**Volunteer On The Task Force**

**Education Ambassadors:** Solicit and conduct youth and/or adult presentations

**Awareness Ambassadors:** Help create social media awareness—share information on social media, parish bulletins and websites; Volunteer for outreach events

**Advocacy Ambassadors:** Write letters to representatives, senators, businesses, editors

**Action Ambassadors:** Conduct a backpack drive; Help host a fair-trade fundraiser; Coordinate a movie viewing and have a discussion group

**School Ambassadors:** Work with the school initiative to conduct presentations

**DOHTTF Liaison:** Task force member would serve as a representative at Human Trafficking Task Force meetings

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For more information on the Diocese of Orlando Human Trafficking Task Force

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**Mission**

Our mission is to educate, engage and empower the community to advocate for an end to human trafficking and provide support to survivors.

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Call the National Human Trafficking Hotline: **1-888-373-7888** if you suspect trafficking.
What is Human Trafficking

Human trafficking is defined as the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring, or receipt of persons by improper means (such as force, abduction, fraud, coercion, abuse of power/position) for an improper purpose including forced labor or sexual exploitation.

- Involves the exploitation of persons for commercial sex or forced labor, plus the inability to extricate oneself from that situation
- Often involves crossing an international border, but does not require moving a victim
- Traffickers use force, fraud, or coercion to control their victims
- Traffickers look for people who are susceptible for a variety of reasons, including psychological or emotional vulnerability, economic hardship, lack of a social safety net, natural disasters, or political instability

According to the National Human Trafficking Resource Center, there are 40 million people enslaved worldwide.

In 2018, the National Human Trafficking Response Center ranked Florida third in the number of calls received by the center’s human trafficking hotline.

According to a study of U.S. Department of Justice human trafficking task force cases, 83 percent of sex trafficking victims identified in the United States were U.S. citizens.

The average age that a trafficked victim is first used for commercial sex is 12-14.

Labor trafficking includes situations of debt bondage, forced labor, and involuntary child labor.

Labor traffickers use violence, threats, lies, and other forms of coercion to force people to work against their will in many industries.

A Call To Action To End Human Trafficking

The existence of human trafficking where women, men and children are enslaved throughout the world demands each of us become involved in one of the most important issues of our day - freeing the slaves. Here is how you can become involved:

Pray - it is through the healing power of prayer that change and healing can take place for those involved in any way in human trafficking

Become informed - we must understand the issues of faith and family, abuse, consumer demand and poverty that perpetuate human trafficking
- We must understand where the products and food we purchase come from.
  Visit: https://slaveryfootprint.org

Donate/Give - time, talent and treasure
- You can help support the efforts of the task force.
  Donate: https://cficc.org/donate
- Become a volunteer on the task force

We Can Help You

- Attend/host a human trafficking training
- Coordinate a fair trade fundraiser or event
- Plan a movie viewing and discussion group
- Participate in a human trafficking awareness event