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CEASE is an Edmonton-based grassroots charitable organization with over 20 years of experience rooted in the stories of individuals, families and communities experiencing the harmful impact of sexual exploitation and sex trafficking.

CEASE Vision: A community of hope, respect and transformation for individuals, families and communities impacted by sexual exploitation, sex trafficking and social inequality.

CEASE Mission: To build bridges over poverty by providing tools for sexually exploited and trafficked persons to heal and rebuild their lives. We work in cooperation with community, government, law enforcement and other groups to reduce the harm and increase options.

**CEASE Strategies:** 

1) Heal the Harm

Victim Advocate Support for Victims of Crime (Project STAR) Trauma Recovery Counselling Peer and Community Support Poverty Relief Annual August 14 Memorial

## 2) Build for the Future

Bursaries (GMU, NorQuest, NAIT, U of A, community courses) EMPOWER U Financial Literacy and Matched Savings Programs Building Blocks for Families: Peer and Community Support for Women Empowerment programs for women in correctional facilities Court Diversion Program (for exploited and trafficked persons with criminal charges)

## 3) Inspire Positive Social Change

Prostitution Offender Program (for sex buyers charged with S. 213 CC) Annual Men of Honour Awards Public Awareness, Civic Engagement and Collaboration (E.g. Edmonton Sexual Exploitation Working Group (SEWG); CEASE Community Resource Circle) YSTEP – Youth Stop Trafficking and Exploitation Project