How do I get involved or help with the anti-human trafficking movement?

According to the 2013 U.S. Trafficking in Persons (TIP) report, The United States is a source, transit, and destination country for men, women, and children—both U.S. citizens and foreign nationals—subjected to forced labor, debt bondage, involuntary servitude, and sex trafficking. Congruent to the U.S. Department of State’s recommendations to help fight human trafficking, PEHT advises concerned citizens and advocates begin with these three steps.

**Step 1. Get Educated on Human Trafficking:**

- **Visit PEHT's Resource Center** (coming soon at www.endhumantrafficking.org). Familiarize yourself with the basics of human trafficking through our Resource Center. There, you can learn how to help identify potential victims by knowing the red flags and the appropriate follow up questions to ask.

- **Request an outreach educator from PEHT.** Human Trafficking awareness and specialized training for professional is (likely to come into contact with a trafficked person) is available for individuals, businesses, law enforcement, service providers, nonprofits, student groups, grassroots and faith-based organizations. To request a presentation or training by PEHT please email: info@endhumantrafficking.org.

- **Encourage your family, friends, and colleagues to get educated on human trafficking.**

**Step 2. Take Action:**

- **“Like” PEHT on Facebook.** Receive updates on human trafficking in the local, national, and international news as well as current anti-human trafficking efforts.

- **Join or start a grassroots anti-trafficking coalition.** If you live in Greater Pittsburgh Area and would like to join our Southwestern Pennsylvania Anti-Human Trafficking Coalition, please email info@endhumantrafficking.org.

- **Don't buy sex.** Men should take the lead in spreading this message, incorporating it into their mentorship of other boys and men.

- **Be a conscientious consumer.** Take a survey to discover your Slavery Footprint at (http://slaveryfootprint.org), and check out the Department of Labor’s List of Goods Produced by Child Labor or Forced Labor at (http://www.dol.gov/ilab/reports/child-labor/list-of-goods/).

- **Make company supply chains transparent.** Encourage companies, including your own, to take steps to investigate and eliminate slavery and human trafficking in their supply chains and to publish the information for consumer awareness. Check to see how your company's supply chain rates on the transparency scale, do you know its Story Behind the Barcode (www.free2work.org)?

- **Distribute public awareness materials and campaign flyers.** Contact your local coalition or anti-human trafficking organization and offer to help them distribute their campaign/awareness materials. To access PEHT's public awareness materials and advice on how and where to distribute materials, please visit our Resource Center (coming soon at www.endhumantrafficking.org).

- **Donate funds or needed items to an anti-trafficking organization in your area.** Ask your local organization what items they may need. Donations to the Project to End Human Trafficking are used to directly and indirectly help trafficking victims. They may be used to buy food and clothing for victims, or they may be used to buy office supplies or other necessities. Checks may be mailed to: The Project to End Human Trafficking c/o Carlow University 3333 Fifth Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15213

- **Organize a fundraiser and donate the proceeds to an anti-trafficking organization.** Inform the local organization you intend to raise funds for. Be sure to consult with them about the content of the event for quality assurance purposes. PEHT can be contacted at info@endhumantrafficking.org.

- **Raise awareness by hosting an event.** Educate your friends, colleagues, and peers by inviting them to your awareness event. Be sure to consult with your local anti-human trafficking organization for quality assurance purposes. Watch and discuss a recent human trafficking documentary. On a larger scale, host a human trafficking film festival. PEHT can be contacted at info@endhumantrafficking.org.
Incorporate human trafficking information into your professional associations’ conferences, trainings, manuals, and other materials as relevant. Consult with your local anti-trafficking coalition or organization on what information to include and how to incorporate quality standard operating procedures (on victim identification, referral, and services to victims) into your professional trainings and manuals. PEHT can be contacted at info@endhumantrafficking.org

Start or sign a human trafficking petition. Help improve your state and local laws on human trafficking. It's quite simple, start with Raise Your Grade at www.raiseyourgrade.org to improve your state’s laws on sex trafficking and domestic minor sex trafficking.

Meet with and/or write to your local, state, and federal government representatives. Let them know that you care about combating human trafficking in your community, and ask what they are doing to address human trafficking in your area.

Encourage your local schools to partner with students and include the issue of modern day slavery in their curriculum. As a parent, educator, or school administrator, be aware of how traffickers target school-aged children.

Step 3. Report a tip:
If you see something, say something by asking the appropriate questions and then reporting it. Here is how:

In the United States

- In cases of emergency call 9-1-1, if you believe you have identified someone still in the trafficking situation and they are in immediate danger.

- If you are unsure and would like to report a tip, receive more information, or be connected to a service provider in your area call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline: 1-888-373-7888 OR text “INFO” or “HELP” and send to BeFree (233733). The hotline operates 24/7.

*DO NOT attempt to rescue a trafficking victim yourself- it may be unsafe for you and the victim. You have no way of knowing how the trafficker may react or retaliate against the victim and you. Victims are unlikely to accept your help. Please leave the rescue to trained professionals.