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NORTHEAST GUIDANCE CENTER AWARDED \$25,000 FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING COMMUNITY SERVICES FROM THE ETHEL AND JAMES FLINN FOUNDATION

DETROIT, MI – December 16, 2016 – The Ethel and James Flinn Foundation awarded Northeast Guidance Center a \$25,000 grant that will be used to work with community advocates to raise awareness about the growing crime of human trafficking, collaborate with community stakeholders dedicated to protecting victims and increase access to behavioral healthcare for survivors by expanding services through education, training and resources. Gaps in service include training professional staff to identify victims; a collaborative referral effort and resources, such as safe residency, integrated healthcare and transportation; and community education.

“It is through our commitment to innovative care that persons have the greatest chance to benefit from best practice treatments that support independence, inclusion and recovery,” said Sherry McRill, President & CEO. “Our annual Anti-Stigma Forum during Mental Health Awareness Month will open discussion on combatting human trafficking, the stigma associated with modern-day slavery and provide training and resources for professionals and the community.”

NEGC and Community Network Services will host an Anti-Stigma Forum at the Conner campus on Thursday, May 4, from 5-8 p.m. with keynote speaker Theresa Flores, human trafficking survivor, victim’s advocate and author of *The Slave Across the Street*. Ms. Flores is also the founder of S.O.A.P. (Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution). In January, NEGC will begin to engage volunteers in the labeling of bars of soap and identifying motels and hotels where the soap can be discretely placed for people who are being forced to participate in activities against their will.

About Northeast Guidance Center

Founded in 1963 and located on Detroit’s east side, Northeast Guidance Center is committed to the health of children, adults and families by providing innovative community based services through behavioral and primary healthcare. NEGC’s vision is to be leaders in building strong communities where people are mentally, emotionally and physically healthy. www.neguidance.org

About Ethel & James Flinn Foundation

The Ethel and James Flinn Foundation is a Detroit based private foundation established in 1976 by Ethel “Peggy” Flinn who passed away in 1994 and her brother, James “Jim” Flinn, Jr., who was diagnosed with schizophrenia in his early 20’s and led a remarkable life until his passing in 2007 at the age of 91. The Foundation is committed to improving the scope, quality and delivery of mental health services in Michigan. Since inception, over \$30 million in grants have been awarded. The Foundation’s geographic focus is primarily Southeast Michigan, defined as the counties of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Washtenaw. www.flinnfoundation.org

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