

10 Terrific Things Ohioans Can Do to Fight Slavery

1. *Talk*

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

- ✓ Learn about our volunteer opportunities
- ✓ Read and learn about human trafficking through books, documentaries, and news articles by visiting:
www.centralohiorescueandrestore.org
- ✓ Share these materials with your friends and talk with everyone about what you are learning.
- ✓ 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!
 - To request a speaker to come educate, visit:
 - <http://vhub.at/1N3AG4J>
click the tab “Request a CORRC Speaker”. Submit the form online and someone will be in contact within 48 hours.

Why is talking so important? It helps us:

- Educate and recruit new abolitionists
- Teach everyone how to identify red flags of human trafficking
- 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, The Well, Human Trafficking Emergency Hotline, Guest House, Speakers Bureau
 - First, get trained! Signup for trainings here:
 - <http://vhub.at/1OLBDH6>
 - After training is complete, sign up for desired shifts by visiting the home page here:
 - <http://vhub.at/1N3AG4J>
- Fundraising/Awareness Events and Lobbying for stronger human trafficking

- laws.
- We need people to staff tables!
 - Providing social support to survivors by cooking them dinner or teaching them a special skill. For example; gardening, sewing, dancing/singing. Help shelters and drop-in centers with maintenance and construction: mowing the lawn, cleaning the house, preparing meals, electrical work—you name it!
 - Provide specific professional knowledge and experience. If you are a Dentist, Doctor, Lawyer, Hairdresser, Mental Health Counselor, Nurse, Psychologist, Social Worker, Teacher, Nutritionist, Yoga/Exercise Instructor, etc., you can serve trafficking survivors! Anyone with a skill suitable to teach survivors can assist.

For involvement in Central Ohio contact:
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But wait, there are other coalitions located in Ohio who serve this cause and need assistance with programs, donations and volunteer base.

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3. Lobby

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

The federal government needs fair, unbiased policies toward human trafficking in other countries and a self-aware focus on addressing domestic human trafficking here in the United States.

In Ohio, we have bare-bones human trafficking laws that need drastic improvements to be considered comprehensive and effective.

- ✓ 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
- ✓ Research federal and state human trafficking bills and show your support
 - The federal Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking & Victims Support Act: <http://wyden.senate.gov/newsrooms/press/release/?id=ae933a76-77eb-4845-bca2-bfcfb5b7806d>
- ✓ For regular update on human trafficking legislation, visit these websites:
 - www.polarisproject.org
 - www.ijm.org/justicecampaigns
 - www.endslaveryandtrafficking.org
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- ✓ Contact Tabitha: woodruff.115@buckeyemail.osu.edu

4. Report

If you see a situation that may be human trafficking:

- In Ohio, call the CORRC hotline number at: **614.285.HELP(4357)**
- In places besides Ohio, call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline at: **1.888.3737.888**

5. Rescue

Help rescue human trafficking victims by:

- ✓ Educating social workers, medical professionals, law enforcement, and everyday citizens on how to spot and help victims
- ✓ Supporting organizations like CORRC, The Salvation Army, IJM, Gracehaven, Delaware County, and others that seek out, identify, and rescue victims by:
 - Volunteering with Street Outreach
 - Volunteering as emergency hotline phone operator
 - Volunteer as Guest House support
 - 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.

6. Rehabilitate

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

- ✓ Petition organizations to offer free medical, social services, counseling, education, and housing services to victims.
- ✓ Residential facilities are badly needed. Gracehaven will house ten girls rescued from sex trafficking once it is open. To help them with fundraising so they can open their doors, visit: www.gracehavenhouse.org
- ✓ Delaware County Against Human Trafficking will provide temporary shelter for adult women for up to 5 days. Contact Jen Ward: Delaware.AHT@gmail.com
- ✓ Provide social support to survivors by donating skills and acts of kindness.

7. Gather

- ✓ Survivors often only have the clothing on their back. To restore their lives, we need all types of donations, including:
 - Furniture/decorations
 - New Pillows, cases and sheets (Twin size)
 - Blankets
 - House slippers
 - Fans/appliances
 - Clothing/Accessories, used or new
 - Refrigerated food
 - Adult Book bags
 - Brand new underwear
 - Bras gently used or new
 - Books/DVDs
 - Shoes
 - Fall/winter season wear: Coats, hats, gloves, scarfs

- ✓ The Well is a drop-in center in Columbus run by the Salvation Army for women who have been sexually exploited. It needs:
- ✓ **Those highlighted in red are immediate needs.**
 - Food; large frozen meals, frozen meatballs, canned foods
 - To go boxes for food, foil, saran wrap
 - Holiday themed decorations, birthday, center pieces, small pictures to hang
 - Feminine hygiene; maxi pads, tampons, full-size shampoo/conditioner, grooming items, etc.
 - Bookshelves/books
 - Art supplies; canvas, paint, fabric, etc.
 - Area rug
 - Card table/chairs
 - Cleaning supplies
 - Computers
 - Corner cabinet
 - Couch cover
 - Curtain & rod
 - Dehumidifier
 - Desk/chair
 - End stands
 - Extension cords
 - Fake plants
 - Games/cards
 - Journals
 - Lamps
 - Tool box
 - Overstuffed chairs
 - Storage racks
 - Rocking chair
 - Washer/dryer
 - Welcome mat
 - Tupperware

- ✓ Gather supplies or put street outreach kits together yourself or with your school, church, or organization for the Salvation Army Street Outreach program in Central Ohio.

- Gloves, hats, scarves, new underwear and sweat suits, socks
- Tampons
- Large Maxi Pads
- Hand sanitizer
- Deodorant
- Ready-eat meals – non refrigerated
- Juice boxes, mini water/Gatorade
- Pre-packaged snacks
- Bath & body products
- Condoms
- Hand written notes of encouragement

✓ To contribute donations: Ahtvolunteer.salvationarmy@gmail.com

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. Let's celebrate the fact that we're fighting it and bond together to support each other!

For information on upcoming events & meetings visit our website:

www.centralohiorescueandrestore.org

CORRC Meetings are all held at the Salvation Army (966 E. Main St., Columbus, OH 43205) and are as follows:

General CORRC Meeting: *First Wednesday of every month, 1-3pm*

Social Services Committee Meeting: *Fourth Wednesday of every month, 1-3pm*

Legislation Committee Meeting: *Second Tuesday of every month, 6pm*

Public Awareness Committee Meeting: *Fourth Tuesday of every month, 6pm*

Demand Reduction Committee Meeting: *As need basis*

9. Shop

- ✓ Buy products from abolitionist organizations and products made by survivors 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
- www.saribari.com
- www.tenthousandvillages.com

Watch Video: The Dark Side of Chocolate
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Vfbv6hNeng>
 And...

- ✓ buy Fair Trade 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! 1 item at a time.
 - www.transfairusa.org
 - www.fairtradefederation.org
- ✓ Download the Free2Work Smart Phone app for your iPhone or Android. It allows you to easily browse company grades, standards, and practices: <http://www.free2work.org/app>
- ✓ Openly and bravely encourage your peers to avoid purchasing sex, frequenting strip clubs, and viewing pornography. Many of the women and men in the sex industry are trafficking victims, and we don't want to keep traffickers in business!

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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