Forum to combat sexually exploiting children

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Child prostitution in Rochester and the community was the topic of a forum Thursday night.

The Social Justice Committee, at the First Unitarian Church on South Winton Road co-sponsored the forum with the League of Women Voters. Members of the league say they decided to look into this issue locally, after reading a book written by a woman who had been part of the sex trade as a teenager.

Judy Weinstein, a member of the organization team said, “We were just horrified at what we learned in that book and felt we had to learn more about that issue and what was happening here. This was the out group of it.”

Members of law enforcement and those who help children were a part of a panel at that forum.

This comes the same night Canadian police say nearly 400 children were rescued and more than 345 adults arrested in an international child pornography investigation.

Police say, the 3-year project, named “project spade”, revealed an entire child movie production and distribution company in Toronto.