



HOPE UPDATES

JUNE 2016



RENEW HOPE @ JUNETEENTH

Juneteenth, which began in Texas, is an annual observance to remember when Union soldiers enforced the Emancipation Proclamation and freed all remaining slaves in Texas on June 19, 1865.

As modern day abolitionists it's a day to celebrate the freedom of so many. It is also an opportunity to recognize that while it may look different, slavery still exists within the United States in the form of human trafficking.

We observe Juneteenth as a day of victory for so many. We honor those abolitionists who played a part in making their freedom possible. We purpose to continue their fight for the freedom of others.

ADVISORY COUNCIL

Our hope is that this initiative becomes a community-owned project. If you would like to partner with the Circle of Care Center for Families to promote human trafficking awareness, identify potential resources and implement strategies that will "renew hope" for victims, please contact Adrian Carpenter at the Circle of Care by phone at 334.768.4091 or email us at renewHOPE85@gmail.com

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Friday, July 22, 2016

3:00-4:30 pm

@the Circle of Care Center for Families

RENEW HOPE ONLINE

Renew Hope's official email address is renewHOPE85@gmail.com. Please add this address to your email account's address book so our emails will not end up in your "spam folder." We hope to be transitioning from personal email addresses to this address soon.

DID YOU KNOW?

Human trafficking is one of the fastest growing criminal enterprises because it holds relatively low risk with high profit potential. Criminal organizations are increasingly attracted to human trafficking because, unlike drugs, humans can be sold repeatedly.

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renewhopeinitiative.com

SHARING HOPE

We enjoyed visiting with the WMU at Mount Zion Baptist Church on June 14, 2016. It was a great opportunity to share about the realities of human trafficking. We are available to speak to your church or organization as well.



FEATURED RESOURCE

National Human Trafficking Resource Center

The National Human Trafficking Resource Center is a national anti-trafficking hotline and resource center serving victims and survivors of human trafficking and the anti-trafficking community in the United States.

Its mission is to provide human trafficking victims and survivors with access to critical support and services to get help and stay safe, and to equip the anti-trafficking community with the tools to effectively combat all forms of human trafficking. They offer round-the-clock access to a safe space to report tips, seek services, and ask for help. They also provide innovative anti-trafficking trainings, technical assistance, and capacity building support.

This and other information at:
traffickingresourcecenter.org



Identifying Victims of Labor Trafficking

Victims of labor trafficking are not a homogenous group of people. Victims are young children, teenagers, men and women. Some of them enter the country legally on worker visas for domestic, "entertainment," computer and agricultural work, while others enter illegally. Some work in legal occupations such as domestic, factory or construction work, while others toil in illegal industries such as the drug and arms trade or panhandling. Although there is no single way to identify victims of labor trafficking, some common patterns include:

- Victims are often kept isolated to prevent them from getting help. Their activities are restricted and are typically watched, escorted or guarded by associates of traffickers. Traffickers may "coach" them to answer questions with a cover story about being a student or tourist.
- Victims may be blackmailed by traffickers using the victims' status as an undocumented alien or their participation in an "illegal" industry. By threatening to report them to law enforcement or immigration officials, traffickers keep victims compliant.
- People who are trafficked often come from unstable and economically devastated places as traffickers frequently identify vulnerable populations characterized by oppression, high rates of illiteracy, little social mobility and few economic opportunities.
- Women and children are overwhelmingly trafficked in labor arenas because of their relative lack of power, social marginalization, and their overall status as compared to men.

- Copied from: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/endtrafficking/resource/fact-sheet-labor-trafficking-english>



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