

## **EVENT TALKING POINTS**

Thank you for hosting a booth for The Younique Foundation. Please read through this sheet before you start and refer to it throughout the event as needed.

When hosting a booth, we ask that you distinguish yourself as a **volunteer** for The Younique Foundation rather than as an employee.

### THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Be sensitive to the people who visit your booth.
- Avoid using profanity and/or discussing graphic details about sex or sexual abuse.
- Don't make any changes or additions to The Younique Foundation logo or graphics.

### THE YOUNIQUE FOUNDATION MISSION STATEMENT

We inspire hope in women who were sexually abused as children or adolescents by providing healing services through **RETREATS**, **SURVIVOR COMMUNITIES**, and **ONLINE RESOURCES**.

We make it safe to openly discuss sexual abuse through community dialogue and social awareness.







## **QUICK FACTS ABOUT SEXUAL ABUSE**

• 1 in 4 girls is sexually abused before they're 18 years old.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/acestudy/about.html

60% of survivors are perpetrator by a trusted friend.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, National Sex Offender Public Website https://www.nsopw.gov/en-US/Education/FactsStatistics?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1#prepetrators

• 30% of survivors are perpetrated by a family member.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, National Sex Offender Public Website https://www.nsopw.gov/en-US/Education/FactsStatistics?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1#prepetrators

• 31% of sexual assaults against teens occur within their own home.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, National Criminal Justice Reference Service Website http://www.ncjrs.gov/App/publications/abstract.aspx?ID=194972

• 1 in 6 boys is sexually abused before they're 18 years old.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/acestudy/about.html

• 90% of survivors know their perpetrator.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, National Sex Offender Public Website https://www.nsopw.gov/en-US/Education/FactsStatistics?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1#prepetrators

30% of survivors will perpetrate.

Source: Center for Sex Offender Management http://www.csom.org/pubs/mythsfacts.html

Children with disabilities are three times more likely to be sexually abused.

Source: Sullivan, P. M., & Knutson, J. F. (2000). Maltreatment and disabilities: A population-based epidemiological study. Child abuse & neglect, 24(10), 1257-1273. https://pdfs.semanticscholar.org/0e8d/21b6b0caf16ead7f72a52b374d7dc7125bf2.pdf

 Children who are sexually abused face the reality of suffering from depression, struggling in school, burying pain in substance abuse, engaging in unhealthy relationships, and contemplating suicide.

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### **DETAILS ABOUT OUR HEALING SERVICES**

#### **RETREATS**

Three weeks each month, TYF hosts female survivors of childhood sexual abuse at The Haven Retreat. From Monday to Thursday, these women gather to learn, reflect, and rejuvenate. To sign up, you can visit **youniquefoundation.org.** 

#### **SURVIVOR COMMUNITIES**

TYF has launched Finding Hope Support Groups to provide an opportunity for survivors to share their courage, hope, and experiences in a safe community. Meetings strengthen survivors as they practice TYF's 5 Strategies to Reclaim Hope. Survivors who want to start a group can email *questions@findinghope.org* 

#### **ONLINE RESOURCES**

There are many valuable resources on the TYF website to help survivors and supporters alike. You can learn everything from grounding techniques to how best to help when someone discloses abuse. Also, follow all of TYF's social media platforms.

#### **DETAILS ABOUT GETTING INVOLVED**

If people are interested in getting involved, send them to **youniquefoundation.org/volunteer.** 

### A CALL TO ACTION

Encourage people you talk with to visit our website and follow us on social media. You can also ask visitors to tell three friends about what they learn at your booth.





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-Elizabeth Lesser-

## **FOLLOW US ON**

# SOCIAL MEDIA









TO FIND HEALING RESOURCES AND WAYS TO HELP SURVIVORS OF CHILDHOOD SEXUAL ABUSE.

YOU CAN ALSO SUPPORT SURVIVORS BY SHARING OUR POSTS WITH YOUR COMMUNITY.





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## **GO HOME AND**

# **TELL 3 FRIENDS**

ABOUT THE YOUNIQUE FOUNDATION

AND WHAT YOU LEARNED

ABOUT HOPE AND HEALING

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## MAKE A

# DONATION

IT COULD BE
ONE-TIME OR RECURRING,
AND ANYTHING YOU DONATE
IS DOUBLE-MATCHED
BY OUR FOUNDERS.







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#### FINDING HOPE SUPPORT GROUPS

We have developed peer-led support groups that have three priorities in mind: Safety, Community and Education. Gathering with other survivors in a safe environment to share support can significantly contribute to the healing journey. For information on finding a group to attend or in starting a group in your community, visit findinghope.org.

#### THE HAVEN RETREAT

The four-day retreat focuses on activities that increase the likelihood of healing from the trauma of childhood sexual abuse. While many activies are in a group setting (8-12 women) with other adult female survivors of childhood sexual abuse, participants also have personal time to reflect and rejuvenate.

Any adult woman who was sexually abused at or before age 18 is eligible to attend The Haven Retreat. Also, participants must be able to safely live in a social environment for four days with a group of other survivors and abstain from drugs and alcohol without significant withdrawals.

Due to the generosity of our founders and donors, survivors attend The Haven Retreat for free. Participants are responsible for travel to and from pick-up locations in the Salt Lake City or Atlanta area. All food, lodging, and services are provided free of charge.

I am so appreciative of the opportunity to participate in the retreat . . . I feel like I am 100% capable of living the life I deserve.

-Tina, Survivor and Retreat Participant-







