

SAGE Project, Inc. CSE eBulletin

Greetings to all of our SAGE friends and supporters! Thank you for your interest and ongoing support of SAGE as we work together to end the commercial sexual exploitation and trafficking of children and adults. We have many recent accomplishments to celebrate with you. In this edition of the SAGE CSE Bulletin, we'll share our progress raising community awareness of the scope and horror of CSE; highlights from SAGE's model recovery services for the adult and child survivors; and updates on SAGE's efforts to end the commercial sexual exploitation of children and adults.

This edition of our SAGE CSE eBulletin includes the following stories:

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We invite you to celebrate these accomplishments with us, and thank you for your support. The SAGE eBulletin is a 'by voluntary subscription' email newsletter, so if you're receiving this, you asked to be added to our email list,

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Feature Stories

****SAGE celebrated its 7th Annual Graduation on Friday, July 7, 2006. It is with our deepest reverence that we say congratulations to the forty-one women and five men who graduated from the STAR (SAGE's Trauma and Addiction Recovery) Center program and the Male Survivor Services program. We are proud of you for your accomplishment and honored to have played a part in your healing process. We wish you a safe and healthy future full of hope and opportunity as you grow and develop into the beautiful women and men you were always meant to be.**

SAGE would also like to give our heartfelt thanks to the following people: Ms. Aileen Clarke Hernandez, State Chair of the California Women's Agenda, for providing the keynote address for the graduation ceremony. Ms. Camela Williams for her words of inspiration during the ceremony. Ms. Jo Licata and the Hilton Hotel for providing our delicious lunch. Ms. Licata has been a huge supporter of SAGE for years and has supplied our buffet luncheon for each graduation. We thank you for your continued support.

Melvin Stewart, Calvary Presbyterian Church and staff for the beautiful church space provided for SAGE's graduation event. The SAGE staff for supplying the deepest level of compassion and caring for our clients. Please click on the 'Give through SAGE' link to contribute to the healing process of the courageous women, girls and men who have placed their trust and lives in SAGE's hands. Together, we can provide SAGE's current clients with the tools needed to live healthy lives free of violence, abuse and exploitation.

****SAGE Founder and Executive Director featured in SUCCESS BUILT**

TO LAST: CREATING A LIFE THAT MATTERS is a best-selling, exceptionally thought-provoking and inspiring book featuring interviews with hundreds of today's leaders including SAGE Founder and Executive Director Norma Hotaling; His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama Tenzin Gyatso; former South African president and Nobel Peace laureate Nelson Mandela; 39th U.S. president and Nobel Peace laureate Jimmy Carter; first female U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright; cofounder and CEO of Apple and CEO of Pixar Steve Jobs; Grammy Award-winning cellist and UN Peace Ambassador Yo-Yo Ma; plus many more inspirational leaders. Virgin Brands' creator Sir Richard Branson has said "Everyone wants success, but you can do better than that. This is an extraordinary book that finally reveals a meaningful 'secret formula' for success based on the lives of remarkable people."

"Norma Hotaling's story of struggle and commitment to save her own life and then the lives of exploited people throughout her community gives each of us motivation to be more than we ever thought possible. Whenever I'm feeling sorry for myself and feel I'm having a tough time-wallowing in my own pain and drama-I look to Sage for inspiration and have a change of heart. How much of a difference could any of us make with a fraction of Norma's love and courage? Her story transforms people and her work is a gift to the world." -

Mark Thompson, coauthor of bestselling SUCCESS BUILT TO LAST:
CREATING A LIFE THAT MATTERS

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SAGE New Projects:

SAGE HEALTH

SAGE launches SAGE Health, an innovative new health program that combines HIV, Hepatitis and Relapse Prevention education with holistic health to assist clients in creating new strategies for living healthy lives post-incarceration. Funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services

Administration (SAMHSA), SAGE Health serves adult women and men who are survivors of trauma, sexual exploitation, homelessness, substance abuse and/or incarceration. With a full service launch date set for October 1, 2006, SAGE Health began a ten week 'testing phase' on July 25, 2006. Throughout the 'testing phase' SAGE clients are offered 'Women's Empowerment through Health' group sessions, 'Men's Health Education' group sessions and individual counseling sessions focusing on prevention education for high risk behaviors. Once SAGE Health services fully launch in October, we will expand our reach to include clients from Cameo House, The Women's Re-Entry Center, Post Release Education Project and Positive Directions Equals Change.

SAGE Health's approach is unique in that it simultaneously addresses physical, emotional and community health. This holistic approach helps clients to understand how these three systems of health are connected and how high risk behavior creates vulnerability to disease. We believe that by educating individuals on the health of their bodies we will empower them to make the best possible choices.

SAGE Health also recently participated in San Francisco's Project Homeless Connect, a bi-monthly event that offers San Francisco's homeless population free services such as housing information, medical care, mental health services, methadone and needle exchange, substance abuse services, shelter reservations and more. Project Homeless Connect is a national best practice model that is breaking the myth that people do not seek assistance and would simply prefer to be on the street. SAGE Health was honored for the opportunity to participate in Project Homeless Connect and offer resource information on SAGE and other free health and medical services in the community.

SAGE Program Highlights:

STAR CENTER - SAGE TRAUMA & ADDICTION RECOVERY CENTER
Opened in June 1998, the SAGE Trauma and Addiction Recovery (STAR)

Center is an intensive, 26-week outpatient program serving adult substance-using women and transgender individuals with histories of violence, abuse and exploitation. The STAR Center serves as a place of refuge and healing; where the multiple and profound wounds that have resulted from years of violence, abuse and exploitation are restored into opportunities for healthful, self-reliant lives full of promise and hope. From July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006, 181 individuals received treatment through the STAR Center's intensive outpatient services.

The primary goal of the STAR Center is to facilitate trauma recovery and functioning of women and transgendered individuals who have been victimized by sexual exploitation and violence. Alcohol and drug use are addressed through the delivery of high quality, multi-lingual, culturally-accessible services offering a spectrum of models from abstinence to harm reduction. SAGE's sensitive approach incorporates issues of sexual trauma and the dynamics of violence, power and control.

The program has two primary goals:

1) recovery - to enable clients to recover from their addictions to alcohol and drugs, as well as the trauma of abuse, violence, and exploitation that lead to these addictions, and;

2) improved functioning - to enable clients to overcome the lack of life-skills, blunting of aspirations, and alienation resulting from trauma and addiction.

Aside from addiction recovery and avoiding re-victimization, improved functioning includes exiting the criminal justice system, gains in life-skills and education, becoming able to care for oneself, establishing a network of safe support (including safe housing, medical and mental health services, personal recovery support, etc), obtaining employment, improving housing stability, and creating reasonable transition and exit plans from the sex industry. This strategy creates healthier lives for the individuals while reducing costs to the medical, mental health, criminal justice and social service systems.

SAGE's highly professional peer education model provides STAR Center clients with the constant inspiration that it is possible to escape the cycle of abuse and addiction to create lives free from victimization. The talented team of STAR Center Sexual Trauma Counselors is headed by Ms. Dina Smith, Team Lead of Adult Services. Ms. Smith's unwavering compassion and dedication has contributed to the healing and growth of literally hundreds of SAGE clients. SAGE commends Ms. Smith for her commitment and proficiency in shaping client services in the empowering, non-shaming, and non-judgmental way that is crucial to women's recovery from violence and exploitation. SAGE would also like to congratulate Ms. Smith on her recent graduation from San Francisco City College's Drug and Alcohol Studies program with supplemental certification in HIV Case Management and Group Facilitation Skills. We are all very proud of you.

SAGE'S MALE SURVIVOR SERVICES PROGRAM

SAGE's Male Survivor Services Program provides substance abuse and trauma recovery services for adult men who have experienced sexual trauma and exploitation. The 40 men we serve on a monthly basis have reached out to us desperate to heal from their histories of addiction, homelessness, incarceration, and reliance on survival sex and other exploitive relationships. The Male Survivor Services Program exists to provide the resources, caring and tools needed to aid male survivors to escape further victimization, heal from their multiple traumas and successfully integrate into the larger community. Treatment services combine educational, process and therapy group sessions, trauma focused psychotherapy, individualized one-on-one counseling sessions and comprehensive case management.

SAGE's innovative Male Survivor Services Program has had numerous indicators of success. Of the 120+ men we have served in the past year alone: 90% reduced their substance use for longer than six months
80% transitioned from homelessness to stable housing.

50% accessed government sponsored assistance programs in order to eliminate the need to rely on abusive and exploitative caretakers. and 40 % have either completed or enrolled in vocational training programs within the hospitality, restaurant, transportation and Information Technology industries.

Credit for the ongoing success of SAGE's Male Survivor Services Program goes to Mr. Kelly Tyne, SAGE's Male Survivor Services Counselor. Kelly's tireless efforts have been instrumental in the healing and recovery of hundreds of sexually exploited men in the San Francisco area. In addition to the comprehensive array of services Kelly offers his clients, Kelly is committed to raising public awareness of the issues faced by male survivors of sexual exploitation. Kelly regularly facilitates trainings for Bay area community-based organizations on best practices in working with men who have a complex Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) diagnosis.

Community Acknowledgements

The best approach to foster healing from violence, abuse and victimization and provide truly compassionate recovery options is one which involves the entire community. SAGE would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our allies in the San Francisco community. Together, we have taken one step closer to ending the commercial sexual exploitation and trafficking of children and adults.

Special recognition goes out to: San Francisco Toyota President John Horton and Vice President Doug Donnellan for donating a three-year lease on a Toyota Sienna Van for SAGE's Safe Home and School for Girls. Episcopal Community Services' Conquering Homelessness through Employment in Food Services (CHEFS) training program. California Department of Vocational Rehabilitation. Elayne Hada, Coordinator of Placement Services for the Department of Public Health's Community Behavioral Health Services. Gary Sherrer of the Department of Public Health Placement Team. San Francisco

State University Master's in Public Health student team and Academic Director Ms. Roma Guy. Dr. Betty Carmak of the University of San Francisco School of Nursing and the team of student nurses. Baker Places residential treatment services. Conard House residential treatment and community services. New Leaf multi-purpose counseling center.

SAGE in the World

August 2006: Norma Hotaling carried out a one-week speaking tour through Thailand entitled 'Compelling Strategies on Combating Trafficking in Persons. With the support of Thai anti-trafficking working teams, Norma Hotaling met with case workers, police officers, and local government officials. The program ended in Chiang Mai, the second most populous city in Thailand, with a workshop presentation on peer-to-peer programs.

June 2006: Norma Hotaling presented at "Sex Trafficking in the United States," hosted by the Government Innovators Network and the National Institute of Justice. In addition to Ms. Hotaling, the forum featured Ambassador John Miller of the U.S. State Department and Massachusetts State Senator Mark Montigny.

April 2006: Norma Hotaling presented at "Trafficking In our Own Backyards: Modern-Day Slavery" at the Soroptimist International Desert Coast Regional Legislative Summit in Yuma, AZ. Soroptimist International (SI) is a worldwide organization for women working to advance human rights and the status of women.

April 2006: North Carolina UNC Chapel Hill "Sexual Trafficking: Breaking the Silence of Crisis" conference. Ms. Hotaling's presentations were "Restorative Justice: Interventions for Johns, Effective and Innovative Programs for Women and Girls" and "Connecting the Dots: Trafficking, Prostitution, and Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children."

March 2006: Norma Hotaling conducted "Recognizing and Treating the Psychological Outfalls of Trauma and Abuse in Trafficked Individuals" and "Creating New and Effective Policies and Legislation for Combating Trafficking in Persons" in Warsaw, Poland.

February 2006: University of California San Francisco (UCSF) conference "Ending Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking in the 21st Century." Norma Hotaling was a panelist on "Neighbor to Neighbor: Building a Cohesive Community Response.

February 2006: Norma Hotaling presented on the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Women and Girls at the Yale Law School conference "Sex for Sale: Symposium on the Commodification of Sex."

January 2006: Norma Hotaling presented "Too Dear at Any Cost: Preventing the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Youth and Working with Youth at Risk" at the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention conference "Building on Success: Providing today's Youth Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow."

SAGE Replication Activities

FEBRUARY 06 MARKED THE OFFICIAL ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SURVIVOR SERVICES EDUCATION AND EMPOWERMENT NETWORK

The four Founding Members of SSEEN held a signing ceremony to officially establish the SSEEN network of experts/pioneers who have worked for decades designing, implementing and providing outreach, advocacy, prevention, early intervention and demand reduction programs. The SSEEN programs include highly effective and innovative peer-counseling, trauma, mental health and substance abuse treatment services which include transitional, permanent and safe housing services for women, girls, men and transgender individuals involved in or escaping the various systems of the sex industry.

SSEEN Founding Members have pioneered the movement of survivor-designed, implemented and driven services by utilizing their life changing experiences of transforming from victim of commercial sexual exploitation to survivor to leader to change agent.

SAGE HOLDS EVENT TO COMMEMORATE OFFICAL BIRTH OF SSEEN
February 2006 also marked SAGE's first survivor-only TRAUMA AND ADDICTION RECOVERY PARAPROFESSIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM © SAGE Project, Inc. The week-long program addressed key issues in the commercial sexual exploitation recovery field including the root causes of vulnerability to perpetrators; stabilization needs of victims of commercial sexual exploitation; moving clients successfully through a phased treatment modality; understanding the effects of violence, abuse, and victimization; working with clients on deep-seated trauma recovery issues; and preparing clients to transition into the larger community post-treatment.

SAGE was incredibly thrilled to work with some of the most experienced and highly trained individuals running the longest standing survivor run programs in the country. The biggest compliment we received was that this training more than effectively encompassed the services the SSEEN agencies currently provide. Following the February training, SSEEN Founding Members officially approved SAGE's TRAUMA AND ADDICTION RECOVERY PARAPROFESSIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM © SAGE Project, Inc. as the new standard of training for survivor-operated trauma and addiction recovery treatment services. Since each SSEEN training participant was a survivor of trauma, abuse, violence and commercial sexual exploitation, the event was both a professional and personal highlight for all involved. The training represented survivor-ship, sisterhood and reinforcement of the deeply held beliefs of each SSEEN Founding Member: "Those of us who survived the brutality of the sex trade are the best professional development choice to become the future leaders in combating commercial sexual exploitation, while connecting with and

serving our sisters and brothers who historically have been considered the toss-aways, the throw-aways, the ones that are often found dead in ditches, dumpsters, shallow graves, or unnamed in city morgues. This training and the services provided by SSEEN Member Organizations represent solutions, hope, life and future." The SAGE Trauma and Addiction Recovery Paraprofessional Training Program is copyrighted by SAGE Project, Inc. and funded by the US Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) under Grant # 2003-DD-BX-K052.

SAGE EXPANDS ITS REACH TO INCLUDE BOSTON, CINCINNATI, AND SANTA ROSA

Boston, Massachusetts: From May 30th through June 1, 2006, SAGE provided expert consultation to six representatives from four of the organizations who comprise the Massachusetts Prostitution Prevention Project. The Massachusetts Prostitution Prevention Project is a collaboration between The Home for Little Wanderers and the Boston Regional Office of the Massachusetts Department of Social Services. The Home for Little Wanderers is America's oldest child and family service agency and was founded in 1799. The theme of the SAGE consultation was "SAGE's Continuum of Care in Youth Services as a best practice model to address the needs of commercially sexually exploited girls in a group home setting."

Cincinnati, Ohio: From June 21 through June 23, 2006, 7 Cincinnati-based organizations, including SAGE's newly launched sister program Off the Streets, participated in SAGE's Trauma and Addiction Recovery Paraprofessional Training Program. Off the Streets was created specifically to provide peer-based, trauma recovery services for the commercially sexually exploited women in the Cincinnati area.

From June 28 through June 30, 2006, SAGE trained representatives from 12 Santa Rosa-based organizations in SAGE's Trauma and Addiction Recovery

Paraprofessional Training program. SAGE's main partner in Santa Rosa, United Against Sexual Assault (UASA), provides sexual assault crisis intervention services and facilitates a program in the Women's Detention Center in Sonoma County for incarcerated sexual abuse survivors. UASA has utilized the SAGE training to mobilize the Santa Rosa community to compassionately and effectively address the issues of commercial sexual exploitation and human trafficking.

TEENAGE SEX TRADE

. July 26, 2006: www.WUNC.orgThe Story with Dick Gordon featured Norma Hotaling and the First Offender's Prostitution Program (FOPP) John School.

June 16, 2006: The Christian Broadcasting Network: U.S. BATTLES MODERN SLAVE TRADE

February 9, 2006: ABC News Primetime: TEEN GIRLS TELL THEIR STORIES OF SEX TRAFFICKING AND EXPLOITATION IN U.S.

(Although SAGE is not specifically mentioned in this article, we did play a role in the shaping of the story.) "I was assigned this story in late August 2005.

After several weeks of research, I reached out to Norma, given her expertise in this area. Norma and her work and the work of other organizations like SAGE have informed the way I perceive this horrific problem. I want to thank Norma Hotaling for her tremendous work in this area and for helping to inform the way in which we are reporting this story." ~Mark Stanoch, ABC News Primetime Live Producer

November 9, 2005: Norma Hotaling appeared on CNBC's "The Big Idea with Donnie Deutsch" for a story on domestic sex trafficking. November 6, 2005: Sacramento Bee article: SCHOOL PROVIDES HAVEN: SAN FRANCISCO TRIES TO GET GIRLS OFF THE STREET AND CHANGE THEIR LIVES.

SAGE Clients' Wish List

With the holiday season fast approaching, it is time to prepare for our opportunity to provide our clients with the comforts of the season. We invite you, the community who cares so deeply about individuals who have been victimized at the hands of others, to join us in this humbling occasion. This is our chance to show those who have suffered that the world really does care about them.

SAGE clients' Wish List includes the following items: Hygiene Products (soap, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, tampons, Q-tips, toothpaste, etc.) Bath and beauty products, including body wash, face wash, lotions, bath salts, and African-American hair care products. Cosmetics of all kinds including lipstick, eye shadow, nail polish, eyeliner, blush. Clothing donations (all sizes, children and adults). Accessories including hair ties, purses, belts, umbrellas, scarves, gloves and mittens. Canned food items, especially those that are traditional this time of year (i.e. cranberry sauce, yams, green beans, etc.) Toys and books for children of all ages. From all of us at SAGE, we thank you for your generosity, kindness and support for our clients' healing process.

Help Victims of Commercial Sexual Exploitation through SAGE We are pleased to announce that you can now help victims of commercial sexual exploitation and trafficking through SAGE. You may give in memory of someone special or as a very special, meaningful gift through an online donation feature of Just Give. Simply click on any "Give through SAGE" link. Contributions are channeled into direct services (i.e. healing through addiction and trauma recovery treatment) and advocacy for the victims of commercial sexual exploitation and trafficking. We rely on the generosity of foundations, the community and caring individuals like you for our very survival. It is only with your help that we can provide children, youth, women, and men with the support and care needed to survive and escape sexual exploitation. Through the

unity and power of all our collective resources, we can continue to change lives and work towards a world free from trafficking, violence and sexual abuse of women and children. Thank you for celebrating our progress with us! Thanks again for your support, and for reading about and celebrating our progress and work at SAGE. Until the next edition of the SAGE eBulletin, we wish you very well! Please let us know if we can answer any questions for you. Sincerely,
Norma Hotaling, Founder and Executive Director, SAGE *and* the wonderful SAGE staff and clients!

The Standing Against Global Exploitation Project-or the SAGE Project-is a nonprofit organization with one primary aim: bringing an end to the commercial sexual exploitation of children and adults. We at SAGE contribute to that goal by raising awareness about CSE/CSEC issues, and by providing outreach and services to CSE/CSEC survivors. SAGE is a unique collaboration between social services, public health, law enforcement, and private agencies. Our approach is collaborative as well as prevention and solution oriented; it's about restorative justice that benefits individual communities and the whole of our society. You may learn more about the many SAGE programs and services, or about the issues of Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSE) at [SAGE Online](#).