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NEW PROGRAM LAUNCHES AT AKRON MUNICIPAL COURT

Akron, Ohio, December 21, 2018 – Akron Municipal Court Judge Ron Cable has started a new program entitled Restore Individual Self-Empowerment (RISE). RISE, which kicked off officially in October, is dedicated to adult female victims of human trafficking, sexual exploitation and prostitution.

“I created the program because our state has a major human trafficking problem. I am passionate about helping identify these victims, learning about their past and guiding them as they improve their circumstances,” said Judge Cable. “Ohio law provides for expungement of certain offenses committed by human trafficking victims and I am confident RISE will impact our community in a positive way.”

RISE meets on Tuesdays and already has five women enrolled. Due to the nature of the program and the goal to create a safe space for participants to talk about their history, RISE sessions are closed to the public.

Judge Cable works closely with the Akron Municipal Court Probation Department to identify potential RISE participants and ensure the women enrolled are sober and have the resources needed to change their lifestyle and/or habits impacting their lifestyle.

Through the Akron Municipal Court’s partnerships with outside agencies, RISE provides services such as trauma therapy, drug rehabilitation, mentoring, housing and vocational sessions.

The program is voluntary and is modeled after the Franklin County Municipal Court’s Changing Actions To Change Habits (CATCH) Court started by Judge Paul Herbert in 2009.

Judge Cable was elected to the bench in 2017. In addition to leading RISE, he will serve as Presiding Judge for Akron Municipal Court’s Family Intervention Court beginning in 2019.

The Akron Municipal Court serves the cities of Akron and Fairlawn; the townships of Bath, Richfield and Springfield; the Villages of Lakemore and Richfield; and that part of Mogadore in Summit County, Ohio. For more information about Akron Municipal Court services and programs, please visit: <http://courts.akronohio.gov/>

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