

# Take Action!

We invite you to get involved. Anyone can join in the fight against human trafficking. Here are ideas to consider.

## **PRAY**

- Pray for the Lord to set us free from our selfish desires, our ignorance, our apathy.
- Pray for perseverance for those on the front line (shelter leaders/workers, law enforcement, advocates).
- Pray for survivors of trafficking, that they would encounter God's love. Pray that they would heal, spiritually, mentally, and emotionally.
- Pray that traffickers and buyers would have a profound, life-changing Damascus-road encounter with God (Acts 22:6-10).
- Pray against the use of pornography.

## **BECOME INFORMED**

- Set up a web alert to receive current human trafficking news.
- Make it a goal to read or watch at least one book or video about this issue.
- Parents and Caregivers: Learn how human traffickers often target and recruit youth.
- Faith-Based Communities: Host awareness events and community forums with anti-trafficking leaders. Support a local victim service provider.
- Health Care Providers: Learn the indicators of human trafficking and how to assist victims.
- Check out our resource page: [instituteforsheltercare.org/human-trafficking-resources](http://instituteforsheltercare.org/human-trafficking-resources)

## **NOTICE**

- Look for the people who are "hidden in plain sight" and be aware of those around you who are vulnerable: the fatherless, the orphan, the homeless, the runaway.
- Make eye contact. Say hello. You might be the one to see something and say something.
- Add the National Human Trafficking Hotline to your contacts: 888-373-7888.

## **SPEAK UP**

- Meet with and/or write to your local, state, and federal elected officials to let them know you care about combating human trafficking. Ask what they are doing to address it.
- Advocate for anti-human trafficking in your workplace, school, or church.
- Partner with agencies that fight for justice.
- Encourage your local schools or school district to include human trafficking in their curricula.
- Use your social media platforms to raise awareness about human trafficking.

## **SERVE**

- Get involved with others who are on the front lines.
- Contact the anti-trafficking agencies or task forces in your area and ask how you can help.
- Plan an awareness event.
- Host an awareness-raising event and invite a speaker hold a seminar.
- Research events in your area in support of anti-trafficking efforts and plan to participate.
- Become a mentor to a young person or someone in need.

## **TEACH**

Teach the children in your family, schools, and neighborhood:

- To value themselves and others.
- To keep their personal information private.
- To talk to their parents or trusted adults about what they are doing online.
- To speak up when they are uncomfortable with a situation.

## **GIVE**

- Give to local organizations who are providing survivors with new hope.
- Give your time, your talents, and your resources to shelters and advocacy groups in your state.
- Join our Monthly Giving Community [instituteforsheltercare.org/ways-to-give](http://instituteforsheltercare.org/ways-to-give)