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## **The Women's Center Anniversary Luncheon** **Focuses on Survivors of Human Trafficking**

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WAUKESHA, WI – The Women's Center's Anniversary Luncheon will feature presentations from local and national experts on human trafficking and on empowering survivors to rebuild their lives. Keynote Speaker Lisa T.D. Nguyen, founder and executive director of Senhoa Foundation, will discuss how Senhoa addresses modern slavery by working with women and children in South East Asia. Additionally, James L. Santelle, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, will speak to the prevalence of trafficking in the Greater Milwaukee region. The Anniversary Luncheon will be held Friday, May 2, 2014 at the Italian Community Center (631 E. Chicago St., Milwaukee). The event will run from 11:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. and will include a large silent auction and a raffle. Tickets for the luncheon are \$60 or \$600 for a table of 10. For more information about this event, or to register, visit <http://twcwaukesha.org/event/anniversary-luncheon/>.

“The Women's Center is pleased to be celebrating its 37<sup>th</sup> anniversary by uniting members of our community in a commitment to healing and empowering survivors of trafficking and violence,” stated Angela Mancuso, The Women's Center Executive Director.

Outside of her work with Senhoa, **Lisa T.D. Nguyen** is the emcee for Asia Entertainment, Inc., a variety musical production company with millions of viewers worldwide. **Senhoa Foundation** supports vulnerable persons and survivors of human trafficking by providing income-generating opportunities, social reintegration and programs for self-empowerment. **James L. Santelle** is the chief federal law enforcement officer for the Eastern District of Wisconsin and can address the impact of trafficking on our communities.

### **About The Women's Center**

Founded in 1977, The Women's Center is a non-profit human service agency that provides a wide range of free and comprehensive services designed to address the issues of domestic violence, sexual assault and abuse. These services include emergency shelter for abused women and their children, transitional living, 24-hour Hotline, group and individual counseling, onsite childcare, child abuse prevention programming, legal advocacy and employment counseling. The Center also provides Hispanic outreach, community education and violence prevention programs, information and referral services. In 2013, The Women's Center served over 9,000 individuals.

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*Providing safety and support to women and their families and facilitating their development.*

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