

10 Terrific Things Ohioans Can Do to Fight Slavery

1. Talk

"THE FUNCTION OF
FREEDOM IS TO FREE
SOMEONE ELSE."
TONI MORRISON

- ü Read and learn about human trafficking through books, documentaries, and news articles. For a list of books and documentaries, check out our website! www.centralohiorescueandrestore.org
- ü Share these materials with your friends and talk with everyone about what you are learning.
- ü Have the Central Ohio Rescue & Restore Coalition (CORRC) Speakers' Bureau or another abolitionist organization come to your school, church, work, etc. to teach everyone about human trafficking!
 - o Contact Christina: Christina.conrad@use.salvationarmy.org

Why is talking so important? It helps us:

- Ø Educate and recruit new abolitionists!
- Ø Teach everyone how to see the red flags of human trafficking!
- Ø Encourage survivors to come forward, share their stories, & possibly receive needed support and rehabilitation!

2. Volunteer

We need your help! Help CORRC and other abolitionist organizations with:

- Street Outreach
 - o Trisha Smouse: trisha.smouse@use.salvationarmy.org
- Fundraising/Awareness Events
 - o We need people to staff tables and hand out pamphlets! For information on upcoming events, check out our website!
 - o www.centralohiorescueandrestore.org
- Hanging up flyers around town on Flyer Fridays!
 - o Contact Kae: kae@stopmodernslavery.org
- Lobbying for stronger human trafficking laws
 - o Contact Tabitha: woodruff.115@buckeyemail.osu.edu

- Providing social support to survivors by cooking them dinner or teaching them to garden, sew, or scrapbook!
 - Contact Trish: trisha.smouse@use.salvationarmy.org
 - Contact Julie: Julie@domaconnection.org
 - Contact Katie: jbarrows@gracehavenhouse.org
- Help shelters with maintenance and construction: mowing the lawn, cleaning the house, carpentry, electrical work—you name it!
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3. Lobby

Without effective human trafficking laws we cannot win this war on slavery.

The federal government needs to improve its policies toward international human trafficking and begin to address domestic human trafficking here in the United States.

In Ohio, we have yet to make human trafficking a stand-alone crime under state law.

- ü Contact your federal and state legislators and tell them that human trafficking is important to you! To find your senators and representatives using your zip code, go to these websites:
 - Federal senators: www.senate.gov
 - Federal representatives: www.house.gov
 - State senators: www.house.state.oh.us
 - State representatives: www.ohiosenate.gov
- ü Research federal and state human trafficking bills and show your support!
 - Federal Child Protection Compact Act
 - § www.govtrack.us/congress/bill.xpd?bill=s111-3184
 - Ohio Senate Bill 235:
 - § would make human trafficking a crime under state law
 - § www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=120_SB_235
 - Ohio House Bill 493:
 - § would make human trafficking a crime under state law
 - § would also provide social services, law enforcement training, and public awareness programs
 - § www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=120_HB_493

4. Rescue

Help rescue human trafficking victims by:

- ü Educating social workers, medical professionals, law enforcement, and everyday citizens on how to spot and help victims
- ü Supporting organizations like CORRC, The Salvation Army, IJM, Gracehaven, and others that seek out, identify, and rescue victims by:
 - o Volunteering with Street Outreach
 - o Holding fundraisers for these organizations

Find an organization that rescues victims and give them \$10 a month.

Encourage your friends and family to do the same.

That's 30 cents a day.

Less than the cost of a postage stamp.

5. Rehabilitate

These efforts are the most costly of all abolition work.
Funding and volunteers are badly needed right here in Ohio!

- ü Survivors often only have the clothing on their back. To restore their lives, we need all types of donations, including:
 - o Furniture
 - o Fans
 - o Appliances
 - o Clothing & shoes
 - o Books
 - o Household decorations
- ü Petition organizations to offer free medical, social, counseling, educational, and housing services to victims.
- ü We're currently looking for a drop-in center, and residential facilities are badly needed. Please help!
- ü Provide social support to survivors by donating skills and acts of kindness.

6. Gather

- ü Petition companies and corporations to donate needed supplies for our survivors and our street outreach kits!
- ü Gather supplies yourself or with your school, church, or organization:
 - o Tampons
 - o Shampoo & soap
 - o Hand sanitizer
 - o Deodorant
 - o Mouthwash
 - o Other hygiene supplies
 - o Pre-packaged snacks
 - o Lotion
 - o Make-up
 - o Condoms

7. Report

If you see a situation that may be human trafficking:

- Ø If it is in Ohio, call the CORRC hotline number at:
614.285.HELP(4357)
- Ø If it is not in Ohio, call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline at: **1.888.3737.888**
- Ø If it is in Columbus, call both the CORRC hotline and the police non-emergency number at: **614.645.4545**
 - We specifically asked a police officer if this was ok to do, and he said yes. Tell them what you see and say it could be human trafficking. They might not even come out, but you'll have gotten a little bug in their ear.

8. Show up

Attend meetings, fundraisers, documentary screenings, and walks! Bring friends! There are events every week in Columbus and all over Ohio; make this a part of your social life! Sure, slavery is terrible--it's the worst problem in the world, the bottom of the barrel. So let's celebrate the fact that we're fighting it and bond together to support each other!

For information on upcoming events, visit our website:
www.centralohiorescueandrestore.org

9. Shop

- ü Buy products from abolitionist organizations and products made by survivors both locally at anti-trafficking events and online! There are many great organizations that do this, and these are only a few!
 - www.freetheslaves.madebysurvivors.com
 - www.globalgalleryonline.org
 - www.globalvillagecollection.org
 - www.rahabsministriesthailand.com/page/Rahab_bazaar
 - <http://store.nightlightinternational.com>
 - <http://okoarefuge.myshopify.com>
 - www.inhisimagedesigns.org

- ü Buy FairTrade certified products—these products were produced without slave labor. Avoid products that support slavery--like non-fair trade products and products from countries with rampant human trafficking problems. Yes, this is practically impossible. Do your best!
 - o www.transfairusa.org
 - o www.fairtradefederation.org

10. Pray

Pray, meditate, sing or do Reiki—whatever suits you and your spirituality. Do this alone or in the company of others. Send survivors and other abolitionists your poetry, art, encouragement, and thoughts. Human trafficking is not unstoppable, but it will take quite a bit of faith, cooperation, and sweat to defeat. Don't underestimate the power of faith.

"Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable...Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals."
--Martin Luther King, Jr.

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