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MensWork Honored for its Work to Combat Human Trafficking

[Lexington, KY] MensWork: eliminating violence against women, announces that it has been named as one of the recipients of the 2010 “Liberator awards” from the Kentucky Rescue and Restore Coalition.

The KY Rescue and Restore Coalition is made up of the local, community based efforts throughout Kentucky working to address and prevent human trafficking. Current communities that are involved include Louisville, Lexington, Owensboro, Covington, Somerset, Paducah, and Bowling Green. The Liberator awards are offered in four categories to honor the work being done by Kentuckians to combat Human Trafficking.

MensWork has been honored for our work to combat the demand for human trafficking in general, and sex trafficking in particular. “The efforts by MensWork to combat sex trafficking by focusing on the demand is groundbreaking in the state and, we believe, nationally,” said Marissa Castellanos, Coordinator of Kentucky Rescue and Restore. “We are fortunate to have MensWork in our community and our state providing this kind of leadership to prevent human trafficking.”

MensWork, founded in 2007, began developing programming to address the demand for human trafficking in 2008. MensWork provides training programs, educational programs, and grassroots organizing focusing on engaging and mobilizing men to join the effort to combat all forms of human trafficking, with a focus on sex trafficking.

“We are truly honored and were quite surprised to hear that we have received this award,” stated Rus Ervin Funk, Executive Director of MensWork. “Given the work of the Rescue and Restore Coalition, to be recognized like this really is quite special to us. We look forward to continuing, and expanding, our efforts to combat all forms of violence against women and girls, including sex trafficking.”

To learn more about KY Rescue and Restore Coalition, and the Liberator awards, contact Marissa Castellanos at (502) 636-9263 X110

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