



## **BLOG:** New Homeless Shelter in NW DC?

In our latest blog, our summer intern Danielle Baron delves into the intricate relationship between homelessness and human trafficking. Traffickers often target individuals experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity. In fact, the National Network for Youth estimates that one in five youth experiencing homelessness have been trafficked. As a result, increasing the number of safe shelter and housing options is critical in the effort to prevent trafficking in our community. The DC government is taking steps to address homelessness with their recent announcement to convert a former university dorm into a shelter for unhoused individuals.

Read our <u>blog</u> to learn more about DC's new shelter and the intersection between homelessness and trafficking.



## Pathways to Justice: Donate to Amara Legal Center

Based in the heart of Washington, D.C., we provide free, trauma-informed legal services to survivors of sex trafficking and individuals engaged in commercial sex.

Our work is guided by a deep commitment to supporting our clients in leading self-determined lives and advocating for their rights both inside and outside the courtroom.

However, we can't embark on this mission alone. Your support is indispensable. Your donation directly fuels our program, enabling us to provide free legal services to our clients every day. Please consider donating to our Pathways to Justice campaign today. Your contribution, no matter how big or small, makes a meaningful impact.

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## How to Get Involved

**Volunteer:** Consider lending your time and skills to make an impact on the lives of survivors and sex workers. Complete our online form to express your interest in serving as a <u>volunteer</u> or <u>board member</u>. We are currently seeking individuals with experience and expertise in fundraising, event planning, marketing, community building, and/or accounting.

**Spread Awareness:** Share our mission with your network, igniting conversations that drive understanding and empathy.



## Facebook Live #Highlight - Lunch and Learn with Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center

This month, our Executive Director, Caroline Ackerman, had the privilege of being a featured speaker at a <u>Facebook live Lunch and Learn</u> event hosted by the Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center for hosting us and facilitating an engaging dialogue on the realities of human trafficking and the legal issues survivors face.

Amara is here to provide free legal services to sex trafficking survivors and sex workers in the District of Columbia and Maryland.

Contact Amara at 240-257-6492 or info@amaralegal.org today.

