

Human Trafficking Awareness Campaign January – February 2011

In January 2010, the San Francisco Collaborative Against Human Trafficking formally launched and hosted the 1st annual Human Trafficking Awareness Campaign. This year marks the 2nd anniversary of these efforts, and the Campaign has grown tremendously.

Officially, the Campaign runs from January 11, which is **National Human Trafficking Awareness Day**, through February 12, **Abraham Lincoln's Birthday**, though certain events fall outside those constraints.

The Collaborative distributes a monthly e-Calendar of events hosted by our member organizations throughout the year. If you would like to join the mailing list for this service, please email sfcaht@gmail.com.

NOTE: All events are in San Francisco, unless otherwise noted. This list contains preliminary information that is subject to change. Contact individuals listed in each event for further details.

Modern Day Abolitionist Award – Nomination Forms Available

Date: Monday, January 3

Location: www.sfcaht.org

Description: The San Francisco Collaborative Against Human Trafficking is seeking nominations of leaders in the fight against human trafficking in the San Francisco Bay Area to receive the Modern Day Abolitionist Award. Nominees should be active in the fight to end human trafficking through education, outreach, and/or advocacy. For nomination forms, visit www.sfcaht.org. All nominations must be received by 5:00 pm, Friday, January 28, 2011. A Selection Committee of SFCaHT will review all nominations and make a selection by February 7, 2011. The Modern Day Abolitionist of 2011 and all nominees will be honored on February 10, 2011.

Contact: Laura Marshall, Department on the Status of Women, (415) 252-2578

Library Exhibit: Modern Day Slavery

Date: Saturday, January 8 – Saturday, March 3

Location: SF Main Library, 3rd Floor, 100 Larkin Street (at Grove)

Description: The San Francisco Collaborative Against Human Trafficking and the Public Library will sponsor an exhibit to educate the public about human trafficking. Visit the 3rd Floor Humanities Section to view the exhibit and to find resources for learning more.

Contact: Katherine Ray, Department on the Status of Women, (415) 252-3216

National Human Trafficking Awareness Day

Date: Tuesday, January 11

Ladies of the San Francisco Consular Corps Present: “Human Trafficking”

Date: Thursday, January 13

Description: This event is by invitation only. The Ladies of the San Francisco Consular Corps will host an event for its members to learn about the issue of human trafficking.

“Human Trafficking in the Bay Area”

Date: Friday, January 14

Time: 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Location: Continuing Learning in Retirement (CLIR), U.C. Berkeley Extension Campus, 50 First Street, Room TBD.

Description: The Continuing Learning in Retirement program will host expert practitioners from the SAGE Project to discuss how human trafficking impacts the Bay Area and what a local non-profit is doing to intervene. Free and open to the public. Please RSVP.

Contact: Gail Schlueck, gschlueck@msn.com

“Images of Freedom” with Freedom House

Date: Saturday, January 15

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: Dolores Park Church gymnasium, 65 Dorland Street

Description: Freedom House, a transitional housing facility for survivors of trafficking, will be hosting the creation of a Freedom Collage. Survivors of human trafficking at Freedom House will create their images of freedom, forming the basis for the collage. At the event, the community will have the opportunity to contribute by adding additional expressions of freedom to the collage. Join Freedom House to add your images. Please RSVP.

Contact: info@freedom-house.us.com. Sign up on Eventbrite at <http://www.eventbrite.com/edit?eid=1090217871>.

Freedom Summit – 2-day Conference

Date: Friday, January 21 and Saturday, January 22,

Time: Friday: 4:00 pm – 10:00 pm; Saturday: 8:30 am – 7:00 pm

Location: Harbor Light Church; 4760 Thornton Ave, Fremont, CA

Description: With guests Dr. Condoleezza Rice and Dr. David Batstone of Not For Sale, among others, this 2-day regional conference on human trafficking will inform and engage the Bay Area in a united fight against the epidemic of human trafficking. Registration costs \$40-\$60, and must be completed by January 15.

Contact: freedom-summit.org or (415) 905-5050

Training on Combating Human Trafficking for Professionals, Advocates, and Activists

Date: Wednesday, January 26

Time: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Location: Jewish Family and Children's Services; 2150 Post Street, Olive Room

Description: With featured speakers Lt. John Vanek of the San Jose Human Trafficking Task Force, Cindy Liou of Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach, Mollie Ring of SAGE, and Lt. Mary Petrie of the San Francisco Police Department, this training will focus on human trafficking prosecution, prevention, and victim protection. Participants will learn about trafficking causes, legal aspects, and suspect profiles, and will hear from local service providers about help available for victims. Box lunches will be available for \$15. Drinks will be provided. Seating will be limited, so please RSVP. Training is presented by the Jewish Coalition to End Human Trafficking in partnership with the San Francisco Collaborative Against Human Trafficking.

Contact: Antonia Lavine at antoniasb@hotmail.com or (415) 283-6760



“Trafficking in Moldova” – UNIFEM Lecture and Film Event

Date: Friday, January 28

Time: 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Location: TBD

Description: The San Francisco Chapter of UNIFEM (United Nations Development Fund for Women) will host a fundraiser to support the work of Ninel (Neli) Babcsinschi, an advocate and defender of trafficked victims in Moldova. Participants will hear from Kate Transchel, professor of Russian at California State University at Chico, and an expert in human trafficking in eastern Europe. She has just returned from 3 months in Russia, Ukraine, and Moldova, interviewing victims of trafficking. Ms. Transchel is advocating on behalf of Neli Babcsinschi, a Moldovan lawyer in immediate danger of persecution because of her work to free victims of trafficking. Come hear her story and support her work. Also, UNIFEM will screen the film **Call + Response**, and will hear directly from the director about the making of the documentary. This event is co-sponsored by the Department on the Status of Women. Open to the public. Small fee at the door to cover costs may apply.

Contact: Carrie Dickenson, UNIFEM – SF Chapter, cadickenson@gmail.com

Modern Day Abolitionist Award - Nominations Due

Date: Friday, January 28

Time: 5:00 pm

Submission: Laura Marshall, Department on the Status of Women,
laura.marshall@sfgov.org, 25 Van Ness Ave., Suite 130, San Francisco, CA 94102

Anatomy of a Case: Federal Interventions in Cases of Human Trafficking

Date: Wednesday, February 2

Time: 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: Koret Auditorium, SF Public Library Main Branch, 100 Larkin St. (at Grove)

Description: The San Francisco Collaborative Against Human Trafficking presents this expert panel, moderated by former Assemblymember Sally Leiber, to educate and inform the public. Representatives from the U.S. Attorney's Office, the FBI, Homeland Security, and the Police Department will discuss how they bring traffickers to justice. Free and open to the public.

Contact: Laura Marshall, Department on the Status of Women, (415) 252-2578



Forms of Legal Relief for Survivors of Human Trafficking

Date: Monday, February 7

Time: 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Location: Hastings College of the Law, Room TBD

Description: The Center for Gender and Refugee Studies at Hastings College of the Law and the San Francisco Collaborative Against Human Trafficking present this expert panel discussion designed for attorneys, law students, and others engaged in survivor advocacy. MCLE hours are available. Free and open to the public.

Contact: Seema Kadaba, UC Hastings, kadabas@uchastings.edu

“The Dark Side of Chocolate” Film Screening and Modern Day Abolitionist Award Ceremony

Date: Thursday, February 10

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: University of San Francisco (location TBD)

Description: Close the Human Trafficking Awareness Campaign by honoring the recipient of the 2nd Annual Modern Day Abolitionist Award. Go to www.sfcaht.org to download a nomination form! Also, the Collaborative will screen the film “The Dark Side of Chocolate,” a documentary by the Not For Sale Campaign. Learn about the harsh reality of global chocolate manufacture and its connection to human trafficking. This event is hosted by the San Francisco Collaborative Against Human Trafficking, in partnership with Not For Sale Campaign. Free and open to the public.

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Women’s Day at Because Justice Matters

Date: Saturday, February 12

Time: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Location: 357 Ellis St., San Francisco

Description: Because Justice Matters holds quarterly Women’s Day events to show clients a little extra care. Volunteers are needed to help at this event. BJM will have a short orientation about trafficking. Then volunteers will provide free manicures to women who are being exploited or at risk of exploitation as well as connect them to any resources that are needed. Free and open to the public. Please RSVP.

Contact: Jen Esh, Because Justice Matters, jen@becausejusticematters.org

Abraham Lincoln’s Birthday

Date: Saturday, February 12

Book Reading and Discussion with Connor Grennan, Author of “Little Princes”

Date: Tuesday, February 15

Time: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: SF Public Library Main Branch, Latino/Hispanic Meeting Room, lower level, 100 Larkin Street (at Grove)

Description: Connor Grennan penned “Little Princes,” published January 2011, to document his trip to Nepal, his discovery of children sold into slavery during that country’s civil war, and his work to reunite these trafficked children with their parents. Come hear him speak about his book and his ongoing work to help the children of Nepal. Book sale to follow. Free and open to the public.

Contact: Joan Jasper, SF Public Library, (415) 557-4595

Thanks for participating in the 2011 Human Trafficking Awareness Campaign!

WHAT’S NEXT?

SAVE THE DATE: Volunteer Fair

Date: Wednesday, March 30, 2011

Time: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: Women’s Building, Audre Lorde Room, 3543 18th Street at Guerrero

Description: Are you interested in using your skills to support local efforts to end human trafficking? The San Francisco Collaborative Against Human Trafficking is hosting a **VOLUNTEER FAIR** to connect potential volunteers with community agencies conducting anti-trafficking work. Learn more about San Francisco service providers, and find an agency seeking the skills you possess.

Contact: Linda Janourova, Human Rights Commission, Linda.Janourova@sfgov.org

AND STAY TUNED FOR: Spring Forum on Child Trafficking in the Bay Area

The Collaborative will host a forum on child trafficking and exploitation in the Bay Area in May 2011.