

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- **Pray** – and get others praying (for those at-risk of being trafficked, trafficked persons, traffickers and consumers of commercial sex, those fighting trafficking)
- **Learn** more, and become more informed (through websites, books, articles or documentaries)
- **Talk** about this issue with your friends, church, family, etc.
- **Write**/e-mail your local Member of Parliament asking them to make changes in our laws that will help trafficked persons get the protection and services they need
- Support **Fair Trade** initiatives that give women in developing countries choices
- **Fund-raise** money for anti-trafficking initiatives
- **Speak out** against sexism/gender inequalities
- Contact your local Anti-Trafficking Network representative to **volunteer** your time/energy to fight trafficking
- Be on the **lookout** for those who may have been trafficked

RECOGNIZING TRAFFICKING²

These are certain indicators that may give clues that a person has been trafficked. Many of these are similar to those of someone being abused. Please note that these indicators do not necessarily mean that the person has been trafficked:

- Evidence of being controlled
- Evidence of an inability to move or leave job
- Bruises or other signs of battering
- Fear or depression
- Newcomer to Canada/Non-English speaking
- Lack of passport, immigration or identification documentation

REPORTING TRAFFICKING

If you suspect someone has been trafficked, contact The Salvation Army Anti-Trafficking Network and/or your local R.C.M.P.

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For more info, visit
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² Adapted from the Department of Health & Human Services, USA

HUMAN SEXUAL TRAFFICKING

HOW TO RESPOND



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HUMAN SEXUAL TRAFFICKING

DEFINITION

Human Sexual Trafficking is a form of slavery. It happens when human beings are sold and bought for the purposes of sexual exploitation. It includes people (mostly women and girls) being recruited, transported, transferred, harboured or received.

These actions are accomplished by means of force, the threat of force, or other forms of coercion. It is always involuntary because even when consent is achieved, it is through some form of fraud, deception, abduction/kidnapping or abuse of power/vulnerability.¹

STATISTICS

Millions of people are trafficked annually worldwide – many of these numbers are women and children who have been sexually trafficked.

At least 2500 foreign women and girls are coerced into joining the Canadian sex trade each year by human traffickers.

¹ Adapted from the United Nations Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, 2000. The Salvation Army uses the term human sexual trafficking, because we focus on trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation.

EMILY'S STORY

Emily lost her mother to HIV/AIDS when she was only 14 years old. Emily had to drop out of school to take care of her younger brother and sister. She always worried about money and their future.*

One of Emily's uncles told her that he had a friend who was willing to help the family. The uncle's friend told Emily that he had special connections in Canada. The "friend" promised her a job as a nanny that would last a year, and offered to pay for her plane ticket upfront. Emily was told she would make enough money to support her family back home as well as have some savings for future education. Emily did not want to leave her family, but she felt the risk was worth it because it was only for one year and she had limited options for herself and family at home.

Upon arrival in Canada, Emily discovered that the "family" she was supposed to live with did not exist. She was told that she had to pay off her plane ticket by working. She then discovered that this work meant having sex with men. Emily was mortified, and cried throughout the night. She was given a new name, and her passport was taken.

Emily thought about escaping, yet she was afraid of the police and being thrown in jail. She was also told that if she ran away, she or her family would be hurt or killed. Being terrified, she started to drink to get rid of the feelings of shame, helplessness and hopelessness.

**Emily is not her real name*

THE SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army recognizes the inherent human dignity in each person, and has a long history of efforts to protect that human dignity; with a special emphasis on the most vulnerable members of our societies.

The Salvation Army is committed to ending Human Sexual Trafficking and ensuring that the human rights of trafficked persons are respected.

ANTI-TRAFFICKING NETWORK

- Established in 2004
- Representation on The Salvation Army's International Task Force
- Monthly teleconference for network members
- Divisional/regional sub-committees to assess and address local needs
- Production of awareness materials and discussion papers on the issue
- Presentations to create awareness
- Annual International Weekend of Prayer and Fasting for Victims of Trafficking
- Submissions and lobbying of federal government for legislative changes
- Regionally, partnerships with R.C.M.P., Governments, other Non-Governmental Organizations, Coalitions and Faith-Based groups
- Prostitution Offender Programs (for those caught buying sex) to address demand for commercial sex
- Outreach ministries to prostituted persons, some of whom may be trafficked persons.