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### **Local Non-Profits Join Forces to Combat Sex Trafficking!**

Washington, DC, July 29, 2009 - Two Metro based non-profit organizations, committed to providing much needed services to survivors of human trafficking, have joined forces to bring awareness to the Metro, and raise funds for their budding organizations. Bridge to Freedom Foundation and Courtney's House, each of which provide a vital component to ensuring that survivors not only the care and support they need to recover, but are empowered through life skills and educational/professional development.

Join Bridge to Freedom Foundation and Courtney's House for a day of fun and help empower survivors:

**What:** BBQ to benefit survivors of human trafficking

**Activities:** 'Fair to Play' Soccer and Volleyball, Games, Raffle Prizes, Food and Fun

**Entertainment:** 1:00 - 3:00 & 4:00 – 5:00 Musical Stylings of David Thong and Easton Taylor  
3:00 - 4:00 Performances from Master Builder Ministries (formerly Youth for Christ)

**Cost:** \$3 Kids and \$8 Adults (includes BBQ grill item, all the fixings, sides and drink)

**When:** October 18, 2009, 1:00pm-5:00pm

**Where:** Reston, Virginia at the Temporary Road Picnic Shelter (on the corner of North Shore).

Bridge to Freedom Foundation (BTFF) was founded in December 2008 to bridge gaps in information and services which hinder the growth of survivors of modern slavery. BTFF works to enhance and improve the opportunities available to survivors of modern slavery. BTFF accomplishes this by connecting for-profit corporations, community groups, educational establishments and the general public. The cornerstone of BTFF's work is their support to survivors in the form of personal and professional development. BTFF will launch their personal development pilot program this fall.

Courtney's House was founded in August 2008, by Tina Frundt, a survivor of domestic child sex trafficking, who has advocated tirelessly on children's domestic sex trafficking issues since 2000. Courtney's House is powerful dichotomy of mentorship, empathy, and determination. When the formation of Courtney's House is completed, it will be the only long-term shelter in the Metro which caters specifically to this underrepresented population.

Both BTFF and Courtney's House are non-profit organizations, who are 100% donor supported, who actively seek an end sex trafficking and modern slavery.

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