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Documentary on human trafficking to be screened at Bow Tie Criterion

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In an effort to raise awareness about human trafficking, CAPTAIN Youth and Family Services and Saratoga Center for the Family will host a screening of "I Am Jane Doe," at 6:15 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, at the Bow Tie Criterion in Saratoga Springs. The screening will be followed by a reception, sponsored by Panza's Restaurant, and a Q&A with filmmaker Mary Mazzio.

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children define sex trafficking as "the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing or soliciting of a person for the purposes of a commercial sex act." The web has made it 'easy' to buy a child for sex: Anyone can go online at any time to order a child who will be brought to a local hotel for you.

Award-winning international filmmaker Mazzio exposes this truth in a documentary, which features American mothers who wage a battle against sex trafficking on behalf of their middle-school aged daughters.

The next day, Mazzio will also be the keynote speaker at the third annual Safe Harbour Conference at Skidmore College. The free, day-long conference, beginning at 8:30 a.m., aims to educate, inform, raise awareness, and take steps to prevent and stop trafficking and commercially sexually exploited youth (CSEY) and to familiarize attendees with victim resources and services available in Saratoga County.

Targeted toward front-line workers, youth advocates, school officials, law enforcement, college and university officials and employees, nonprofit employees and others in contact with youth who are susceptible to trafficking and CSEY, the conference features breakout sessions aimed to raise awareness.

Online registration and payment for the screening can be found at www.captaincares.org by clicking on News and Events.

Registration for the Safe Harbour CSEY conference can be done at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/3rd-annual-saratoga-county-safe-harbour-conference-tickets-32825984403?aff=es2.

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