



*It will be a shelter and a shade from the heat of the day,  
and a refuge and hiding place from the storm and rain.  
Isaiah 4:6*

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## Media Release

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### **Announcement of Sex Trafficker Conviction Welcomed at Refuge of Light Benefit Gala**

(November 21, 2016, Tyler, TX) – Guests applauded at the Refuge of Light benefit Gala on November 11, 2016 at the Lake Tyler Petroleum Club when the announcement of the conviction and sentencing of sex trafficker Roger Saldana was made. Bringing the news of the 55 year combined sentence for **sexual assault of a child** (20 years) and for **trafficking of persons** (35 years), to the event, was Floresville Human Trafficking attorney Christina Hartmann and Lead Investigator Kevin Ficke of the 81<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Office.

The testimony of a resident of Safe Home, a specialized therapeutic foster group home for under-aged, female, American victims of sex trafficking, led to his conviction. Refuge of Light provides sanctuary and restoration for victims of sex trafficking in an undisclosed location in East Texas.

The mission of Refuge of Light is to provide a safe haven, redemptive rescue, and restoration of female victims of domestic minor sex trafficking through advocacy, awareness and holistic care. The three goal areas of emphasis for ROL are training and education for professionals, advocacy through mentoring at-risk girls, and sanctuary at Safe Home

For more information about volunteering or contributing to Refuge of Light or any of its services, call Missy Zivney at 903.283.2752 or visit [www.refugeoflight.org](http://www.refugeoflight.org).

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