Thanks to the receipt of a grant from the Office for Victims of Crime, United States Department of Justice, Civil Society, a Minnesota non-profit, launch the long awaited Minnesota Human Trafficking Watch. The Minnesota Human Trafficking Watch is a group of people and agencies who are concerned about the horrific sex and labor trafficking going on in the State of Minnesota. The Watch coordinates trainings, conducts public education and outreach, and provides comprehensive services to victims of trafficking in the State of Minnesota. The Watch collaborates with law enforcement to make sure that trafficking victims receive resources they need to be safe and to get traffickers prosecuted.

Minnesota has become one of the 13 most heavily sex and slavery trafficked states in the nation. The 2003 Innocence Lost National Initiative targeted the Twin Cities as one of he 13 cities targeted as a high intensity trafficking area. The U.S. government estimates that approximately 20,000 foreign nationals are trafficked into the U.S. each year. Minnesota is particularly affected by trafficking because we are a border state.

Victims of human trafficking are forced into labor and sexual exploitation. Approximately 50% of all victims of trafficking are children. Sex trafficking is the most lucrative sector of the trade in people. It involves forced, fraud or coercion for the purposes of commercial sex. Trafficking victims are often involved in industries where they are “invisible”, including domestic servitude, sweatshops, restaurant and hotel businesses, farm work, construction, begging and peddling, the sex industry and servile marriage.

You can be part of the Minnesota Human Trafficking Watch!

Just fill out the form on the next page and mail or email it to us at the addresses listed on the sheet.

When you become part of the Minnesota Human Trafficking Watch, you will be contacted about trainings and resources for trafficking victims, Advisory Committee meetings, other educational events about trafficking, and opportunities for volunteers.

Primary Goals of the Minnesota Human Trafficking Watch:

- Offer a comprehensive victim services model to address the unique needs of human trafficking victims in Minnesota;
- Raise public awareness of human trafficking through outreach and training for those who may encounter victims;
- Train professionals, individuals, and agencies about resources for trafficking victims.
MINNESOTA HUMAN TRAFFICKING WATCH

Membership Enrollment Form

Name ____________________________________________________

Address __________________________________________________

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Organization (if applicable) _________________________________

Email ____________________________________________________

Phone ____________________________________________________

What is your potential interest as a participant in the Minnesota Human Trafficking Watch?

___ Distribute educational information

___ Attend workshops and conferences on Human Trafficking

___ Work with your organization to provide referrals of potential victims to resources to help them

___ Organize forums on trafficking

___ Other ____________________________________________________________________________

For more information on anti-trafficking efforts in Minnesota, please email Civil Society at
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