



MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO...

A SURVIVOR'S STORY

Kayla arrived at the Truth Home ready to start over. She was eager and determined to make her own fate. Here is her story in her own words.

“When you are young, you have a certain perspective on life, care free, optimistic and hopeful for your future. When you grow up, sometimes it’s not the perspective you once had. For me, it was something I never dreamed could have existed. Some people call it the most monstrous crime known to man, modern day slavery. With this I always felt alone.”



“Coming to the Truth Home helped me realize to trust the people who were there to help me and not feel alone. Knowing I am not alone helped me start the healing process. The trauma from being a victim of human trafficking was so horrific and it will forever be horrific for me. But with that it has made me stronger. I’m now fighting with a voice and a way to help others who have gone through the same thing. The Truth Home opened a door I never thought could be opened for me. I thought I was in too deep in a situation to ever get out of. I thought this is how I will die. I even wondered if God had turned his face away from me, abandoning me. I now see He had a bigger plan for me, one that would set me free to be an inspiration for other women. He had His eye on me the whole time. Once I realized all this and stepped into the Truth Home, my whole life started to change. Thank you for helping me heal.”

We are so proud of Kayla and have been amazed to watch her transform into a courageous survivor and leader over her own life. She has felt loved and supported because of you and others like you who believe it’s never too late to start over. Thank you for sharing your time, talent and treasure and making this all possible.

Fighting for freedom with you,
Carol Andersen

NEWS...

MANY, MANY THANKS!

As everyone continues to face difficult times during this pandemic, we want to share our appreciation to three organizations that have recently donated money to help us continue to support the survivors of sex trafficking in our Truth Home.

- **The Stabler Foundation** donated \$20,000 to Truth

for Women through a grant.

- **First Baptist Church of Allentown** donated \$6,000.
- **The Keystone Foundation** granted us \$5,000.

Thank You
FOR YOUR
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EVENTS...

4TH ANNUAL TASTING FOR TRUTH FUNDRAISER



4TH annual | **Tasting for Truth**
To benefit Truth for Women
Providing a sanctuary and emergency stabilization to survivors of sex trafficking.

Denim & Pearls Harvest Celebration
Cocktails and Cuisine on the Patio with Live Music

\$75 Friends | \$90 Benefactors
RSVP by 10/10/2020

October 24th, 2020
4:30pm - 7:30pm

Bell Gate Farm | 7081 Bell Gate Road | Coopersburg, PA

Tickets, sponsorships, and more information
available at www.tastingfortruth.com

THIS IS AN OUTDOOR EVENT

For more information on becoming a sponsor of this event or to register, click the button below:

REGISTER/SPONSOR

HOW YOU CAN HELP...

MAKE A DIFFERENCE TODAY!



Our work, and the hope of the women we serve, is heavily dependent on the financial contributions of the community, foundations and sponsors. Please consider supporting Truth for Women with your tax-deductible gift. In addition to financial contributions, we are also in need of supplies for our home. Please see the [Amazon Wish List](#) near the end of this newsletter if you are interested in donating specific items for the survivors in our Truth Home.

DONATE

MY SISTER'S CLOSET...

RESTOCKED FOR FALL

My Sister's Closet is filled with beautiful fall items. We have also restocked our Grounds for Restoration coffee beans and Thistle Farm products in time for the holidays. New jewelry will be arriving the first week in October.

We are scheduling personal shopping events at My Sister's Closet. Gather 3-5 friends and have a fun shopping night to yourselves up to 2 hours. If you are interested, contact us to schedule at: mascb@truthforwomen.org.

Donations are accepted during regular business hours:
Monday & Friday 10 - 5
Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday 10 - 6
Saturday 10-4



CELEBRATING MICHELLE ORR'S 10 YEARS OF SERVICE



Ten years ago Michelle Turck Orr relished her role as homemaker and stay-at-home mom to her two sons, ages 8 and 12. Though she was an active volunteer at her boys' school district, ran women's ministries at her church and pitched in at the local library, she felt she could carve out a bit more time from her schedule to be of service.

"I attended a local women's ministries' gathering to see what was happening in the

Lehigh Valley. It was there I heard about Truth for Women." Michelle was impressed with our mission and soon became involved.

Fast forward to September, 2020, My Sister's Closet. Our smiling, always cheerful and ever-stylish (yes, she buys many of those amazing outfits at My Sister's Closet!) Vice-President, Michelle Turck Orr, arrives early to tackle her day. Having come in on her own time over the weekend to clear out the remnants of our summer sale, she wastes no time rearranging the racks and shelves in our beautiful boutique to give it a fresh look for the new season. Michelle then presents the sales associate with an armful of gorgeous cool weather scarves and pashminas to price and display. Always the multi-tasker, she gives updates to the staff while tagging a large rack of clothing herself to expedite the pricing process for the associate she knows will have a busy sale day.

The volunteers arrive and seek her direction, and she shares her ideas with them about how to best prepare for tomorrow's 20%-off fall sale. She inquires how each volunteer is doing, is there anything special she can pray about for them, and reminds everyone to help themselves to the brown eggs she brought in from her mom's friend's farm.

Then there's the correspondence to return, phone conferences with board members, and staff and volunteer schedules to make up for the following month, as well as scheduling staff reviews and reconciling daily boutique receipts.

Whew!

Yet our elegant, humble Vice President takes it all in stride because, as she's often heard explaining to an inquiring customer at My Sister's Closet, "It's all about Truth for Women's mission."

Through her passion for our mission Michelle has worn many hats. "I started out as a volunteer, then sales associate, MSC Manager, Vice President of Operations, Vice President of My Sister's Closet and Fundraising Events, to my current role."

"I have seen Truth for Women go through a lot of changes through each new phase. I feel blessed to have met some extraordinary women along the way. It's been challenging and a real joy to be a part of an organization that is making a difference in our community. I have always loved being a part of Truth for Women's team (staff and volunteers) who are so passionate about the mission and to be a part of lifting each other up and encouraging each other in prayer."

Having begun her career at My Sister's Closet as a volunteer, Michelle says that one of her favorite parts of her job is to add volunteers to our team. "Most of our volunteers are retired, and I gain knowledge and wisdom from them daily. They are kind, compassionate, caring, loyal, and very hard workers. The volunteers bring joy to my days and make my job easier. I love working alongside our team of volunteers and staff! It helps give me insight into how valuable our volunteers are to the organization."

Michelle notes that though there have been many changes in her professional life in the past 10 years, the most precious constant has been her love and support for and from her family. "I've been married over 26 years to a wonderful husband, Matt, and we have two grown sons, I recently gained a beautiful daughter-in-law, Elisabeth, and I have a big 103-pound Bernese Mountain Dog, Baxter. Our oldest son, Ben, graduated from Baylor University in December of 2019 and got married in May of 2020. Our youngest son, Nathan, is a freshman at Colorado Mesa University. My husband owns his own company so it's always been important to me to have a flexible schedule. My first desire has always been to be there for my husband and our boys. My family has always been my biggest cheerleaders when I have volunteered and worked for TFW. So much so, you could find them volunteering at the TFW fundraising events to help raise awareness and funds."

For Michelle, a quote from Joanna Gaines sums up her philosophy going forward: "Don't quit, and don't give up. The reward is just around the corner. And in times of doubt or times of joy, listen for that still, small voice. Know that God has been there from the beginning and he will be there until . . . The End."

So, "Happy 10-Year Anniversary" from your friends at Truth for Women and My Sister's Closet, Michelle! And thank you!

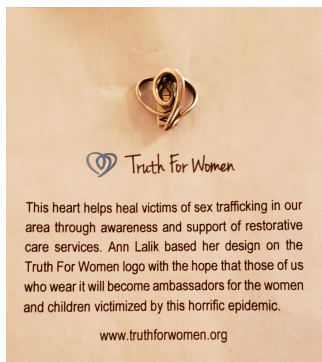
(Pictured above from left to right: Matt, Elisabeth, Ben, Michelle, and Nathan Orr)

OTHER INFO...

NEW: TRUTH HOME WISH LIST NOW ON AMAZON



As we welcome new survivors into our Truth Home on a regular basis and are in constant need of restocking essential items for them, we have created an Amazon Wish List. The online list makes it easy for you to pick out items that our survivors need while staying in the Truth Home and have them sent directly to Truth for Women. All donations are greatly appreciated!



TFW HEART PENDANTS AND PINS ARE AVAILABLE!

We have the TFW hearts available in both pendant and pin forms. These make great gifts. You can purchase your charms or pins on our website at the link below or visit My Sister's Closet, 3400 Bath Pike, Suite 103, Bethlehem, PA 18017,

[Online Store](#)



AMAZON SMILES ON TFW

Do you frequently shop on Amazon? Why not make a difference with each of your purchases? Simply choose "Truth for Women" as your organization of choice on Amazon Smile and a portion of all purchases will be donated to TFW.

[Amazon Smile](#)

ABOUT TRUTH FOR WOMEN

Truth for Women is a non-profit organization offering sanctuary for survivors of sex trafficking through our Truth Home, a safe haven for emergency stabilization. Through its 24-hour care, the Truth Home empowers women to heal and create a new future. In addition, Truth for Women has an upscale resale boutique, My Sister's Closet, based in Bethlehem, Pa., that provides financial support for the organization and skills training for women in transition.

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