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I love to share stories of hope and transformation from the lives of the homeless and street involved young people we serve. But these only tell part of the story of New Horizons Ministries. Our Late Night Outreach (LNO) program at New Horizons serves young people involved in domestic trafficking. For over 10 years, we have been a presence on the same street corner serving young women involved in prostitution and, more recently, young men involved in pimping. Over that time, our LNO team has built relationships that create the opportunity to speak into young people's lives and we have been privileged to see young women and a young man involved in pimping come out of the life.

After a young person has done the hard work to step away from this lifestyle their confidentiality is important. If their past becomes public, society can be harsh on young people who have left the life of domestic trafficking. I wanted to share with you a story of the amazing transformation that has occurred in the life of one of the young people the LNO team serves and honor their hard work by maintaining confidentiality.

New Horizons has been involved in the life of one young woman served by the LNO team for over 8 years. Recently several former and current LNO staff members were invited to attend a graduation event, the culmination of 2 years of school! Pursuing an education has allowed this young woman to gain employment skills, empowering her to stay off the streets and begin a life free from the bondage of domestic trafficking.

The look on this young woman's face when she told us about her upcoming graduation was priceless. She was beaming from ear to ear when she said, "New Horizons saved my life!" Lives truly are changed through the love of Christ, extended by the LNO team. This young woman is representative of the women served by LNO who have courageously stepped away from the streets and into the unknown, going to school and now serving in jobs within the community.

It is for work like this that our own Sheila Houston, Director of Outreach Services, was recently awarded the inaugural Lincoln Award by Seattle Against Slavery. Sheila and the others who faithfully serve on the LNO team, stand on the street corner, stand against domestic trafficking, and stand as a witness to Christ's redemptive love. This is a vital part of the work we do at New Horizons Ministries.

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