



Join us in making a difference in the lives of those impacted by sexual exploitation on Thusday, April 3rd, 2025 at Le Treport **Wedding & Convention Centre** 

## **ABOUT US**





#### > Meet Katarina

After being sexually exploited for fifteen years, I was finally able to escape, but there were no safe houses or mentors to whom I could turn. I struggled so much with my own mental and emotional health, I felt compelled to be that person for the many other women who had gone through what I had.

Once you can free yourself from
"The Game", you are left with
nothing but an empty shell of who
you once were. It doesn't just vanish,
it takes years, sometimes a lifetime
to heal from this tragedy.



Trafficked women have been to the depths of darkness, resulting in **C-PTSD**, addictions, dissociation, flashbacks, triggers, trust issues, and financial challenges. I know from personal experience and from the women I now mentor, being freed is the hardest thing that I have ever had to do. Victims face psychosis, anger, hurt, and not knowing how to adjust to today's society.

Unfortunately, **human trafficking exists,** and it is here in our own back yards. It can happen to anyone, it happened to me, and there are many other victims just like me. **Together, we can help these women get their lives back.** 

Katarina Macleod
Founder & Executive Director

## **OUR MISSION**

Our Mission is to bring education about commercial sexual exploitation to professionals and the public, and to provide supportive services and safe environments to women affected by commercial sexual exploitation, allowing them to experience physical, mental, social and spiritual restoration in their lives.

Based in the Greater Toronto Area, Rising Angels provides training, programs and support across Ontario and all Canadian provinces.

"It is vital to have someone who understands what you've been through and are going through now."

Katarina Macleod
Executive Director of Rising Angels

Survivors face societal stigma and discrimination, which can hinder their efforts to rebuild their lives and force them back into exploitative situations.



## WHAT WE DO

Located in Peel Region, Ontario and serving the Greater Toronto Area, **Rising** Angels was founded by Katarina Macleod, a survivor of fifteen years of commercial sexual exploitation. Katarina and her team are passionate about raising awareness of the tragedy that occurs across Canada every day, in your neighborhood and in ours.

Rising Angels provides assistance to women who have been affected by commercial sexual exploitation, whether involuntarily (human trafficking), or independently due to a lack of choice. Through public speaking, we provide facts, statistics, and prevention tips so that every Canadian, young, old and inbetween, can become part of the solution.



Between 2011 and 2021, Canadian police services reported over 3,500 incidents of human trafficking.



97% of victims of police-reported human trafficking were women and girls.

## WHAT WE DO

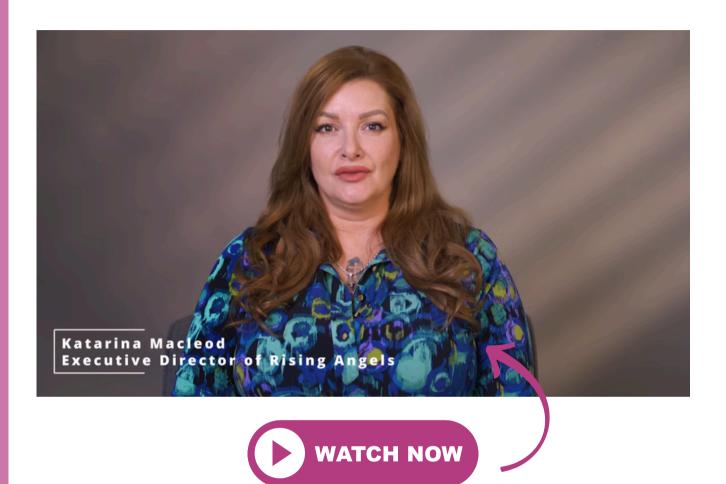
Through mentoring, coaching, and trauma-informed counseling, we support women when they are in crisis, and throughout their journey. We offer vital training to service providers and front-line workers through seminars, specifically focused on ensuring that attendees understand the suffering these women experience. Our mentors have been personally trained by Katarina to ensure that they understand the dehumanizing harm caused by this type of traumatization. The seminars are survivor led and include the use of our "Mending Broken Wings" resource manual.

We operate from an abolitionist position and believe that commercial sex is inherently dangerous and embodies violence against women. We desire healthier, safer alternatives and a world where females are respected and valued as human beings.

Rising Angels changes lives by providing emotional support, while walking alongside its clients on their road to recovery.

## **LEARN MORE**

Learn more about what we do at Rising Angels:





## WINGS OF HOPE



## **→ Roger Petersen**

Joining us as the Master of Ceremonies is CTV News Channel Weekend Anchor, Roger Petersen

## Deidre Haight

Deidre is the first born of Katarina MacLeod Executive Director of Rising Angels. Deidre saw her mother through many dark seasons. She has shared her story in many different settings explaining the impact of growing up with a mother trapped in sexual exploitation.

Their healing journey has brought them to a place of sharing their story together and encouraging others that there is hope.



Wings of Hope is an empowering evening of awareness, entertainment and so much more being held at Le Treport Wedding & Convention Centre, 1075 Queensway East, Mississauga, Ontario on Thursday, April 3rd, 2025

## WINGS OF HOPE





Katarina MacLeod, Executive Director Rising Angels will share her journey from years of sexual exploitation, to creating Rising Angels and helping countless victims reclaim their lives.

## Patricia Wheeler

Saxophonist Patricia Wheeler has performed throughout North America with such diverse artists as Michael Burgess, Ronnie Hawkins, Alex Pangman, Regis Philbin, and Serena Ryder. She is a long-time member of the JUNO Award® winning Neufeld-Occhipinti Jazz Orchestra, and has contributed to the pit orchestra of the Shaw Festival Theatre in historic Niagara-on-the Lake through several productions. Patricia holds a PhD in Music, and when not performing, is the Big Band Director for the New Horizons Band of Toronto and a professor of composition and film music history at Toronto Metropolitan University and Centennial College.



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#### > Patti Jannetta & Band

Singer-composer, Actor, Patti's journey began as a teen actress in the LA/Vegas production of Jesus Christ Superstar. She toured with Ronnie Hawkins and Bo Diddley, promoted 3 albums across N. America, Europe, and Asia, starred in her own CTV special and created Memories of Louis Jannetta & The Imperial Room that tours to enthusiastic audiences.







#### Jackie Richardson O.C.

Jackie is an award-winning singer and actor whose career spans more than five decades, earning her national recognition as Canada's reigning queen of jazz, blues and gospel.

Join us in supporting the vital work that Rising Angels does all while dancing the night away to headline entertainment, art competition, an enticing silent auction and so much more.

## **SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS**

#### **GUARDIAN ANGEL (2 SPONSORS)**

\$10,000

- •Corporate logo and name on all social media and marketing materials
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- •Gala tickets 20 (includes VIP reception)
- Opportunity to speak as Presenting Sponsor
- •Inclusion in all advertising (radio, print, digital)
- •Prominent onsite signage

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- Onsite signage

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- Onsite signage

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- Onsite signage

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# Thank You

Thank you for your support and for joining us in our mission to empower survivors. Together, we can make a real difference in the lives of those who need it most. Your contribution is deeply appreciated.

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