

SPREADING AWARENESS

- 1) Within the past few years there has been more media attention focused on and therefore more conversation around Human Trafficking. It is only by keeping this conversation alive that this grass roots effort of spreading awareness will continue to grow. I invite you to join me and others who are spreading awareness by using our voices for those whose voices have been muffled.

SUGGESTIONS FOR SPREADING AWARENESS

HUMAN TRAFFICKING TALK My objective in speaking about human sex trafficking is to provide a learning experience for audiences that will open their eyes, hearts and dialogue. This in-depth presentation is explored within the framework of what it is, who is involved and how it all works. The presentation is free of charge. It would be my pleasure to speak to your group or organization.

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- 1) **REFER** to victims of sex trafficking as **'prostituted'** as opposed to prostitute (prostituted girls/women/victims)
- 2) **SPEAK UP** when you hear degrading remarks about prostituted women and/or references to bachelor parties, pornography, purchasing sex, strip clubs etc . Write, text, call, tweet when you hear misinformation about trafficking and/or degrading remarks about prostituted women. A simple non-judgmental statement such as **" I know something about this, and it's not what you think"** is powerful and will make people think.
- 3) When **TRAVELING**, ask to speak to the hotel/motel manager and ask him/her if they have policies in place and have educated their staff to be able to recognize when trafficked girls are being sold on their property. This very act of speaking to the hotel manager has already begun to spread awareness as it allows this manager to also recognize that people who are booking at their hotel/motel are aware of this situation and care.

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ORGANIZATIONS DEDICATED TO STOPPING HUMAN TRAFFICKING There are many organizations in our country that provide information on documentaries, publications, books and films , ally organizations, volunteer opportunities, employment opportunities, how to support human trafficking legislation and ways you can help the cause - here are a few which I have found to be helpful : * **MY LIFE MY CHOICE** mentors victims under 18 / <http://www.fightingexploitation.org/> / **EVA CENTER** evacenter.org.mentors victims 18 years and older / **Truckers Against Trafficking** truckersagainstrafficking.org [alerts police to sex trafficking where&when they see it /](http://truckersagainstrafficking.org/alerts-police-to-sex-trafficking-where&when-they-see-it/) **F.B.I.**fbi.gov/aboutus /**HOMELAND SECURITY BLUE CAMPAIGN:** <https://www.dhs.gov/end-human-trafficking/> /***POLARIS PROJECT:** <http://www.polarisproject.org> offers free on-line courses & trainings on sex and labor trafficking and is on duty 24/7 to answer questions.

call them if you suspect **anything** re sex and labor trafficking 888-373-7888