

## Hope Run Kenosha Announces 5k Run & 2-Mile Walk

*Event to Benefit the Fight Against Human Trafficking*

**KENOSHA, WI.** (April 1, 2014) -- Hope Run Kenosha is pleased to announce the first annual 5k run and two-mile walk to raise awareness in the fight against human trafficking locally, nationally, and internationally.

Taking place on Friday, June 6, the 5k run & two-mile walk will take place along downtown Kenosha's beautiful lakefront. The event will begin with a rally at 6:30 P.M. at Celebration Park on 55<sup>th</sup> street. The run & walk will then start at 7:00 P.M. with a celebration of the evening rounding out the festivities at 8:00 P.M.

For those interested in participating, Early Registration will be open through May 23 and will include a t-shirt for event awareness. General Registration will officially close on June 3. Costs for the 5k run are \$30.00 or \$15.00 for children 12 and under. Registration for the two-mile walk is \$25.00 or \$15.00 for children 12 and under. All registration and event information can be found at [www.hoperunkenosha.com](http://www.hoperunkenosha.com).

There will be trophies awarded the night of for the top overall male and female runners in the 5k, as well as for other age groups throughout the event.

### About Hope Run Kenosha

*Our purpose for 2014 is to raise awareness of Human Trafficking - primarily sex trafficking - locally, nationally and internationally. Hundreds of children and adults fall victim of this demeaning and brutal crime. Hope Run Kenosha seeks to RAISE awareness of the SUPPLY & DEMAND in our area. Kenosha is one of the alley-ways in which traffickers transport their supply to and from. Learn to spot the signs and know who to call for help. Hope Run Kenosha seeks to: STOP THE TRAFFICK!*

### The Facts:

- Over 20 counties in the state of Wisconsin have reported sex trafficking with 77 cases reported in Milwaukee alone in the last two years
- Over 200 victims of trafficking have been identified in Wisconsin
- The average age of a girl who enters into sex trafficking is 14 years old
- Every 10 minutes a woman or child is trafficked in the U.S.
- 14,500-17,500 victims (child and adult) are trafficked into the U.S. every year
- Over 300,000 U.S. children are at risk of commercial sexual exploitation
- 27 million people are enslaved around the world today
- \$32 billion is the annual profit worldwide from human trafficking

*(Source: SlaveFree Madison- [www.slavefreemadison.org](http://www.slavefreemadison.org))*

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