



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)

Dear Supporters,

It is hard to believe that it is November already and Christmas is coming soon! We hope each of you is enjoying fall in your part of the world. We are pleased to provide updates to you on the happenings at the SA Foundation and as we mentioned in our previous newsletter, a team from the SA Foundation travelled to Europe in September to meet up with 4 teams that want to implement the SA program model. It was an amazing trip! It was truly incredible to meet up with like-minded people who each felt like they couldn't sit by and do nothing as young women were sold and ravaged in their cities. Even though we have been doing this work a long time, we were deeply saddened by some of the things we learned.

### **Germany:**

- Prostitution is legalized in Germany and there are over 400,000 registered women in the sex trade, with an equal amount estimated as illegal or unregistered.
- In Stuttgart, a small city of only 500,000 people, there are over 400 brothels, some with up to 700 women!
- The majority of women involved in the sex trade in Germany were trafficked from Bulgaria and Romania
- To get any financial assistance from the government to exit the sex trade, a young woman has to have been working in the trade for a full year before she will qualify for help and her taxes from the trade have to be up to date!



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### Bulgaria:

- This country is a source country for all the major western European countries that have legalized prostitution
- It is estimated that by the time she reaches 20 years of age, a Bulgarian girl will have been introduced to at least 3 traffickers
- Although a part of the European Union, Bulgaria's economy is very poor and there are no job or educational options for most young women



### Greece:

- Greece is both a destination and transit country for trafficked women. Traffickers from the Middle East and Africa bring their women to Greece, where prostitution is legalized, and place them in apartments to be 'broken' - which means they will beat and rape the young women into submission. Once their will is broken then they begin their training program in the brothels of Athens and once deemed efficient enough, are then shipped to Western European countries like Germany and the Netherlands.
- A large majority of trafficked girls in Greece are African girls. These girls often end up working on the streets of Greece and have little hope of escape because there isn't the financial support needed to exit
- A person can live in Greece for 25+ years and never receive citizenship, which means they will never secure a legitimate job and are vulnerable to continued exploitation and abuse

It was against this backdrop that we returned to Canada with a renewed vigor to see the SA program planted in as many cities as possible! No matter their circumstance, no matter how they got involved, these young women deserve an avenue of escape. They deserve the chance to rebuild their lives and end the terrible violence and rape that they are subjected to each night. They have the ability to turn things around and build a future for themselves if they are given an opportunity - we have seen this in our success rate of over 70%!

The following pages provide opportunities for you to become involved in the support of these young women and our new projects. We thank you for your commitment to seeing women set free!

*For more information about these upcoming projects, please visit our website.*



We are so excited to launch our first annual Fall Bling event in Vancouver on November 19th! Ladies, this sounds a lot like Spring Bling doesn't it? Well, since the event has been such a smashing success in Calgary, we decided to give our supporters in Vancouver the opportunity to enjoy the same function!

If you live in the lower mainland, we still have a few tickets available for purchase. The evening is chock-full of entertainment, shopping, auctions, door prizes and opportunities to get involved. Go online to our website and purchase your tickets today. We are also looking for corporate sponsorships so that all funds raised can go towards the support of the Vancouver project.

Share the news, get your tickets, support a great program!





## CAPTAIN CANADA RETURNS .... TO THE ICEBREAKER!

Ahhh, it's that lovely time of year when the leaves turn golden, the fields have been harvested, the animals are busy getting ready for hibernation ... and some very strange folks in Calgary are preparing for their annual ritual of jumping into icy cold water on January 1st!

The group is called Old Guys in Action (OGIA) ([oldguysinaction.ca](http://oldguysinaction.ca)) and these guys will just about do anything adventurous for the charities they love. I recently talked with Ross Weaver, the co-founder of OGIA and asked why he would subject himself to this icy plunge 6 years in a row. This is what he had to say:

Thousands of people do polar dips in Canada each year.

It is the quintessential Canadian thumbing of the nose at winter. There is the fear, the overcoming of fear, the exhilaration/surprise of surviving, the post dip endorphins and a very good reason for hot chocolate and a hot tub afterwards.

But what makes us come out over and over each year is that the Calgary Icebreaker Polar Dip gives us a platform for taking a stand against the horrendous injustice perpetrated on so many millions of (mainly) women and girls through trafficking and sexual exploitation...and to support the wonderful people at the SA Foundation who not only take a stand, but have dedicated their lives to fight this injustice. We are going to keep doing this as long as good people keep donating, or until God calls us home, or to a retirement home in BC.

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Well, Ross we are not ready to lose you yet! And we are so thankful for this event and the hard work of the OGIA volunteer team. Ross is absolutely right about the Polar dip giving us a great platform to talk about an uncomfortable topic in the world today. It also gives the SA Foundation a fun way to raise funds. It's a great way to start the new year with many families coming out to watch and cheer.

Last year's event had over 50 local dipsters, 11 distance dipsters, over 200 spectators, firemen, ice divers, media and many donors who helped us surpass our fundraising goal and raised \$75,000.00.

We invite all our friends in Calgary to consider dipping, donating or coming out to volunteer or cheer us on. I'm dipping for a 2nd year and would also like to request fervent prayer for a record breaking warm day!

To register, or for more information visit:  
[calgaryicebreaker.com](http://calgaryicebreaker.com)

Naomi H.

Remember folks, for \$10,000 we get to see Naomi jump in the ice water again so let's get on board and sponsor this crazy gal!! Visit the SAF website to sponsor your favorite dunkee!







**Christmas is right around the corner** and we are beginning to think of the gift of giving! Many of the young women and their children in our programs internationally do not have families they can celebrate the holidays with, and so the SA program steps in and fills the role - gladly!

As with your own children, family and friends, we like to gift our young women. This year to support our women in our programs in Vancouver, Budapest and Nepal we are looking to raise \$5,000.00 so we can give them new and happy Christmas memories. Would you please consider adding your support to this campaign?

*Thank you!*

Yes! I want to support the SA Foundation's Christmas campaign!



The latest collection is in!

Join us in fighting sexual slavery by booking your home/office/ church party now!

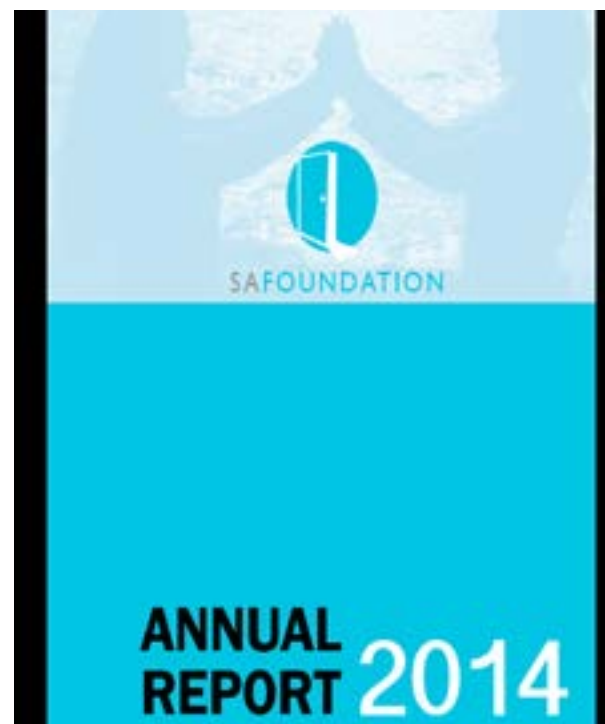
Contact [lise@safoundation.com](mailto:lise@safoundation.com) today.

Every bead strung, every design made is a step out of slavery for young women that have been exploited!

Our Annual Report is in!  
Take a look inside and see what the SA Foundation has been up to in 2013/2014!!

Thank you to all who supported the work!

*Click on the image to view the our online Annual Report!*



## 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.
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!*
3. **PROGRAM FINANCIAL SUPPORT:** Every 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!
4. Give a tax deductible gift to the general fund. Your support is greatly appreciated! Every dollar translates into lives being saved!
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!

Click here to learn more about these initiatives!