20 Ways You Can Help Fight Human Trafficking

- 1. <u>Learn</u> to recognize human **trafficking red flags**. Knowing indicators both of victims and traffickers will help you with assessmentif you believe you have witnessed or are witnessing something suspicious.
- <u>Know</u>your resources: Always call **911** in the United States if an emergency. Report your suspicions to Homeland Security 24/7. HSI's TIP line:866.347.2423(*toll free within U.S.*), 802.872.6199(*global*), *a*nd/or online: <u>www.ice.gov.tips</u>. For victim's assistance call The National Human Trafficking Resource Center at 1-888-3737-888.
- 3. <u>Donate</u>to non-profit organizations actively combatting human trafficking. Donate tax deductible funds and needed items.
- 4. <u>Be</u> a conscientious consumer. Make socially responsible purchases and investments. Find out if your favorite retailers know about human trafficking and slavery-free supply chains.
- Encourage your company or your employer to take steps to raise awareness and eliminate human trafficking throughout its supply chain.Post your actions and efforts on your website. Refer to the Department of Labor's List of Goods Produced by Child Labor or Forced Labor. Consumers are seeking out socially responsible businesses to support.
- 6. <u>Volunteer</u> your professional services to assist an anti-trafficking organization: lawyers, doctors, dentists, counselors, translators, interpreters, graphic designers, public relations and media professionals, event planners, accountants find a non-profit organization that fits your skills.
- 7. <u>Raise</u> awareness with a fundraiser and donate the proceeds to an anti-trafficking non-profit organization.
- 8. <u>Encourage</u> your local schools to beaware of how traffickers target school-aged children, runaways, and other vulnerable minors.
- 9. <u>Support</u> legislation that would require the Board of Education and the Department of Social Services to provide human trafficking awareness training for local school staff.
- 10. Join (or start) a grassroots human trafficking coalition.
- 11. <u>Call</u>, write and/or meet with your local, state and federal government representatives to let them know you care about combating human trafficking in your community.
- 12. <u>Write</u> a letter to the editor of your local paper about raising human trafficking awareness in your community.
- 13. <u>Host</u> an awareness event to viewa relevant human trafficking documentary, followed by discussion. (Or better yet, host a human trafficking film festival! Several noteworthy films and documentaries have been produced in the last several years that bring attention to the plight of victims worldwide.)
- 14. <u>Incorporate</u> anti-human trafficking information into your professional associations' conferences, trainings, manuals and other materials, as relevant.
- 15. <u>Distribute</u> public awareness materials made available through the Department of Homeland Security or the Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families.
- 16. **STUDENTS:** Join or establish a university club to raise awareness about human trafficking throughout the local community and identify victims. Request that human trafficking be an issue included in such university courses as health, migration, human rights, social work and crime. Increase scholarship about human trafficking by publishing an article, teaching a class or hosting a symposium.
- 17. LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS: Join or start a local human trafficking task force.
- 18. **MENTAL HEALTH OR MEDICAL PROVIDERS:** Extend low-cost or free services to human trafficking victims assisted by nearby anti-trafficking organizations.
- 19. EMPLOYMENT LAW ATTORNEYS: Look for signs of human trafficking among your clients.
- 20. <u>Hire</u> trafficking survivors.