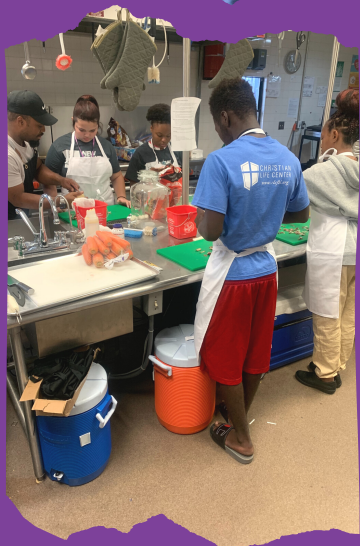
## WAYS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

### *pray*

The success of Grace Place School is first and foremost a spiritual battle. The Bible says that we have an enemy in the spiritual realm that wants to destroy anything good. We are entering that dark world of evil to free youth. There are many battles and the road is not easy. Would you commit to earnestly pray for the success of Grace Place School and the students and staff who are and will be involved?

### *volunteer*

Grace Place School has several available full time and/or part time urban ministry opportunities. If you have a heart and calling to minister to at risk teens, becoming part of our Grace Place family may be the place for you.





*give*

## Our Costs

### Academic Achievement

\$600 per month, per student

### Job and Life Skills

\$758 per month, per student

### Business Development

\$758 per month, per student

*Students earn monetary compensation for their participation and achievement.*



## *financial goals*

### Monthly Givers

- 2 people giving \$500
- 6 people giving \$250
- 20 people giving \$100
- 20 people giving \$75
- 25 people giving \$50
- 30 people giving \$25

### Annual Gifts

- 1 gift of \$25,000
- 3 gifts of \$15,000
- 5 gifts of \$10,000
- 8 gifts of \$5,000
- 10 gifts of \$1,000

*Every gift makes a difference no matter how big or small!*

### Community Business Sponsors

We are seeking 20 business partners to commit to a sponsorship of \$500 or more. You'll receive shout outs on social media, at GPS events and logo placement on the GPS website. THE BEST PART...feeling good because you are providing hope to teens and their families in our community!



*thank you*

A large silhouette of a person jumping with arms raised is centered in the image, set against a vibrant sunset background. The person's arms are spread wide, and their legs are in a jumping pose. The words 'hope', 'freedom', and 'empowerment' are written in a white, cursive script across the lower half of the image, overlapping the person's silhouette.

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