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## SEE IT - END IT FILM & ARTS FESTIVAL 2020 DATES ANNOUNCED DURING HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH

*The Two-Day Prevention Through Awareness Event Set to Bring Stories of Hope & Freedom to End Human Trafficking*

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual See It - End It Film and Arts Festival will take place on Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, from 6 pm - 10 pm, and Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020, from 10 am - 10 pm, at the historic Warner Grand Theatre and Grand Vision Annex located at 478 West 6th Street in San Pedro, CA.

Through the power of film, music and the arts, this two-day education, prevention, and awareness building event will bring home this growing human rights violation. Attendees will experience compelling true stories of hope and resilience from survivors of human trafficking, listen to moderated panel discussions and Q & A sessions with survivors, allies, law enforcement, and filmmakers, to understand the complex issue at hand with greater clarity and establish their place to assist in contributing to the fight against human trafficking. The Founder of See It - End It Patrick Erlandson states, "Human trafficking is affecting far too many families to be allowed to continue being seen as the problem of others, that someone else will deal with. Each of us have a part to play in ending this."

Proceeds from the event will go to expanding outreach and awareness of human trafficking, and programs of this year's non-profit partner, YWCA of the Harbor Area. The YWCA is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. "Awareness is the first step to the prevention of human trafficking, so that no child should suffer this horrific human rights violation" says YWCA Executive Administrator Sonia Bailey.

Cyber safety films and activities will be presented for children, in both Spanish and English. Organizations and vendors will provide products and resources for prevention, awareness, assistance for victims of human trafficking, and information on ways to take action. Families are also invited to participate in a free "Kids' Zone" to enjoy a variety of interactive activities including internet safety tips with Officer McGruff and others in the Grand Vision Annex on Saturday.

Guests, sponsors, and supporters include Honorary Event Chair LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn, Councilman Joe Buscaino, Congresswoman Nanette Barragan, District 44, Senator Steven Bradford, District 35, Marathon, Rancho LPG, Liz and Alan Johnson, Rancho LPG, , San Pedro Rotary Club, Rotarians Against Human Trafficking, Boys and Girls Club, Beacon House, SA Recycling, Sr. Kathleen Bryant, Religious Sisters of Charity, Trades of Hope, Saving Innocence, Journey Out, Long Beach Human Trafficking Task Force, Kids in the Spotlight, Artists for Change, Forgotten Children, Freedom Ride Project, Flicks4Change, Hidden Tears Project, So. Cal. Faith Coalition Against Human Trafficking, Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking, Law Enforcement, and more. Contact [info@seeitendit.com](mailto:info@seeitendit.com) for sponsorship, advertising, donation, and volunteer information. Tickets start at \$20 for students and \$25 for General Admission and are available at [SeeitEndit.com/buytickets](http://SeeitEndit.com/buytickets) or on Eventbrite. All donations are tax deductible. Federal Tax ID #95-1691337. For donation and sponsorship information please contact Sonia Bailey at (310) 547-0831.

### About YWCA of the Harbor Area:

Since 1918, the YWCA of the Harbor Area has provided services to women, girls and their families through a variety of programs that have evolved to meet the changing needs in the surrounding communities. The YWCA continues to be a pioneer in the fight for racial and social justice to assist women and their families. For further information visit [ywcaharbor.org](http://ywcaharbor.org).