

Clintonville Woman's Club

Human Trafficking Symposium Final Report

March 2015

As part of the celebration of the Clintonville Woman's Club's (CWC) 75th anniversary, CWC sponsored a Human Trafficking Symposium on March 10, 2015 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The objectives of the symposium were to 1) provide education about the topic to our own members and to the larger community, 2) create an image of CWC as an educational and community-minded organization, consistent with the objectives of the Founders, and 3) promote CWC as a venue for events. The points below have to do with 1) the work that was done to help to assure a successful event, 2) identification of things that might have been done differently to make the event even more successful than it was, and 3) activities that were done for the symposium.

- The Symposium was successful in that approximately 150 people attended the symposium. Of the 150 participants, approximately 100 were not CWC members.
- We asked for donations of \$5, and \$783 was collected, divided between Gracehaven (about \$235) and the Central Ohio Rescue and Restore Coalition (about \$548). One check for \$300 was made out to CORRC.
- We served cookies, coffee, water, and iced tea. The cookies were purchased from Freedom a la Cart (\$200 for 100 cookies), donated by Melissa's Incredible Edibles (100 cookies) and made at the last minute by club members. The request for additional cookies was made late when registrations reached 130 participants.
- Members were asked to come at 5:00 to set up the tables with centerpieces (paper mache houses loaned and decorated by member Mary Rodgers. Donations were put into the houses, lighted by battery candles. Participants also received a program, a list of readings provided by the Whetstone library, and a pen, donated by Union Cemetery, at the request of Mary Rodgers. Kristen Steinhausser decorated the back high table with blue fabric. The club looked very nice, welcoming, and appropriate for the event. We set 160 seats, a combination of round tables in the center, card tables and rows of chairs on the Gallery.
- Speakers were Lynn Cory from CORRC, Terry ? a new person at Gracehaven who replaced Amy Mentor at the last minute, and the survivor, Vivian Kriel. We gave Vivian a \$50 honorarium. Terry and Lynn were volunteers. Additional speakers were Detective Lisa from the Columbus Division of Police and Sarah Parker from the Salvation Army who explained CORRC and the Salvation Army.
- Also attending were David Cunningham from Shared Hope International, Sovilla Williams at the Freedom a la Cart booth, and Krysten Case with Fancy Freedom Designs

(with part of the proceeds going to Freedom a la Cart). Terry provided copies of the PowerPoint slides. Sarah did a great job with identifying speakers and with a number of details. Lynn and Terry worked together to integrate their slides into one presentation. The videos in the presentation were very powerful.

- The owner of Printed Image, who lives in Clintonville, printed the programs for \$16, which Mary Rodgers paid.
- While the topic of Human Trafficking was frequently in the media in early 2015, it was still important to do marketing. Mary Rodgers and Shirley Palumbo mailed 50 letters to Clintonville businesses, and Shirley sent letters to the principals of all Clintonville middle and high schools. Shirley worked with a graphic designer, Andrew Slack (he was paid \$100) to get the programs and flyers designed. Andrew did a good job, finding graphics and facts to put into the flyers, which were distributed by members to friends and family. Flyers were also sent to the College of Social Work at Ohio State, and they were distributed at the Clintonville Area Commission meetings, Clintonville Chamber of Commerce meetings, Northern Kiwanis, Clintonville Rotary, and the Whetstone Library. Members were asked to take flyers with them to places they frequent. Shirley was able to work with Kevin Parks at the Booster to get an article. It was a great article and is included in the folder reviewing our 75th anniversary year. The last page of the program listed "Sponsors and Supporters," which were agencies that did not donate money but whose names were listed to create a sense of community and to define CWC as a part of the local community.
- The symposium was successful enough that CWC should consider sponsoring another educational symposium next year. It will be difficult to find a topic as compelling as Human Trafficking. But this event, celebrating the 75th anniversary, was a wonderful part of the 75th anniversary celebration.
- To be considered as symposium topics are Poverty and its broad-reaching effects and Women I wish I had known.