



**Living in Freedom Together**  
Empowering and Elevating Survivors

# Empowering Women Who Have Been Sexually Exploited

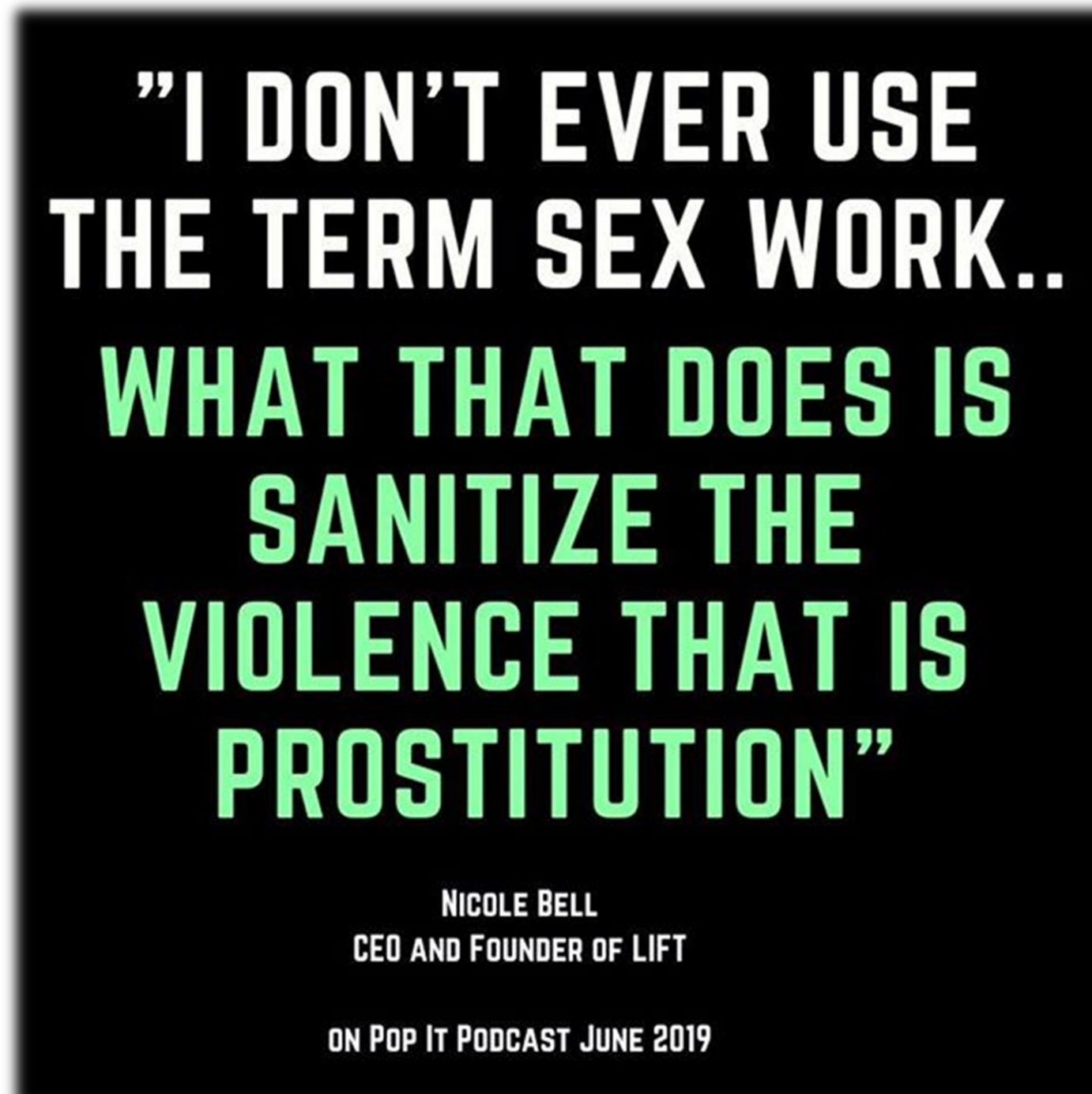
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Summer Service-Learning Assistantship Program



## What is LIFT?

“**Living In Freedom Together (LIFT)** is a **survivor-led** organization comprised of those who have overcome **commercial sexual exploitation** (CSE), and professionals sensitive to the needs of this vulnerable and marginalized population. Our mission is to provide resources, advocacy, and support to **empower individuals to exit and recover from the impacts of CSE, and to end prostitution**”



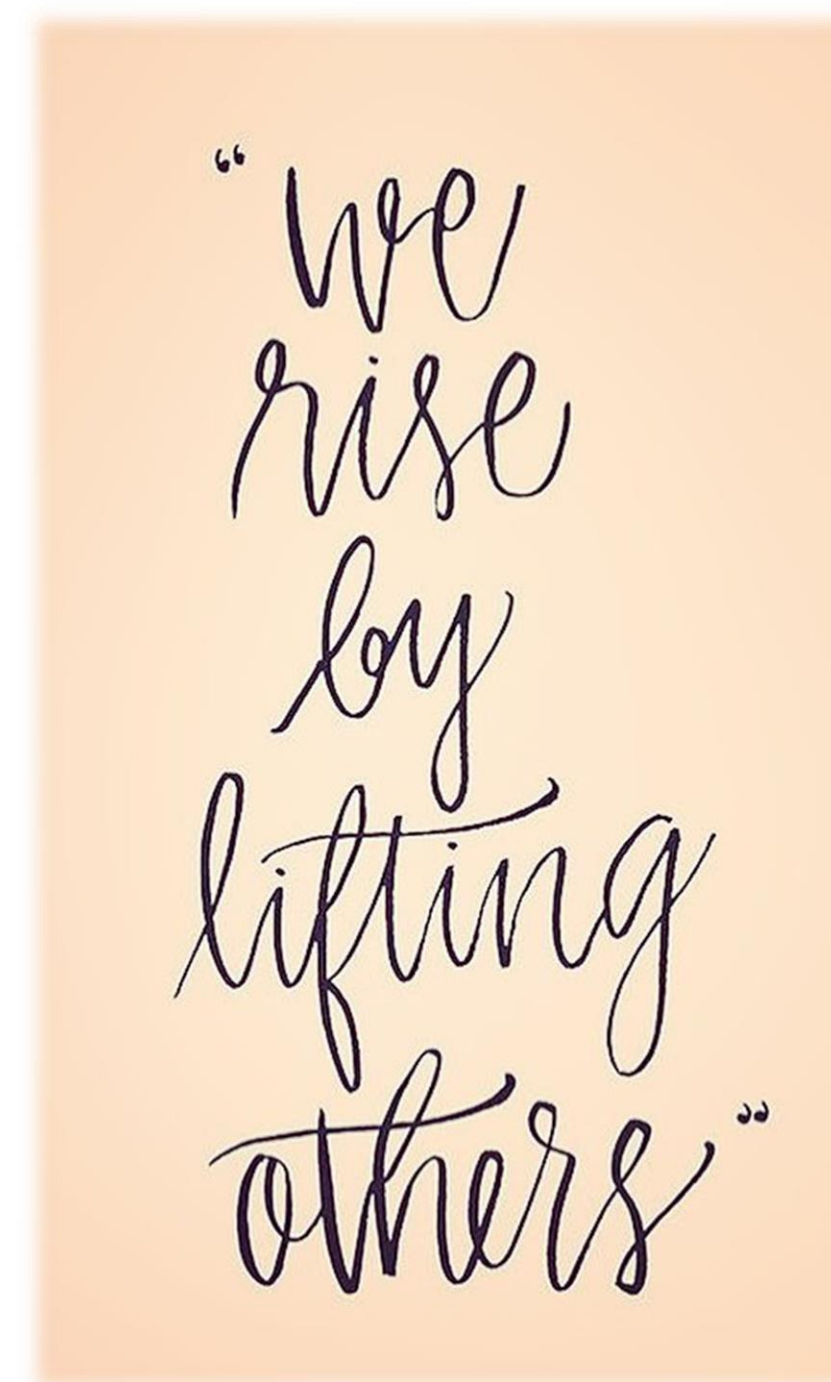
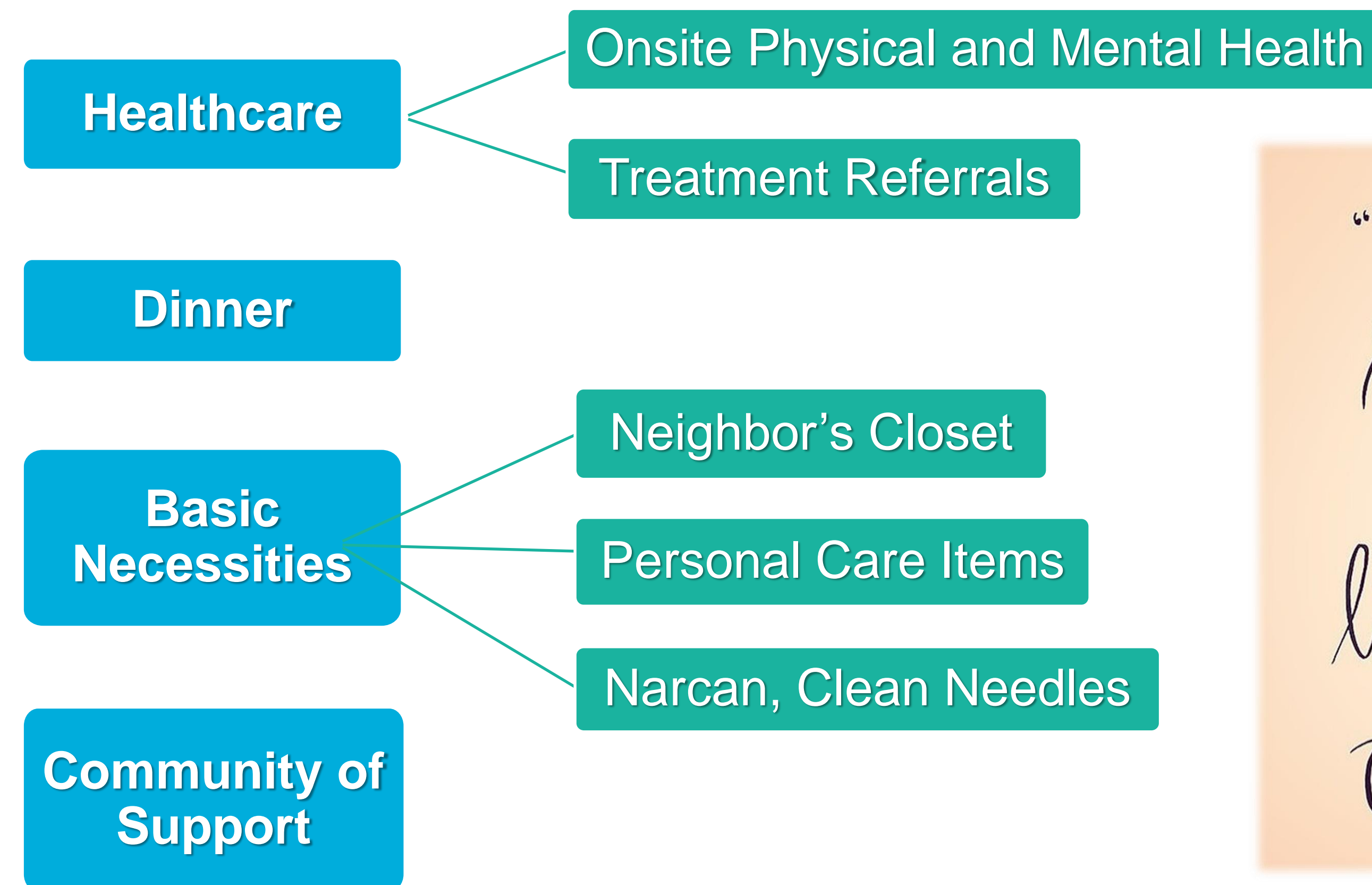
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## The Drop-In Center

**When:** Tuesdays 9 AM – 12 PM; Thursdays 4 PM – 8 PM

### Services Provided:



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## So what can we do?

- Be empathetic, non-judgmental listeners
- Undergo training on how to interview patients in this vulnerable population
- “If you see something, say something”
- Get to know your community in a non-clinical setting
- Advocate for the “Equality Model”
  - **Decriminalizes** all those who are prostituted
  - Provides **support services** to help them exit
  - Makes **buying people for sex a criminal offence**



## Jana's Place...it's finally here!

“**Jana's Place** is a first-of-its-kind **recovery home** for women exiting prostitution and recovering from substance use disorder (SUD) with co-occurring mental health disorders. Our recovery model will focus on **holistic, sustainable recovery emphasizing self-care, life skills development, and job training opportunities**”

