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**Junior League of New Orleans and Eden House Host Premier Screening of
“Surviving Sex Trafficking” on March 30 at The Broad Theater in New Orleans**

Bringing Awareness to the Issue of Sex Trafficking and Raising Funds for Eden House

NEW ORLEANS, LA - In partnership with Eden House, the Junior League of New Orleans (JLNO) Abolish Committee is hosting a premier screening of Sadhvi Siddhali Shree’s 2022 film, [“Surviving Sex Trafficking.”](#) at The Broad Theater on Wednesday, March 30 at 7 p.m. Tickets sales are open to the public and benefit Eden House and their mission to eradicate trafficking and create systemic change through youth prevention, education and legislative advocacy, and recovery and re-entry services for victims. A short panel talk with trafficking survivors will follow the film.

With 45 million sex trafficking victims worldwide, only 1% manage to escape or be rescued. “Surviving Sex Trafficking” examines the ongoing struggles of those survivors as they desperately fight to break free of their past, heal their bodies and minds, reconnect with a world of hope, and reclaim their lost humanity.

Through conversations with victims and trips to women’s shelters around the world, “Surviving Sex Trafficking” reveals their stories and how they escaped, how they continue to survive, and how they live day to day with the repressed trauma from the horrific events they experienced.

Shree directed and produced the film, with Sadhvi Anubhuti co-producing. Executive producers include Alyssa Milano, Jeannie Mai and Jeezy.

This is the second film focused event held by JLNO and Eden House, with an online talk taking place on Dec. 15, 2021 about Shree’s 2017 film, “Stopping Traffic,” an inspiring documentary featuring heroes of the anti-sex-trafficking movement and bringing light to their efforts to raise awareness and provide solutions.

Tickets to the screening and panel talk can be purchased at www.jlno.org/abolish. Ticket proceeds benefit Eden House. Additional donations can be made to Eden House at edenhousenola.org/donate.

For media interview opportunities, please contact news@jlno.org.

ABOUT THE ABOLISH MOVEMENT

Junior League of New Orleans (JLNO) joined the Association of Junior Leagues International's initiative, the Abolish Movement, in 2019 and is committed to uplifting the anti-trafficking efforts of experts in the field through free educational programming for the public and JLNO members.

The Abolish Movement was founded in 2014 by the Junior League of Tampa to unite Tampa organizations and agencies in drawing attention to the problem of child sex slavery in the Tampa Bay area. In 2017, the Association of Junior Leagues International adopted Abolish as an association-wide initiative. The Abolish Movement has since expanded to educate the public about all forms of human trafficking.

ABOUT THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF NEW ORLEANS

The Junior League of New Orleans is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. More information on the organization can be found at www.jlno.org.

ABOUT EDEN HOUSE

Founded in 2011, Eden House is the first recovery home for adult victims of human trafficking and commercial exploitation in the Greater New Orleans area. Eden House is patterned after Magdalene House/Thistle Farms in Nashville, Tennessee, which has a long history of providing successful recovery services for trafficking survivors. Eden House addresses our community's epidemic of human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation for all races and ages. Learn more at edenhousenola.org.

ABOUT SADHVI SIDDHALI SHREE, DIRECTOR AND PRODUCER

Sadhvi Siddhali Shree is the first North American Jain female-monk, US Army veteran, TEDx speaker, social justice advocate, author, and documentary filmmaker. Driven by her deep-seated devotion to humanity, she uses her talents and skills to raise awareness about violence in the world and ways to change it. She found her calling after seeing a film about sex trafficking. It was then that she decided to work with activists to expose the horrors of the 150-billion-dollar industry. Her first film, *Stopping Traffic: The Movement to End Sex Traffic*, did just that, drawing awards from festivals as well as international attention on the important issue.

With her team of filmmakers and monks, Shree travels the world to women's shelters and to victims who are ready to talk, share their stories, and fight for a better future. With her upcoming sophomore feature *Surviving Sex Trafficking*, Shree calls for empathy and understanding for ostracized survivors to help them, and the world, heal from the tragic wounds caused by sex trafficking.

ABOUT STOPPING TRAFFIC PRODUCTIONS

Stopping Traffic is a 501c3 non-profit organization with a mission to help eradicate modern-day slavery by raising awareness about trafficking through campaigns and documentary films to support and empower sex-trafficking survivors, and partner with qualified non-profits to unify the movement against human trafficking.

The success and impact “Stopping Traffic: The Movement to End Sex Trafficking” (2017) lead to the establishing of Stopping Traffic as a non-profit.

Co-founded by Acharya Shree Yogeesh, Sadhvi Siddhali Shree & Sadhvi Anubhuti.