
The Well: Each year thousands of women and girls from impoverished towns and villages in Thailand flock to cities like Bangkok and Pattaya to work in bars, go-go bars, brothels, and massage parlors. Some are sold outright by their families as slaves. The Well is a Christian ministry in Thailand (operating under *Servantworks* and other partner organizations) that provides counseling, training, job development, and other services to women and their families. For additional information: <http://servantworks.org/well>

World Vision: World Vision is a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to tackling the causes of poverty and injustice worldwide to help children, families, and communities reach their full potential. It has dedicated projects and websites for child sex trafficking. For additional information: <http://www.worldvision.org/content.nsf/learn/globalissues-childprotection-sexexploit>

Maryland-Based Organizations: Outreach & Advocacy

The Samaritan Women: The Samaritan Women's mission is to promote Health, Healing, and Hope in some of the most desperate and dark situations. Our heart is broken for issues such as: disrespect for Creation, the destruction caused by addictions and despair, division and disunity in the Church, and exploitation of women and children. For additional information: www.thesamaritanwomen.org

Polaris Project: Polaris Project is a leading organization in the United States combating all forms of human trafficking and serving both U.S. citizens and foreign national victims, including men, women, and children. For additional information: www.polarisproject.org

To report suspected cases of trafficking, find victim resources (including crisis intervention and urgent and non-urgent referrals) and to request comprehensive anti-trafficking resources or technical assistance, call the **24-hour hotline at 1-888-3737-888**.

Maryland Department of Human Services-Illinois Rescue and Restore Campaign: The State of Maryland has partnered with the Federal government to combat labor and sex trafficking in Maryland. The Coalition meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 6pm at The Samaritan Women Event Center. For additional information: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking/rescue_restore/index.html

National Immigrant Justice Center: The National Immigrant Justice Center ensures human rights protections and access to justice for immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers through direct legal services, policy reform, impact litigation, and public education. For additional information: <http://www.immigrantjustice.org>



National Runaway Switchboard: The mission of the National Runaway Switchboard is to help keep America's runaway and at-risk youth safe and off the streets. Their 24-hour crisis line has experienced front-line team members ready to help. Their services are anonymous, confidential and free.

For additional information: <http://www.1800runaway.org/>

STOP IT: STOP IT fights human trafficking by rescuing victims, protecting survivors, and prosecuting traffickers and exploiters. They are committed to teaching the community to recognize and identify possible victims of trafficking. Call the **STOP IT 24-hour hotline at 1-877-606-3158** to report a suspected case of human trafficking, including commercial sexual exploitation of children, sex trafficking and labor trafficking. For additional information: www.stopitnow.org

Shared Hope International: Shared Hope International exists to rescue and restore women and children in crisis. We are leaders in a worldwide effort to prevent and eradicate sex trafficking and slavery through education and public awareness. For additional information: <http://www.sharedhope.org/>

International Justice Mission: International Justice Mission is a human rights agency that secures justice for victims of slavery, sexual exploitation and other forms of violent oppression. IJM lawyers, investigators and aftercare professionals work with local officials to ensure immediate victim rescue and aftercare, to prosecute perpetrators and to promote functioning public justice systems. For additional information: <http://www.ijm.org/>

Soroptimist: Soroptimist is an international volunteer organization comprised of professional women working to improve the lives of women throughout the world through raising public awareness, fundraising, programming, and membership. Maryland has several chapters, including ones in Bowie, Cumberland, Frostburg, Hagerstown, Havre de Grace, Howard County, Kent County, Montgomery County, Pocomoke City, Salisbury, Talbot County, and Darnestown. For additional information: <http://www.soroptimist.org/>

Additional Resources

Prostitution Research and Education: Prostitution Research & Education (PRE) is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization that conducts research on prostitution, pornography and trafficking, and offers education and consultation to researchers, survivors, the public and policymakers. PRE's goal is to abolish the institution of prostitution while at the same time advocating for alternatives to trafficking and prostitution - including emotional and physical healthcare for women in prostitution. The roots of prostitution are in men's assumptions that they are entitled to buy women for sex, and in racism, and women's poverty. For additional information: <http://www.prostitutionresearch.com>

Truckers Against Trafficking: The goal of Truckers Against Trafficking (TAT) is to mobilize members of the trucking and travel plaza industry to combat domestic sex trafficking by helping us put our wallet cards in the hands of every trucker in America; have our upcoming TAT-training DVD made part of orientation for all truck stop and travel plaza employees, all students of private and public trucking driving schools, all truck drivers employed via major carriers or owner/operators; and have TAT posters posted in all truck stops, rest areas and truck

carrier break rooms across the United States. For additional information:
<http://www.truckersagainsttrafficking.com/>

Administration of Children and Families: This website has a wealth of information of Maryland initiatives and information about human trafficking. They also have links to toolkits for law enforcement officials, social service organizations, and health care providers. For additional information: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking/>

Maryland Rescue and Restore Coalition

Mission and Objectives

- 1. Engage communities and persons of faith to PRAYER and REPENTANCE against the exploitation and enslavement of human beings.**
- 2. Promote AWARENESS of human trafficking in an effort to reduce incidences of new victimization and increase identification of existing victims.**
- 3. Facilitate PREVENTION of human trafficking by educating potential victims, encouraging moral and just conduct, ministering to perpetrators, and advocating for fair trade and values-based economics.**
- 4. Support INTERVENTION of human trafficking activity by working cooperative with law enforcement, stimulating citizen involvement, and advocating for a just legal system.**
- 5. Develop AFTER CARE services and a care-give network for victims and perpetrators.**