HUMAN TRAFFICKING
A LOOK AT MODERN-DAY SLAVERY

A DEFINITION OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING:

According to The Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, severe forms of trafficking in persons always include the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision or obtaining a person for one the following three purposes:

1. Labor or services through the use of *force, fraud, or coercion*, AND resulting in involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage or slavery, OR
2. Commercial sex act, through the use of *force, fraud, or coercion*, OR
3. If the person is under the age of 18, any commercial sex act whether or not the use of force, fraud, or coercion is involved.

NUMBERS:

- More than 27,000,000 people are being held as slaves in the world today
- More than 200,000 of those are right here in the United States
- The U.S. State Department estimates 14,500-17,500 people are trafficked into the United Stated annually

REPORT SUSPECTED CASES OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING:

If you suspect someone has been trafficked, call:

1-888-3737-888 National Human Trafficking Resource Center at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

This is a toll free number operating 24 hours/day

CONTACT YOUR STATE LEGISLATURE:

Tell them it is important to you that they enact an anti-trafficking law. You can locate your state senators and representatives at: **www.legislature.state.oh.us/**

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TAKE ACTION:

1 Support all the Millennium Development Goals, especially:

Goal #1: The Elimination of Extreme Poverty

Goal #3: Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

2 Work to end violence against women.

3 Support fair trade practices and companies that do not have slave labor/sweat shops in their supply chains.

GROUPS WORKING TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING:

There are many not-for-profit and Nongovernmental Organizations (NGOs) working to end Human Trafficking, including

Polaris Project	www.polarisproject.org
Hagar Project	www.hagarinternational.org
Anti-Slavery International *(This is the world's oldest international human-rights organization, founded 1839)*	www.antislavery.org
Not For Sale Campaign	www.notforsalecampaign.org
Coalition Against Trafficking in Women	www.catwinternational.org
International Justice Mission	www.ijm.org
Campus Coalition Against Trafficking	www.ccatcoalition.org
The Emancipation Network	www.emancipationnetwork.org
Free the Slaves	www.freetheslaves.net
Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking	www.castla.org
Salvation Army	www.salvationarmyusa.org
The Protection Project	www.protectionproject.org
Amnesty International	www.amnestyusa.org
Human Rights Watch	www.hrw.org

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