

*Vital Voices Global Partnership invests in women who are leading social, economic and political progress in their countries through our development and training initiatives, and our extensive global network. We connect women around the world through knowledge-sharing, best practices, innovative partnerships and professional support. Vital Voices is a non-profit organization based in Washington, DC, with a global mission and international partners.*

## TAKE ACTION AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

### As an individual... Volunteer Your Time, Offer Financial Support, Talk to Your Representatives, And Spread The Word!

- Non profit organizations depend on volunteer staff to keep their programs and services running smoothly.
- You can help sustain anti-trafficking programs and organizations through donations.
  - State-level anti-trafficking laws are needed to ensure sufficient resources and protection for survivors of trafficking. Educate your state representatives about human trafficking and help them draft and amend laws related to this issue. New York State representatives drafted a comprehensive anti-human trafficking act this past year that was not passed. They plan to reintroduce it next year and they encourage individuals, lobby groups and organizations to start lobbying the legislature. To read the draft legislation, visit <http://public.leginfo.state.ny.us/menugetf.cgi>. To contact your representative in New York State, visit [www.nysl.nysed.gov/ils/legislature/legis.html](http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/ils/legislature/legis.html), in New Jersey, visit [www.njleg.state.nj.us](http://www.njleg.state.nj.us), and in Connecticut visit [www.cga.ct.gov](http://www.cga.ct.gov).
  - Educate yourself on how to raise awareness about trafficking among friends, colleagues, and family members by signing up for the Vital Voices trafficking newsletter (at [www.vitalvoices.org/desktopdefault.aspx?page\\_id=5](http://www.vitalvoices.org/desktopdefault.aspx?page_id=5)), check the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime website, [www.unodc.org/unodc/index.html](http://www.unodc.org/unodc/index.html), plan to watch Human Trafficking ([www.lifetimeTV.com](http://www.lifetimeTV.com)) or forward emails with human trafficking news.



### Business community... Adopt Ethical Principles, Train Employees, and Start a Public Awareness Campaign!

- Develop your own corporate anti-trafficking policies and strategies. To learn more about international business Ethical Principles, please visit Vital Voices Global Partnership's website, [http://www.vitalvoices.org/desktopdefault.aspx?page\\_id=93](http://www.vitalvoices.org/desktopdefault.aspx?page_id=93).
- Provide training for employees in such industries as tourism, travel, hospitality, manufacturing, and internet technology, so they can detect potential trafficking scenarios, establish protocols of reporting probable trafficking cases and learn how to collaborate with law enforcement. For more information contact Vital Voices.
- Use your existing networks of clients, staff, board members, and other relationships to launch a media and public education campaign about human trafficking.

### Faith community... Train clergy and Request Sermons!

- Educate clergy and yourself on how to recognize warning signs and patterns, and basic do's and don'ts for working with trafficking survivors, and how to work in collaboration with secular resources and leaders to facilitate exchange between religious and secular resources, i.e. how to encourage clergy to send human trafficking survivors to secular programs, and vice versa.
- Ask your local religious leaders to give sermons regarding human trafficking on International Women's Day (March 8), Abolition of Slavery Day (December 2), and Universal Human Rights Day (December 10).

### Local Community... Ensure the implementation of Trafficking Survivors Protection Act (TVPA) through Reporting Probable Trafficking Cases, Building an anti-trafficking alliance, and Educating At-Risk Youth!

- Trafficking could happen in your community, in your neighbor's household, or in nearby factories. Many survivors have been assisted by good Samaritans who were vigilant about violence in their community.
- To report a suspicion, call the Department of Health and Human Services **Human Trafficking Hotline (888) 3737-888**.
- Encourage law enforcement training about available legal means to combat trafficking.
- Develop an anti-trafficking alliance between local law enforcement and community-based organizations could prevent trafficking in your community, help with the prosecution of traffickers, and help protect survivors of trafficking.
- Launch an educational campaign in local schools about the risks of trafficking and offer emergency contact information. Encourage youth to expand their knowledge and to be on-campus activists to garner support and develop anti-trafficking networks among students.

### Think Globally... Build and Participate in Global Anti-Trafficking Networks

- Create a global community against all forms of violence against women. Most governments do not see trafficking as a priority and need to understand that human trafficking is a threat to national security. Building international networks helps governments realize the importance of the issue and the potential consequences of not taking action.

## Selected Anti-Human Trafficking Initiatives in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut

**American Friends Service Committee**, NJ based advocacy project provides on behalf women survivors of human trafficking. 89 Market Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Newark, NJ 07102. Phone (973) 643-1924 Fax (973) 643- 8924. [www.afsc.org/nymetro/newark.htm](http://www.afsc.org/nymetro/newark.htm).

**Brooklyn District Attorney, Charles J. Hynes**, Awareness and prevention campaign and programs such as the "The John School". [www.brooklynnda.org](http://www.brooklynnda.org).

**Center for Women's Global Leadership**, Facilitates women's leadership for women's human rights and social justice worldwide. Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, 160 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick, NJ 08901-8555, Tel: (732)932-8782, [www.cwgl.rutgers.edu](http://www.cwgl.rutgers.edu)

**City Bar Justice Center**, Immigrant Women & Children Project, legal advocacy for survivors and trains law enforcement. Association of the Bar of the City of New York, 42 West 44<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY, 10036. [www.nycbar.org](http://www.nycbar.org)

**Coalition Against Trafficking in Women**, Works internationally combat prostitution and trafficking of women and girls. New York Co-Executive Director: Dorchen Leidholdt, Sanctuary for Families, New York, NY, [www.catwinternational.org](http://www.catwinternational.org).

**Equality Now**, Documents violence against women, including sex trafficking, and mobilize international action to stop these abuses. PO Box 20646, Columbus Circle Station, New York, NY 10023, Fax (212) 586-1611, Email: [info@equalitynow.org](mailto:info@equalitynow.org)

**Franciscans International**, Franciscan community sponsored NGO that organizes workshops and interventions at the UN on the issues related to human trafficking. (212) 490-4624, [www.franciscansinternational.org/issues/trafficking/php](http://www.franciscansinternational.org/issues/trafficking/php).

**Girls Educational and Mentoring Services**, Counseling and referral services, youth leadership training, to youth survivors 298B W 149<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10039. [www.gems-girls.org](http://www.gems-girls.org).

**International Institute of New Jersey**, Anti-trafficking Initiative. Offices in NY and NJ. [www.iinj.org/antitraffickinginitiative.html](http://www.iinj.org/antitraffickinginitiative.html).

**International Rescue Committee**, Relief, rehabilitation, protection, and advocacy services provided to and on behalf of survivors. Anti-Trafficking Initiatives, 122 East 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, New York, NY 10168, Phone (212) 551-3100, Fax (212) 551-3181

### **New York Association for New Americans**

This organization assists new immigrants and their families from every nation in every aspect of their lives, from education and healthcare, to legal advice and job placement. 17 Battery Place, New York, NY, 10004, Phone (212) 425-2900. [www.nyana.org](http://www.nyana.org).

**New York City Community Response To Trafficking (CRT)**, Trafficking Awareness Project, Clearinghouse for up-to-date information on NYC based efforts to prevent trafficking, protect victims, and prosecute traffickers. (917) 584-0074.

**New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA)**, promoting a coordinated response by government agencies. (800) 846-0773 or contact by email [nyspio@otda.state.ny.us](mailto:nyspio@otda.state.ny.us).

**Office of the Attorney General, New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety**, Runs statewide human trafficking task force, trains and assists law enforcement, coordinates efforts to identify and provide services to survivors. [www.njshttf.nj.gov](http://www.njshttf.nj.gov). (800) 999-9007.

**Permanent Commission on the Status of Women**, Interagency task force brings together government, law enforcement, community-based advocates and service providers to research the extent of human trafficking conducted in Connecticut and how to improve outreach to survivors. [www.cga.ct.gov/PCSW/Trafficking/traffickinghome.htm](http://www.cga.ct.gov/PCSW/Trafficking/traffickinghome.htm). 18-20 Trinity Street, Hartford, Connecticut, 06106. Phone: (860) 240-8300.

**Philippine Forum**, Community based service and advocacy consortium that provides direct legal services to Philippine trafficking survivors. 54-05 Seabury Street, Elmhurst, New York, 11373. Phone (718) 565-8862.

**Polaris Project New Jersey**, Building a sustainable grassroots anti-trafficking movement in New Jersey, strengthening state capacity to identify and serve survivors. (609) 945-0730, [www.polarisproject.org/polarisproject](http://www.polarisproject.org/polarisproject).

**Safe Horizon**, Provides support, preventive, and rehabilitative services for survivors of crime and abuse, their families and communities. 2 Lafayette Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10007 Phone (212) 577-7700, Fax (212) 577-3897. [www.safehorizon.org/index.php](http://www.safehorizon.org/index.php).

**Save the Children**, Promotes protection for children victims of sexual exploitation and gender based violence. 54 Wilton Road, Westport, Connecticut, 06880. Phone (800) 728-3843. [www.savethechildren.org/index.asp](http://www.savethechildren.org/index.asp) .

**Urban Justice Center**, Legal representation and training of community-based serviced providers on behalf of sex trafficking survivors. 666 Broadway, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, NY, NY 10012, Phone (646) 602-5626, [www.urbanjustice.org](http://www.urbanjustice.org).

**US Department of Health and Human Services, Rescue and Restore Victims of Human Trafficking Campaign**, Agency designated to help survivors become eligible to receive benefits and services, identifies survivors, created Trafficking Information and Referral Hotline (888) 3737-888. [www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking).

**The Door**, Youth development agency that provides comprehensive health, legal, educational, counseling and nutritional services to NYC youth. 121 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10013. Phone (212) 453-0233. Fax (212) 941-9379. [www.door.org](http://www.door.org).