

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

is the illegal movement of people for the purposes of forced labor and/or commercial sexual exploitation.



There are currently 45.8 million individuals enslaved to Human Trafficking. Of that 45.8 Million, only .1% are being helped.



Human Trafficking is \$32 Billion dollar industry and the second largest criminal industry in the world; More than Nike, Starbucks and Target Combined.



A girl is bought and sold every fifteen seconds for an average of \$90.



A trafficker can be a man or woman. They can also be teacher, doctor, lawyer, or clergy. There is no one face to a trafficker.



The average age of a John is a 41 year-old, college educated, male with a wife and children.



There are 22,500 new victims per day.



Between 14,500 and 17,500 people are trafficked into the U.S. each year



It is estimated 1,700 girls are trafficked in North Carolina each year.



North Carolina ranks number 10 in the US, Charlotte is number 1 in the state and number 6 in the US for individuals being domestically trafficked.



Charlotte is home to large sporting venues that host national and region events and also sits at the intersection of two major interstates within close proximity to beaches. This ideal location makes it a hot spot for Human Trafficking.



7 out of 10 victims are directly related to the private sector – making the products we buy or harvesting the food we eat, exploited for labour – bonded or forced.



Human Trafficking is happening in suburbs, rural towns and cities.



Eighty percent of Human Trafficking victims are women and children



Trafficking primarily involves exploitation which comes in many forms, including: forcing victims into prostitution, subjecting victims to slavery or involuntary servitude and compelling victims to commit sex acts for the purpose of creating pornography.



The average age a teen enters the sex trade in the U.S. is 12 to 14-year-old. Many victims are runaway girls who were sexually abused as children.



Human Trafficking promotes societal breakdown by removing men, women, and children from their families and communities. Trafficking fuels organized crime groups that usually participate in many other illegal activities, including drug and weapons trafficking and money laundering.

It negatively impacts local and national labor markets, due to the loss of human resources. Human Trafficking burdens public health systems. And trafficking erodes government authority, encourages widespread corruption, and threatens the security of vulnerable populations.