



SISTERS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
NATIONAL ADVOCACY CENTER
Rise Up AND Act for Justice

*Take Action Against
Human Trafficking!*



**WORLD DAY AGAINST
TRAFFICKING
IN PERSONS
30 JULY**

Human trafficking is the second largest and fastest-growing organized crime in the world.

There are an estimated 40 million people enslaved today. About 20 million are trapped in labor slavery, about 5 million are exploited in sex slavery, and about 15 million are enslaved in forced

marriages. Women and girls account for 71 percent of the total; children are about 25 percent of the total.

Estimates for profits taken through all forms of exploitation and slavery total roughly \$150 billion a year, with profits from commercial sexual exploitation amounting to \$99 billion.

At NAC, we are doing our small part to educate and combat human trafficking. Following our successful inaugural conference on human trafficking held at the U.S. Capitol, **I am happy to announce that we will hold a second conference in 2019.** Stay tuned for details. In the meantime, there is plenty that each of us can do.

- Visit our website to learn how to [identify human trafficking and how to provide assistance.](#)
- If you are in the United States and believe someone may be a victim of human trafficking, report your suspicions to law enforcement by calling 911 or the 24-hour [National Human Trafficking Resource Center](#) line at 1-888-373-7888 or text 233-733. Trafficking victims, including undocumented individuals, are eligible for services and immigration assistance.
- Be a conscientious and informed consumer:
 - Discover your [slavery footprint](#)
 - Ask [who picked your tomatoes](#)
 - Ask who [made your clothes](#)
 - Check out the U.S. Department of Labor's [List of Goods Produced by Child Labor or Forced Labor](#)
- Meet with and/or write to your [local, state, and federal government representatives](#) to let them know you care about combating human trafficking, and ask what they are doing to address it.
- There are two bills in particular we support:
 - [Pass Savanna's Act](#) – close the information gap to reduce the number of missing and murdered Native American Women

- [Pass Protecting Girls' Access to Education in Vulnerable Settings Act](#) – education reduces a child's vulnerability to trafficking and educational opportunities for persons displaced by conflict are needed

- Encourage your local schools to partner with students and include modern slavery in their curricula. As a parent, educator, or school administrator, be aware of how traffickers [target school-aged children](#).

- Become familiar with the [Position Paper](#) of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd on Human Trafficking.

- Join the [Polaris Project](#) for updates in what is happening in your community, your state, and at the national and international level.

Nothing degrades another human being more than being treated as an object, as a commodity. Let's act today to end this scourge.

Larry Couch
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