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**Osseo Resident to Host Clothing Exchange  
For Twin Cities Community Members**

*The event on February 9 is an effort to provide clothing and educate  
the community on textile waste and global slave labor trafficking*

OSSEO, Minn. January 18, 2019---16 million people worldwide are victims of labor trafficking, a form of modern-day slavery which includes situations of debt bondage, forced labor, and involuntary child labor. According to The Global Slavery Index 2018, it is estimated that on any given day in 2016 there were 403,000 people living in conditions of modern slavery in the United States. Labor trafficking makes \$51 billion worldwide annually.

Community members of Osseo and the surrounding cities have come together to be a part of the change for a better, more sustainable system. The first annual Exchange for Change will take place at the Osseo Community Center on February 9th, 2019 from 10am to 3pm. This not-for-profit initiative is an effort to combat slave labor trafficking and textile waste by repurposing and upcycling new or gently used items of men, women and children's clothing, accessories, shoes, and jewelry that were donated by community members prior to the event.

Participants can either donate good condition items of clothing or three non-perishable food items to be admitted to shop for free. Items left unclaimed at the end of the event, as well as food donations, will be donated to Cross Services, a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

Featured Guest Michelle Raven, award winning Minneapolis-based stylist, will be styling one contest winner with outfits from donations, as well as offering expert styling tips and assistance to shoppers at the event.

Sponsors for the event include The City of Osseo, The Osseo Lions Club, K&Co and UPS.

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