# Human Trafficking

What it looks like & Why you need to join the fight



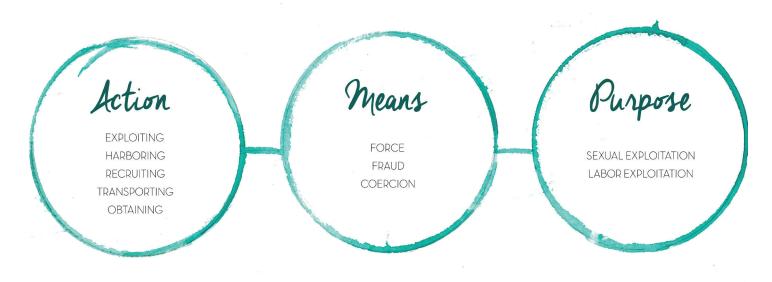
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Name is a strong
community of
abolitionists that
exists to fight
human trafficking
through education,
collaboration, and
survivor care.

Our vision is to see those impacted by human trafficking restored into society, welcomed into the workplace and

thriving in their community.

## What is human trafficking?

The United Nations identifies human trafficking based on actions such as exploiting or recruiting through force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of sexual or labor exploitation.



### Prostitution, Pornography, and Trafficking

OF TRAFFICKING VICTIMS

### Data collected by CATCH court (Changing Actions To Change Habits) confirms that 90% of women engaged in prostitution are also considered human trafficking victims meaning that some type of force, fraud or coercion is part of the individual's lifestyle. [Christianity Today 2012]

Why does it thrive?
Trafficking of U.S. citizens and foreign nationals persists and thrives for three main reasons, including:

Low Risk | When the community is unaware of this issue, when government and community institutions are not trained to respond, and when law enforcement does not investigate and prosecute the crime, human traffickers perceive little risk.

High Profits | When individuals are willing to buy commercial sex, they create a market and make it profitable for traffickers to sexually exploit children and adults.

An Increasing Market | Human trafficking is a business, and traffickers will take advantage of what they perceive to be good business opportunities: concerts, sporting events, or other large gathering events and venues.

## Who is affected by trafficking?

## The Average Age of Entry





## Globally

It is difficult to back up any estimates because most cases go unreported. According to the International Labor Organization, 24.9 million people are victims of human trafficking.

## Nationally

There are roughly 470,000 domestic victims. This doesn't account for those individuals who are willingly smuggled into the United States and are then trafficked due to their vulnerability in a new environment.



In Ohio, the average age of entry is 12-14 for girls and 11-13 for boys [Ohio Network of Children's Advocacy Centers quarterly report April 30th 2015]. In central Ohio, 2312 victims have been identified and served since 2007.



## What is needed for restoration?

Victims of trafficking are among the most cruelly abused people encountered by professionals.

Reid and Jones 2011

Because of the trauma experienced by survivors of trafficking, medical, physical, social, and psychological needs must be addressed on the journey to recovery. This journey takes a person through restorative services, short-term and long-term housing programs, and transitional employment and can take years to complete. Many survivors notice that they struggle with effects of trauma decades after leaving the life.



### What we do

What started as t-shirt sales that raised funds for abolitionists has flourished into a community of abolitionists. We seek to be a resource to those wanting to know more about trafficking and those currently providing direct care to survivors.



### **EQUIP**

We act as a resource to survivors by standing in the gap between restorative care and transitional employment by teaching job skills that contribute to transformational work. Our hope is that more survivors will be restored into society, welcomed in the workplace and thriving in their community.



#### **EDUCATE**

We can't care about an issue we don't know exists. As a community resource, we hold quarterly classes that offer a framework to understand human trafficking and serve survivors. Training focuses on defining human trafficking, the needs of survivors and getting connected.



#### **COLLABORATE**

As a resource to practitioners, we connect existing efforts with best practices, evidence-based research and community capital to provide exceptional care to survivors. We're focused on assessing and delivering projects to streamline efforts, enabling organizations to focus on what they do best: care for survivors.

### How You Can Join Us

### 1-888-373-7888

Here's the national hotline for reporting suspected trafficking activity. Put it in your phone contacts, and use it if you suspect anything. Every tip collected gives a voice to those without one.

- 1 Learn
  shehasaname.org/learn
- 2 Share
  Follow us on social media: 🚹 🔽 🚭
- 3 Pray
  shehasaname.org/pray
- 4 Serve shehasaname.org/events
- 5 Give shehasaname.org/donate



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