



### **Our Vision Statement**

We envision girls and women safe, protected from sexual exploitation and prostitution and experiencing wellbeing

### **Our Mission Statement**

PEARL empowers girls and women who are sexually exploited, trafficked and in prostitution, through support, education and Jesus' love, to embrace hope and renewal

**A new ministry is coming to Chilliwack, a drop- in resource centre, offering hope, support and renewal, for girls and women who are sexually exploited, trafficked, or in prostitution in our community!**

Often preceded by neglect and abuse in childhood, sexual exploitation, trafficking and prostitution facilitates the abuse, rape, murder, suicide, and devaluing of girls and women, and is widespread in Canada.

There are approximately 40 known women and 35 – 45 known girls being sexually exploited and trafficked in Chilliwack. Yet, 15% of sex work occurs on the streets; the other 85% is conducted in inside venues – *meaning there could be 400 – 800 or more girls and women being sexually exploited, trafficked, or in prostitution in this community*. Some are choosing to sell their bodies; others are forced to do so with drastic consequences.

**BUT 85% to 95% of those in prostitution want out, but have no other options for survival.** Moreover, research shows that support and resource options can help women exit and renew their lives.

- **PEARL Drop-in Resource Centre** for girls and women will offer support and access to resource options, including:
  - housing
  - addictions treatment
  - personal hygiene needs
  - counselling
  - life skills
  - education
  - job skills training and placement

***You are invited to the first PEARL Fundraising Awareness and Dessert Evening with Joy Smith!***

**Place:** Main Street Church, 9325 Main Street, Chilliwack

**Date:** November 25, 2016

**Time:** 7:00 pm, doors open at 6:30

**Tickets:** 604-316-4877