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**I Just Want 2 Help, Inc. Takes Action to Protect Children of the Baltimore-Washington Metropolitan Region as a Darkness to Light “Partner in Prevention”**

*Staff Members Trained in Award-Winning Stewards of Children® Program for Child Sexual Abuse Prevention*

**Oxon Hill, Md. – March 8, 2019 – I Just Want 2 Help, Inc.** has achieved *Partner in Prevention* status, a designation awarded by the nonprofit Darkness to Light to organizations which take extra steps to protect the children they serve by training staff to understand the issue of child sexual abuse, identify unsafe situations and practices, and react responsibly in the best interest of the children they serve.

One in 10 children will be sexually abused before the age of 18. **I Just Want 2 Help, Inc.** earned the *Partner in Prevention* designation by providing *Stewards of Children®* training to over 90% of its management, staff, and volunteers. This evidence-informed program is scientifically proven to help participants prevent and respond to child sexual abuse. *Partner in Prevention* was created as a national standard to help parents and caregivers recognize organizations that take child protection seriously by implementing policy and training staff to prevent child sexual abuse.

Darkness to Light is an international organization that leads the movement to end child sexual abuse by educating and empowering adults in education, youth serving organizations, and communities to protect children. Darkness to Light has affiliates in all 50 states and 17 international locations.

**“As a child molestation survivor, this brings my heart great joy to know that my voice will speak for the silent screams. ~DeVita J. Parke, President & Founder**

**About i Just Want 2 Help, Inc.**

*iJustWant2Help, Inc. is a non-profit with a strong mission and commitment to find suitable resources that will allow victims/survivors of child molestation, teen parents, low income families and victims of homelessness facing life altering circumstances overcome and not succumb. There is life beyond your current situation and we want to help you find it. The heartfelt desire is to be the doer of change, as well as the voice of change.*

**About Darkness to Light:**

*Darkness to Light is a nonprofit organization with the mission to empower adults to prevent child sexual abuse. Through education and awareness, the organization seeks to create a safer world for children to grow and thrive. Darkness to Light’s flagship program, Stewards of Children®, is a one-of-a-kind, award-winning training that teaches adults to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. More than 1.4 million adults have been trained using the program. For more information, visit [www.D2L.org](http://www.D2L.org).*

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