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PRIDE (Promoting Recovery, Independence, Dignity & Equality)

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About PRIDE:

For more than 30 years, PRIDE has provided support services to sexually exploited individuals and their families. The PRIDE program offers:

- Counseling and support groups
- Legal assistance and advocacy
- Resources and referrals
- Case management
- Education and systems advocacy

PRIDE also has a 24-hour crisis line (612.728.2062) and a toll-free number (1.888.774.3399) for women to use in emergencies. Our staff is available to speak to groups to raise consciousness about this industry that preys on our most vulnerable community members. This outreach includes:

- Strip club outreach
- Correctional and treatment facilities
- Courts and criminal justice system
- Community outreach (neighborhoods and schools)

As a result of its advocacy on behalf of women and teens victimized by prostitution, PRIDE is a nationally recognized and highly successful program.



FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT



GIFT (Gaining Independence for Females in

Serving women on probation for prostitution offenses in Minneapolis



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What is GIFT?

GIFT is a project that helps with the needs and barriers of women

GIFT—Gaining Independence for Females in Transition

who are on probation for prostitution offenses that occurred in Minneapolis.

GIFT was created using real life experiences of women involved in prostitution who have stopped their own involvement in prostitution. GIFT helps women identify their strengths and give them encouragement and support on their journey.

The GIFT Probation Officers assess each woman's needs and help them with:

- Chemical dependency
- Mental health
- Physical health
- Financial stability
- Parenting and family issues
- Housing
- Other identified challenges and barriers

GIFT Probation Rules

GIFT participants are expected to:

- Attend judicial review hearings with Judge Peterson to discuss progress
- Successfully complete group sessions at PRIDE (**P**romoting **R**ecovery, **I**ndependence, **D**ignity & **E**quality) or a similar agency that helps women transition out of prostitution
- Abstain from use of drugs and alcohol and submit to random UA testing
- Follow recommendations for chemical health, mental health, or other referrals
- Have no new criminal charges
- Meet as requested with a probation officer

If all of these requirements are met before the end of the probation period, the participant may be moved to administrative probation.

GIFT Goal

Support women by ending their involvement in prostitution

Who Participates?

- Women arrested for a prostitution offense
- Charged by the City of Minneapolis
- Have pleaded guilty
- Have 3 or fewer prior prostitution convictions
- Are not on supervision for a felony case

GIFT Calendar

The GIFT calendar occurs the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in Courtroom 853

Note: The GIFT calendar is open to only women and authorized justice partners. Visitors must be approved by the Court.
