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2023–2024

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NEWSLETTER

September 2023

Monthly Zonta Meeting

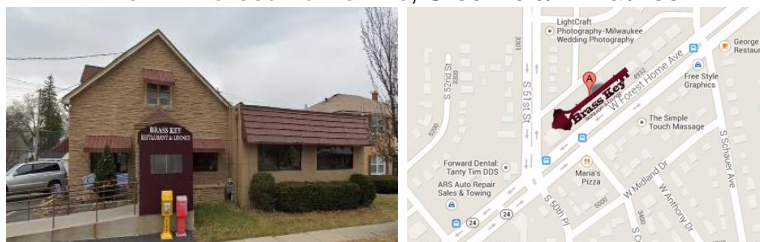
In-Person Meeting
Wednesday, September 27th
Social 5:30 / Meeting @ 6pm

Speaker: Celia Jackson, *Community Volunteer/Advocate, serves on the Coalition for Safe Driving MKE*

Topic: *Vision Zero*

Milwaukee County's Complete Communities Transportation Planning Project has an ambitious goal of Zero Deaths on all roadways.

Meeting Location: Brass Key Restaurant
4952 W Forest Home Ave, Greenfield/Milwaukee



Meal choice: Chicken Kabob or Salmon

*Reservations and meal choice are due to Ruth Robertson
(ruthrob59@att.net or text/call at 414-403-8192)
by 5pm on September 21st*

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Hello Zontian Sisters,

WOW, we are in the dog days of summer! September is here and the club is off and running preparing, and planning for upcoming fall events, such as, our Annual Fall Fashion Show and Prospective Member Reception.

Our August meeting was a strategic planning meeting at which we were honored with the presence and participation of prospective member Habiba Ahmad. The planning meeting proved instrumental in collectively focusing the club on Zonta International (ZI) and club 2022-2024 biennial goals, giving thought and consideration to current and moving forward Zonta outreach.

The D6 October 2023 Fall Conference, held in Alton, IL is fast approaching. The conference provides an opportunity to meet, share and learn from fellow district Zontians as well as opportunity for clubs to vote for District officers, Area Directors, and proposed By-Law amendments. The Milwaukee Club is entitled to (2) delegates and alternates to participate in the voting process. As always, looking forward to the enthusiastic “yes” when asked to do so.

Joann Harris-Comodore

President – Zonta Milwaukee



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2023 Fashion Show Committee

Fall Into Fashion: Build a Better World for Women and Girls Saturday, October 21, 2023 at the Marriott Milwaukee West.

You should have received your invites and an electronic version of the invite. Please start inviting your friends, relatives, coworkers, neighbors and more and especially anyone you think would make a good Zonta member. Please try to sell or purchase a table of 10.

Reservations are required by October 7, 2023 to

Helen Ludwig. Online reservations can be made at Eventbrite <https://2023-zonta-fashion-show.eventbrite>.

Make sure you make your meal choice chicken pasta primavera, roasted vegetables en croute or garden salad with chicken breast (gluten free option).

Please continue to ask businesses and restaurants you frequent for **item or gift card/certificate donations** for our **raffle and silent auction** and consider donating an item or themed basket yourself. (Letter and form sent out to members June 6). **Bring items to the September meeting or get to Laurie or Pam.**

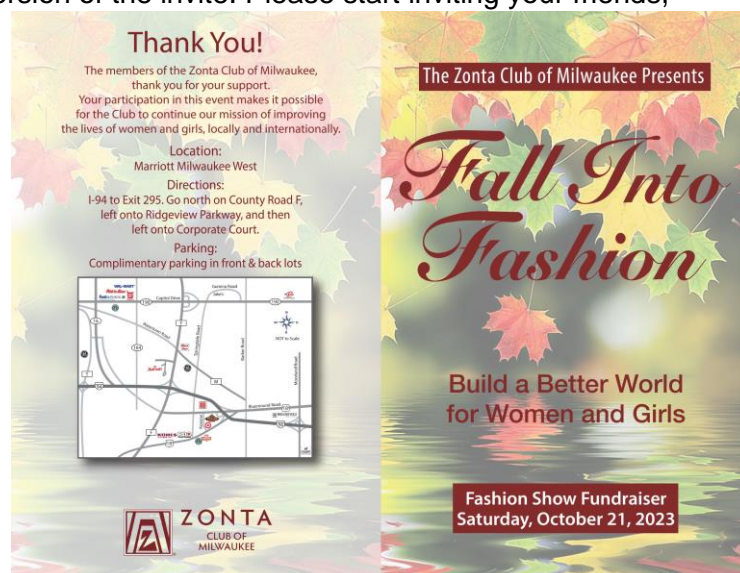
This year there are **two options** for donating towards the fashion show's **Wine Pull**:

1. A monetary donation (\$20 recommended) can be made, as in years past.

OR

2. Donate two bottles of wine with a minimum full price value of **\$12 each**.

You can send a check to Donna Neal made out to Zonta Foundation, Inc. to 2624 E. Bellevue Milwaukee, WI 53211 and denote wine or bring wine to September meeting or get to Deb or Karen before then.



Please join us
for lunch, networking, fashions and fun as we celebrate our Zonta Club's 97 years of service, advocacy, and community involvement.

Your support in 2022 helped fund these local agencies:

- CORE/EL Centro's Trauma and Healing Services
- Exploit No More's Freedom House
- Franciscan Peacemakers' Social Enterprise Program
- Milwaukee Muslim Women's Coalition's Our Peaceful Home Youth Leadership Program
- Milwaukee Women's Center's Emergency Shelter
- Sojourner's Hope and Healing Services
- The Women's Center Waukesha

As well as two \$1,000 local scholarships

Fashions by
Mainstream Boutique: "At Mainstream Boutique, we are dedicated to caring for others. We are passionate about lifting customers up and making them feel beautiful. We believe in the power of community and in the value of strong local communities. Our boutique carries a unique, multi-generational product assortment."
Jeanette Dvorak, Owner
Access Boutique: Your "One Stop Accessory Shop"
Jeanette Dvorak, Owner
Hollyville: "Milwaukee's one stop shop for your retro, rockabilly, pinup, and vintage inspired clothing and accessories since 2016. It has continued to be what brings me much joy, not only for myself, but seeing joy on the faces of my many excited and happy customers when they find something that they love."
Pam Pfeiffer, Owner

For more information about Zonta, or this event, go to our website at www.zontamilwaukee.org or to our Facebook page www.facebook.com/ZontaClubMilwaukee/

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The Zonta Club of Milwaukee Presents

Fall Into Fashion

Build a Better World for Women and Girls

Saturday, October 21, 2023
at the Marriott Milwaukee West
W231 N1600 Corporate Court • Pewaukee, Wisconsin

Please Join Us
Mix & Mingle 10:00 am
Bids & Raffles 10:00 am
Lunch 11:00 am
Fashion Show Noon

Luncheon Menu Choices
Chicken Pasta Primavera
Penne pasta in a parmesan cream sauce with roasted peppers, zucchini, portabella mushrooms, sliced roma tomatoes, an herb-seared chicken breast and a side salad.
OR
Roasted Vegetables En Croute
with Boursin cheese, baked in a puff pastry with sherry wine sauce and served with green beans and a side salad
OR
Garden Salad with Chicken Breast
with assorted vegetables, tomato, cucumber, and grated carrot
No side salad included
All entrees include dessert, roll, butter, coffee and tea.
Balsamic vinaigrette and Ranch dressings will be available on the side along with croutons

Reservations Required
To join our celebration, return your Reservation card no later than **October 7, 2023**
or reserve online at <https://2023-zonta-fashion-show.eventbrite.com>

We will also be collecting **gift cards** again (minimum \$20 value) for our **"Gift Card Tree."** Please provide gift cards to Pam at the September meeting or before.

Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry will be sending out the **volunteer signup sheets** for the day of fashion show duties. Please let her know what you want to sign up for and she will also have the list at the September meeting.

Our next fashion show committee meeting will be **Tuesday, October 10 at 6 pm via zoom.**

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Membership

Please invite any potential members to our in-person meeting on Wed. Sept. 27th. We will also be inducting a new member, Habiba Ahmad at our meeting as well. So come to welcome her in-person.

We are planning a **Prospective Member Reception for Wed. November 15, 2023** in place of our regular meeting. It will be held at MRA in Waukesha from 5:30 to 7:00. We will be asking members to participate as part of the program and also to bring liquid or food refreshments for that evening. An invite will be coming.

Your membership committee is also planning to have a **training session on Saturday, Sept. 30th from 9 to 10 am via Zoom** covering the first two sessions of Zonta's Core Competencies (Zonta Essentials & Club Essentials). You will or have received an email from Pam with info and attachment. All members are invited to attend but especially newer members that have joined in the last few years. We will track members' participation in this program.

All track topics are found on myzonta.org/tools/leadershipdevelopmenttools		Core Competencies Reimagined – 2022-2024						All Manuals are found on myzonta.org/governance/manuals	
Onboarding with Zonta (Governance)	Goal Inspired Leadership	People Leadership	Financial Leadership	Communication Strategies (Business Strategies)	Membership Engagement and Growth	District Leadership	Specialized Committees (Core Competencies.pdf)		
Zonta Club Manual Learning Zonta Basics	Zonta Club Manual Appendix B Appendix C	Zonta Club Manual Section 2 Section 3 Section 4	Club Manual Section 2 Appendix F Appendix G Appendix H	Club Manual Appendix D	Zonta Club Manual Section 4 Zonta Protocol Manual	Zonta District Manual Zonta District Conference Manual	Zonta Club Manual Zonta Protocol Manual 4.3 Prepare and Monitor Budget 5.2 Writing A Communications Plan		
1.1 Zonta Essentials	2.1 Strategic Planning, Long Range Vision and Goals	3.1 Building a Strong Zonta Team	4.1 Role and Responsibility of Club Treasurer	5.1 Zonta's Brand Identity Guidelines	6.1 Creatively Engaging and Motivating Members	7.1 Zonta Board Basics	Advocacy Committee Zonta.org/Our Causes Zonta.org/myzonta/tools/Advocacy Tools		
1.2 Club Essentials	2.2 Zonta Board Orientation	3.2 Speak with Power and Conviction	4.2 Financial Management of Club Leaders/Treasurer	5.2 Writing a Zonta Club's Communication Plan	6.2 Engage Members through Meaningful Service and Advocacy	7.2 District Governor Preparation	Membership Committee Marian deForest Manual Membership tools on Zonta.org		
1.3 Governance Structure	2.3 Effective Meetings	3.3 Volunteer Leadership	4.3 Prepare and Monitor Budget	5.3 Web Tools for Clubs	6.4 Mentoring Coaching Members	7.3 Lieutenant Governor Preparation	Service Committee Zonta.org/Our Programs Zonta.org/myzonta/tools/Service Tools		
1.4 Bylaws	2.4 Succession Planning	3.4 Effective Club Committees	4.4 501(c)(3) Organizations for US Clubs	5.4 Club Newsletters	6.5 Targeted Recruitment Planning and Execution	7.4 Area Director Preparation	PRC Committee Zonta.org/myzonta/tools/PR tools and logos		
1.5 Zonta.org	2.5 Measuring Club Performance	3.5 How to Get What You Want	4.5 Tax Status for US Clubs	5.5 Social Media Best Practices	Membership FAQ	7.5 District Treasurer	Scholarship Committee Zonta.org/Our Programs Zonta.org/myzonta/tools/awards/scholarship and fellowship tools E-Learning Module 6 6.3.1 Amelia Earhart 6.3.2 YWPA Training 6.3.3 Jane M. Klausman		
1.6 Club and Protocol Manuals	4.3 Prepare and Monitor Budget	3.6 Club Training and Retreats	4.7 Club Risk Management	5.6 How to Attract Low-Cost Media Attention		7.6 District Secretary	UN Committee Zonta.org/our causes Zonta.org/myzonta/tools/UN tools		
Zonta eNewsletters Z.org	5.2 Writing... Communication Plan	3.7 Resolve Conflict				7.7 District Parliamentarian	Fundraising Committee Zonta.org/myzonta/tools/Fundraising Tools/Fundraising ideas		
Zontian magazine Z.org						7.8 District Committees			

ZD6LeadershipDevelopment Core Competencies Reimagined

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Service

Service Update, September 7, 2023

Our summer Service activities are showing good progress and some real results!

We undertook two service projects this summer:

- In June, Milwaukee Club members did a gardening project for Exploit No More (purchased, installed and planted raised garden beds) and provided dinner to the residents. "Exploit No More" is dedicated to see all survivors of sex trafficking treated with dignity and have access to safe housing, supportive services and the ability to move forward to work toward their goals." They are also one of the five agencies we identified as "high priority" for our service. (Photos below)
- Neu-Life Back-to-School Service Project: At the April 26th club meeting, members agreed to again support the Neu-Life Backpack Project this year. We collected 50 backpacks with supplies for the kindergarten and elementary children which were distributed on July 28th at their annual back to school party. "Neu-Life" is a near-north side nonprofit providing year-round educational and recreational programs for youth, from early childhood to young adults."



Future Plans

Service Committee representatives met with several organizations that we ranked highest among the 19 agencies that applied for Zonta Foundation grants in 2021 and 2022, to determine potential future service projects or partnerships.

We looked at the mission, vision, activities, and service needs of the 19 applicant organizations, and identified these 5 as top with respect to aligning with our Zonta mission and our club's service areas of interest. Based on member feedback we are looking at more "hands-on"/ or "in-person" service activities.

We are planning an upcoming meeting with Service Committee Representatives to discuss the opportunities and a plan to bring to the Club.



Calendar of Events

September Club Meeting: Sept 27th

October Club Meeting: Oct. 25th

November Meeting/Prospective Member: Nov 15th

Membership Training Zoom: Sept 30th 9am-10am

Fall Conference: Oct 6th-8th

Zonta Club of Milwaukee Fundraiser: Oct 21st



2023 Zonta Club of Milwaukee STEM Scholarship Recipient

Valentina Romero-Moran is this year's Zonta Club of Milwaukee's STEM Scholarship recipient. As an architecture student with a deep passion for sustainability and a strong belief in community and people-centered design, her academic and professional goals revolve around creating innovative and environmentally conscious spaces that positively impact individuals and their surroundings. She passionately believes that architecture can shape our lives and that humans and nature can learn how to co-exist.

Valentina's goals are her dreams, and she wants to join the 1% of Latinas who are licensed architects. She actively seeks opportunities to expand her knowledge and skills beyond the classroom by attending lectures and being an active participant and now officer of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers. These experiences have broadened her understanding of sustainable design principles and have practical insights that she can apply in her future career.

Valentina's academic reference wrote: "In addition to her impressive academic and professional résumé, Valentina is particularly deserving of this scholarship due to her consistency in breaking through barriers that would more typically prevent students from seeking and obtaining such success in higher education and in general. It has been quite rare in my experience to witness such academic achievement considering how the odds may be against her especially as a woman in a STEM field, first generation, student of color, and recent immigrant with socioeconomic challenges. Valentina is simply exceptional, and it has been such a joy to work with her."

START
EXPLORING
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WITH
Zonta



G'day .

I hope you will join me in Brisbane, Australia next June for the **66th Zonta International Convention**. Registration opens in January, but start planning your trip to Australia, now. I promise it will be a truly memorable event.



Warm regards,
Judy Gorton
2024 Convention Committee Chair

www.zontaconvention.com



2023 Grant Recipients



Exploit No More's mission is to respond to the impact of sex trafficking through community education, housing, and supportive services. Exploit No More's vision is to be dedicated to seeing all survivors of sex trafficking treated with dignity and have access to safe housing, supportive services, and the ability to move forward to work toward their goals. Funds from the Zonta Foundation will help them continue their 24/7 operations of Freedom House, a remodeled apartment building that provides a warm and safe bedroom to sleep in, good food to eat, a hot shower, laundry, personal care items, and individualized case management services. Guests at Freedom House regularly say that staying there and benefitting from the services "saved their life."



Milwaukee Muslim Women's Coalition's mission is to lead positive community change through advocacy, dialogue, education, and outreach, using faith-based values to ensure dignity and equity for all. Their vision is a world that nurtures women and girls and empowers them to reach their fullest potential. Funds from the Zonta Foundation will support their Girls Hoops Club, an important addition to their Youth Leadership Program. Sports participation is known to increase confidence, improve health, and enhance academic success. The Girls Hoops Club will further support the mental health and physical wellbeing of Muslim girls and young women who are part of Milwaukee's immigrant and refugee communities.



SOJOURNER

Sojourner Family Peace Center's mission is to transform lives impacted by domestic violence. Their core program areas focus on crisis response, systems advocacy, and healing services. They strive to ensure the safety of survivors of domestic violence and provide a pathway out through opportunities to make positive and lasting changes for survivors and their children. Funds from the Zonta Foundation will support their Healing Services, which provides resources, support, and assistance to achieve personal goals and self-sufficiency. Specialized programming is designed for children and teens who have witnessed family violence. Healing Services offers referrals to survivors in many forms related to education, employment, financial empowerment, and wellness.



CORE El Centro's mission is to enhance the health and wellness of our communities by offering integrative natural health services focused on empowerment, healing, safety, and reducing barriers to access. CORE El Centro is a grass-roots organization by and for Latin woman and families in Milwaukee's nature-deprived, low-income, underserved neighborhoods. Low-income and minority communities in Milwaukee experience systemic inequities in health care, higher exposure to health threats, and worse health outcomes. Funds from the Zonta Foundation will support women in low-income households accessing an array of Trauma & Healing services including holistic natural therapies, health navigation, and health and wellness education and fitness classes.



MILWAUKEE WOMEN'S CENTER
A Division of Community Advocates
Where Abuse Ends and Hope Begins

The **Milwaukee Women's Center**'s mission is to provide innovative, culturally competent, holistic care. The agency's vision is to serve and support individuals and families so they can live their lives free from domestic violence, addiction, and trauma. Funds from the Zonta Foundation will support the Domestic Violence Emergency Shelter Program serving women and their children who have been affected by domestic violence in Milwaukee County. The Shelter provides safe housing and supportive services, including counseling and support groups, safety planning, and comprehensive case management to address housing and other basic needs. In addition, children participate in age-appropriate trauma-informed programming to increase their awareness and prevent the cycle of domestic violence and to increase their safety planning and self-esteem.



THE
CATHEDRAL
CENTER

The **Cathedral Center**'s mission is to provide a safe environment for women and families, while working to end homelessness—one life at a time. Funds from the Zonta Foundation will support their employment program called the Women's Independence Program (WIP). Its purpose is to empower women and parents who are facing a housing crisis to achieve their fullest potential. WIP weaves professional case management, a stable and supportive living environment, courses on work readiness and personal growth, meaningful incentives, and access to a network of actively engaged employer partners. With a focus on employment, WIP is designed to improve the economic status of women, resulting in increased income and long-term independence and financial stability.



Awesome Young Authors has a mission to empower and encourage children in their literacy and literary journey by providing various programs and initiatives. They believe that education can be a powerful catalyst for change. Their Empowerment Through Education Program aims to provide women and girls with access to quality education and development opportunities to overcome barriers, gain independence, and contribute to the socio-economic development of their communities. Funds from the Zonta Foundation will improve the Program by expanding outreach and providing scholarships, improving the quality of educational resources, training materials, and facilities, and forging new partnerships with schools, vocation training centers, and community organizations.

Zonta International UNICEF USA 2022 – 2024 \$5000,000 Project **Engaging Girls on Climate Change in Madagascar Girls**

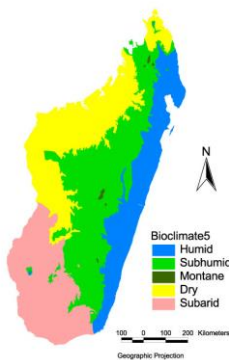
The goal of the Zonta International project is to support girls and a generation of children and adolescents by providing environmental education in Madagascar through child friendly schools in Beloha and Ambiovombe districts in the region of Androy, the drought prone region in the South.

The project will not only provide immediate and short-term impact, but also create robust enabling environments in which successful projects can be replicated at scale and be sustained in the long- term, thereby multiplying the impact on women, girls and boys over time.

Environmental conditions leading to this project.

Located off the coast of East Africa in the Indian Ocean, Madagascar is the second-largest island country in the world. It covers an area of t 592,800 sq. kilometers.

Madagascar is a poor country, and climate change adaptation is costly. Protecting the country's unique ecosystems is considered a central adaptation strategy.



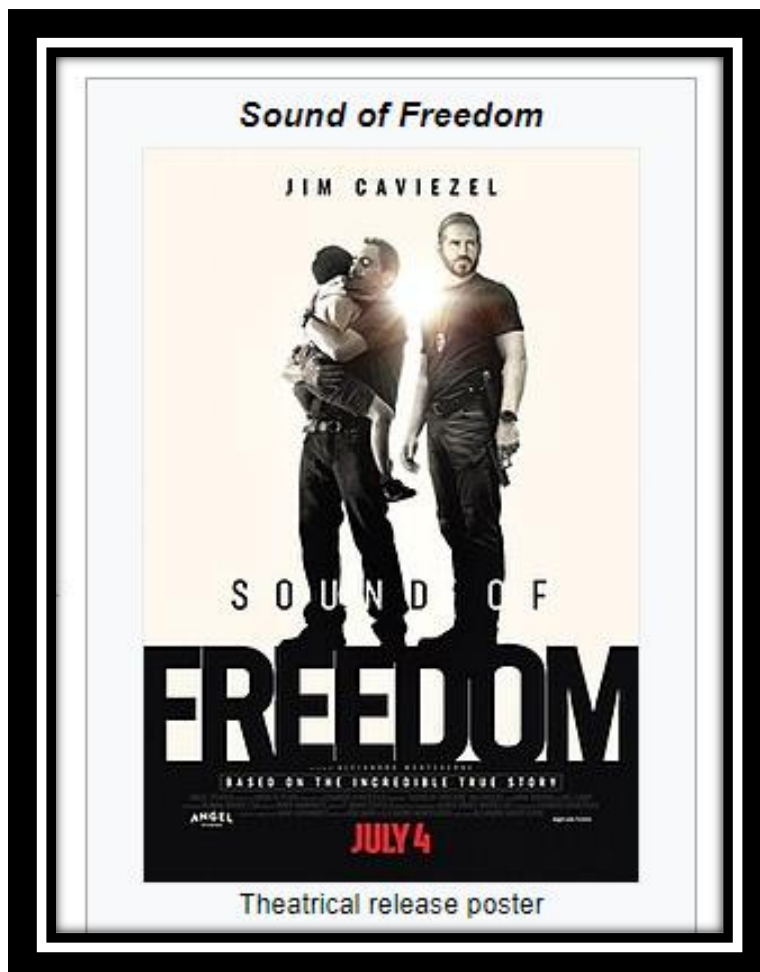
Madagascar finds itself a victim of climate change. There are recurrent waves of drought in the south. The water sources dry up. and all the means of subsistence become almost impossible. Southern populations are bearing the weight of climate change which they did not participate in creating.

Agriculture in Madagascar is being affected by climate change, with smallholder farmers extremely vulnerable to its impacts. The effects of climate change on agriculture, such as increased drought, greatly threatens Madagascar's population, 80% of which relies on agriculture for livelihood.

The severe 2021–2022 Madagascar famine, which followed the worst drought in four decades, has been linked to climate change by the United Nations and media commentators, with poverty, poor infrastructure and high dependence on rain-fed agriculture being primary factors.

Water supply in Madagascar is poor, with a 2018 estimate suggesting that 66% of the population in rural areas and 49% in urban areas lack access to drinking water. Madagascar was facing one of the world's most severe water crises as of 2021 due to poor water management infrastructure, deforestation, erosion and saltwater intrusion. Decreases in annual rainfall, increased evapotranspiration and sea level rise are projected to further reduce water availability across much of the country. Water in Southern Madagascar, where groundwater is the primary water source during the dry season, are likely to be severely affected as water becomes further limited.

Climate change also has significant implications for health in Madagascar. The incidence of respiratory infections and diarrhea is increasing and these, along with malaria and malnutrition, are expected to increase in the 21st century due to climate change. Cholera outbreaks and malnutrition as well have been linked to climate change.



If you haven't seen this movie yet, I would highly recommend it. It is still showing in our theaters.

"God's children are not for sale."

The incredible true story of a former government agent turned vigilante who embarks on a dangerous mission to rescue hundreds of children from sex traffickers.