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Living Water Resorts and the Collingwood Community Step Up to Support Affected Labour Victims

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February 12, 2019 (Collingwood, ON) – Living Water Resorts has launched an initiative to support the affected victims of the labour trafficking ring throughout Simcoe County.

While Living Water Resorts has employed workers through the contracted housekeeping services company for the past year at a rate of \$21 per hour, they were unaware of any alleged abuse. In light of the allegations that have come forward and police reports of the living conditions and treatment of these contract workers, the Resort has cut ties with the third party contractor immediately.

“It saddens us to hear of this happening. It is important that we come together as a community to help those in need, especially those within our own backyard,” said Living Water Resorts owner Larry Law. “We want everyone affected to have faith in their neighbour and community, and live a positive and peaceful life here.”

As soon as the news broke, the Resort and community made pro-active steps to help those affected:

- Through local transportation company Ace Transportation donation and the protection of Victim Services, all of the affected individuals were shuttled to the Living Water Resort;
- All were provided free accommodations, hot meals and offered jobs from the Resort;
- The Resort worked with Journey Community Church and Spanish Club of Collingwood to provide assistance with translation needs and emotional support;
- Current Resort employees have also taken an initiative to help assist with their basic living needs as well as loving support
- The local Salvation Army Church provided free clothing and toiletry needs;

“It is a testament to the community and the kind people in it that we have all come together so quickly to help those affected,” said Living Water Resorts owner Larry Law. “It’s love through action that has brought everyone together.”

As a company that promotes a ‘community and beyond support’ culture, Living Water Resorts is asking the community to help more through a ‘Love Through Action’ initiative. The Resort is accepting donations at the Living Stone Golf Resort and Living Water Resort & Spa properties. All donations will go towards the affected people.

Further volunteer and support programs are being put together to support those in need and the community is encouraged to reach out to their city council to ask how they can help.

About Living Water Resorts

Located in Simcoe County at the southern tip of Lake Huron's Georgian Bay, Living Water Resorts is the only resort in the area situated right on the shores of Georgian Bay in the heart of Collingwood. With 370 luxurious one-bedroom and two-bedroom suites equipped with living/dining room and kitchen areas perfect for extended stays. Onsite amenities include Ontario's only Aquapath spa, an 18-hole championship golf course, marina with a wide array of water sports, and Collingwood's only waterfront restaurant. For further information, please call (705) 446-3282 or visit <http://www.livingwaterresorts.com>.