

WHO WE ARE

The Salvation Army is the largest non-government provider of social services in Canada.

Deborah's Gate is a specialised program of care that exists to serve international and domestic women who have been coerced into situations of sexual exploitation and who are in need of protective and restorative housing.

The Salvation Army has worked with sexually exploited and trafficked individuals for more than 130 years.

MISSION STATEMENT

Deborah's Gate seeks to provide a safe and restorative environment that fosters holistic healing for women survivors of sexual human trafficking.

24 HOUR CRISIS LINE

To make a referral from anywhere in the lower mainland, please call:

604-915-5678

or contact us toll-free at:

1-855-DEB-GATE

(1-855-332-4283)



For more information about our program please contact us or visit the website.

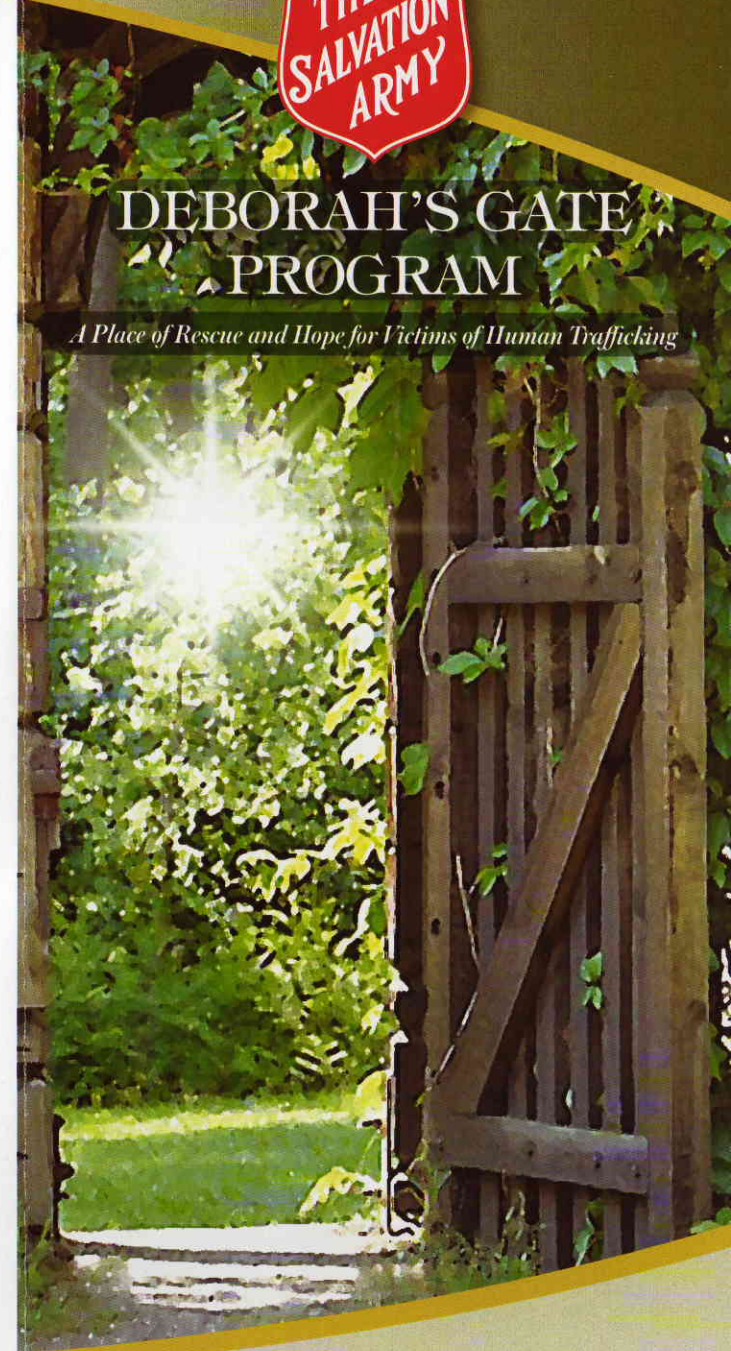
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DEBORAH'S GATE PROGRAM

A Place of Rescue and Hope for Victims of Human Trafficking



“It was really hard to trust anyone after what I experienced in Alberta. I felt hopeless and afraid and I would shake uncontrollably whenever I was reminded of my trafficker. At Deborah’s Gate, I was given the physical, emotional and spiritual support that I needed to be able to overcome my trauma; the staff helped me get my life back together so that I could enjoy it to the fullest. I now have a good job, a great roommate and a wonderful place to live in the community. I know that Deborah’s Gate played a huge part in my success and I will always be grateful for that.” (Ana)

SEXUAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING DEFINED

1. The recruit, transport, transfer, harbour or receipt of an individual,
2. by means of deception, fraud, coercion, abuse of power, payment to others in control of the victim, threats of force, use of force or abduction,
3. for the purpose of sexual exploitation.

IDENTIFYING FACTORS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Lack of control over:

- Personal schedule and interactions
- Movement from one place to another
- Identification documents
- Finances and the provision of basic necessities

OUR FACILITY



The confidential and secure location of Deborah’s Gate provides victims of sexual human trafficking a safe, restorative environment that is staffed for 24-hour support.

The program currently has capacity to house 10 women and provides each individual with a private, apartment-style room that is fully furnished.



IN-HOUSE PROGRAMS



Deborah’s Gate offers a variety of in-house programs that teach basic life and living skills, coping mechanisms and goal development strategies. Residents

are encouraged to access on-site chaplaincy and spiritual support for their overall well-being.

Residents are served three hot meals a day and are invited to participate in communal dining with other residents.



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Deborah’s Gate works in collaboration with existing community resources equipped to provide confidential, professional and culturally sensitive services in the following areas:

- Law Enforcement
- Immigration
- Legal Counsel
- Income Assistance
- Counselling Services
- Medical Needs
- Addiction Services
- Translation Services

WHO CAN MAKE REFERRALS

1. Law Enforcement Officers/Units
 2. Government Ministries/Departments
 3. Non-Government Organizations/Ministries
- Anyone with information regarding potential victims of sexual human trafficking is encouraged to call **911** or Crime Stoppers at **1-800-222-8477 (TIPS)**

“The inhumane treatment I encountered in Canada was far from what I had imagined when I arrived here. kept telling myself ‘don’t let the evil defeat you lily, don’t lose your faith in God,’ but I really struggled; escaping my trafficker seemed impossible! After I was rescued, the Deborah’s Gate program helped me stand again with confidence. As a result of the untiring support from the staff, I experienced physical, emotional and spiritual healing and now I am free!” (Lily)