

## GLAM, GLITZ & GIVING GALA

We are in awe of how God miraculously united people with gifts and talents to put the first Glam, Glitz and Giving Gala together at Arthur Murray! First a huge thank you to Liz Wagner who came up with the idea to incorporate dancing for the cause to fight human trafficking. Secondly, Thank you to Jeff the manager of Arthur Murray's Dance Studio (federal way) who generously donated his staff's time, talent and their facilities to host the event!

A huge shout out to our committee, Liz Wagner, Elizabeth Lambert, Ellen Champion, Christina Watson-Foreman, Trish Otterholt, and Tracy Teixeira for your hours of planning, preparing for the night!

There is no greater joy than to see our volunteers share their gifts and talents in the most creative way! Thank you to the models, who were all so wonderful.

Elizabeth Lambert not only designs beautiful gowns but she also is a gifted writer and poet who wrote and choreographed the evening's Spoken Word Fashion show depicting the life of a survivor from darkness & death into light & life!

David Jung the MC, creatively wove the human trafficking information to wake us up to the reality of exploitation and it's evil. Thank you to our models who wonderfully depicted a glimpse into a life of trafficked survivors!

We are grateful to the Reverberation Band, who played through out the evening! The cater, Shelly served us a classy and creative blessing table.

We are so grateful to our Executive Director Dennis & his wife Dawn Morris, our board, volunteers and supporters who came out to the first of hopefully many Glitz, Glam and Giving Charity Gala!

And above all we are grateful to our LORD and Savior who made this all possible! What a unique opportunity to testify of what He has done to "set the captives free" !

*'It really was a beautiful evening!'*

**Adorned Volunteer**





# VOLUNTEERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

## Joy In Volunteering by Debbie Smith, Saturday Lead



I found out about the boutique through a Facebook post a friend shared. Volunteers were needed. **Maybe I could do that I thought, and also contribute in some small way to the fight against human trafficking.** Three years later and I have come to learn so much and see that **the boutique is a unique work of God that touches volunteers, customers and visitors in profound ways.** One of my favorite things is sharing why we exist with someone who just found us through a Google search. **When they find out this beautiful store is an arm in the fight against human trafficking their face lights up and they want to be in on it!** It's a joy to serve those who walk through our doors and know that **through our efforts someone else can be helped to walk out another door that has imprisoned them for far too long.**

## Volunteers Join Hands To Update The Esther Room

Before

After



This quarter, volunteers Ellen and Ava, teen Eagle Scout, teamed up to give the Esther Room an updating. It's been very fun to watch the transformation and hear the joy of returning volunteers and customers.

***"It's so bright and happy, I just love it!"***

Working with Redfin Real Estate for the past 8 ½ years as a Principal Agent, my lifelong passion has been real estate, educating first time home buyers or sellers, helping them navigate the labyrinthine details of a transaction. **My favorite part of real estate has been taking a hovel and creating a home and then sharing that with folks who will love it.**

**Volunteering at Adorned has definitely been a "God Thing"** for me. I attended a tea late last spring, and **that Still Small Voice asked me to help, there was a need, a need that a check couldn't cover.** I was being asked to give of my time, not just my treasure. What was initially going to be a few hours a month is now every Friday. **There is rarely a Friday that I am not crying tears of joy for a bride that has found just the right dress, at just the right price.** Girls trying on dresses for proms who are so beautiful inside and out it takes my breath away. **I am thankful for the opportunity to use my creativity in enhancing the already lovely décor at the boutique. I am so incredibly blessed.** Thank you to the Godly women who are teaching me to pray with, and for, those that enter our doors. **God knows exactly what I needed; right here, right now, for such a time as this.** - Friday Lead Ellen Campion

## OUR VISION

Communities where people are transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, able to live healthy lives free from the risk of exploitation.





# OUTREACH & PARTNERSHIPS

## Blue Mouse Theatre Partnership

On October 26th the manager of Blue Mouse theatre, Susan Evans, gave opportunity for Compassion Washington and local experts to bring awareness of human trafficking in our own community before that evenings screening of "Sound of Freedom".

We were blessed to have Deputy Sheriff and Founder/ CEO of Genesis Project Andy Connor, Pediatrician and Trauma Informed Care Specialist, Dr. Deborah Rodriguez, and Licensed Marriage Therapist, Ordained Minister and Author Dr. Amanda Montgomery speak and answer questions.

Thank you to Francine McCormick who invited all the bunco ladies and the community to learn how she creatively supports the mission to fight human trafficking !

*"I had no idea this problem existed in our communities..." Event Attendee*



## Tacoma South Sound Rotary Annual Putt Putt Tournament

We had fun participating at the Tacoma South Rotary's Annual Putt Putt golf tournament at Harkness Furniture! It was another amazing evening for a great cause! Great work team!



## Christmas Open House

Thank you to Solutions Dental Dr. Gilge and staff and patients for partnering with us in the mission field. We had a great time meeting new friends and connecting with old friends over food, fun and fellowship!

**We are eternally grateful to our Lord and Savior who orchestrates the unity we have to do His work, His way, for His Glory!**



Save the Date  
March 2, 2024

## Wonders of Compassion Annual Fundraising Event

5:30pm - 8:00pm

New Community Church  
3201 S 23rd St, Tacoma, WA



At Mission Fest



Rescue America Calling



Boutique Lead Volunteers

## OUR MISSION

Compassion Washington unites with local communities to share the compassion of Christ by providing free healthcare events and fighting human trafficking.





# FROM THE DIRECTORS

## Ministry Director



Chris Gilge

**Who is my neighbor?** This question was asked of Jesus, and He responded with the parable of the Good Samaritan. I have been given a new insight and a practical response to minister compassion to the vulnerable after receiving an inquiry on Facebook from a “neighbor” looking for connections; by God’s grace, I

responded to her message. **This simple interaction led to hours of conversation which led directly to helping a survivor “neighbor” who needed emergency assistance.** This was God’s perfectly orchestrated opportunity to connect numerous non-profits and agencies to offer the help the survivor needed in each moment of her flight from danger. **Simply responding to a Facebook message led numerous people to offer practical assistance and hope for our “neighbor” in the moment of need.**

Not only did the survivor receive assistance, this same Facebook encounter introduced Compassion Washington to a partnership with **Rescue America. Rescue America exists to rescue, revive and empower the sexually exploited through a 24/7 Rescue hotline and emergency response; it is essentially a frontline responder for victims of trafficking who want out.**

We are pleased to announce **we are the first Rescue America Ambassador Hub in Washington State to be able to offer a lifeline to survivors, “our neighbors”, who wish to exit out of “the life” of exploitation.**

Quote from a volunteer, ***“I didn’t know how I could help fight human trafficking, but I can make phone calls! This has been so rewarding knowing that I am offering help as a first responder!”***

**Please consider joining us the first Sunday of every month** as we engage in the mission to fight human trafficking with our Rescue America community. We offer prayer and a life line “for such a time as this.” **For additional information please contact me at [Chris@compassionwashington.com](mailto:Chris@compassionwashington.com).**

“Who is my neighbor?” **Our neighbor is everyone, especially those who are the most vulnerable!** Our best example is Jesus Christ, the King of Kings who humbled Himself and became “vulnerable”, born as a baby to save the world from death and our sins. May we His people **“Love the Lord our God with all our heart, all our soul, and all our strength, and all our mind, and our neighbor as ourselves” (Luke 10: 27)** as we live the words of **Micah 6:8 “ .... what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?”** With love, Chris

## Executive Director



Dennis Morris

As we close our first full year as Compassion Washington I **continue to be amazed at how the Lord is working in our midst.** This has been a very busy quarter with a number of events, programs, and Holy Spirit led appointments. In addition to those areas described in this newsletter

I wanted to highlight a couple more here.

November presented us with the opportunity to participate in **Missions Fest 2023 at Bellevue Presbyterian Church.**

This is a new event for us, and the cost of participating was kindly gifted to us through a generous donor. It was a well attended event with many missions focused organizations and speakers represented from around the world. We were one of the few organizations there that are focused on combatting human trafficking. **It was a blessing and encouragement to meet so many other missions focused organizations and how the Lord is using each of us further His Kingdom.** This was also a great event for letting people outside of our immediate area learn more about **Compassion Washington.**

In December we had the opportunity to participate in a **“Veterans Standdown”, at the American Legion in Parkland,** where veterans focused organizations provided essential resources to veterans in need. We were one of the only faith-based organizations represented. **We are considering veterans groups as a focus area for our dental and healthcare events in the future. It was clear that a great number of veterans are in need of dental and medical care, but also in need of hearing the message of hope from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**

**We have also started a co-ed Bible study on Progressive Revelation on a Timeline, taught by Tim Smith, Saturdays at 11:30 - 1pm, at the Ministry space, 3104 S Union Ave, Tacoma. We’d love to have you join us.**

**Thank you for your continued prayers and support.**

Regards,  
Dennis

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wonders of Compassion March 2, 2024**

**Bible Study for all Saturdays 11:30 - 1 at Ministry location.**

**Women Bible Study (email for times)**

**Awareness & Prevention Workshops - Feb 8, April 11**

**Bunco Fundraiser - Last Thursday of the month**

**Rescue America Phone Calling - First Sunday of the month**

**Healthcare Events - April & June 2024**

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