

Not Alone: Working Together in the Fight Against Human Trafficking

What can I do?

Juan Carlos Jiménez Luna - Labor Trafficking Survivor and Advocate:

[in Spanish] To prevent this from happening to someone I know, it's important for me to share my story.

Allison Franklin - Sex Trafficking Survivor and Advocate:

I wish I didn't have this story to tell. And that's probably why I tell it.

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Kathy McGibbon-Givens - Sex Trafficking Survivor and Advocate:

To help prevent trafficking, we first have to be aware of what it is. Then we can start saying: "Okay well how do we fight this thing?"

Kristen Abrams - Senior Director of Human Trafficking - The McCain Institute:

Try to learn about what human trafficking looks like in your state or your community and what it doesn't look like.

Toni McKinley - Sex Trafficking Survivor and Advocate:

Seeing images of girls with chains around their wrists, black eyes, or hands up over their mouth, that does a lot of harm to the human trafficking movement as a whole because then that's what you're looking for.

Daniella Alvarado Pérez - Senior Prevention Advisory Specialist - Love 146:

So I would recommend trusted organizations—Polaris, the National Human Trafficking Hotline—ask these trusted resources for information.

Kathy McGibbon-Givens: People can support survivors by partnering with survivors.

Toni McKinley: You know, I have a woman who's volunteering to just do birthday parties for the women who've been trafficked because a lot of them aren't in connection with their families. You know how to throw birthday parties, I think everyone's done it almost.

Kathy McGibbon-Givens: If you know money management and finances there are people that need help with that.

Allison Franklin: If you're a graphic designer and you know an organization that just doesn't have much seed money and they need help getting their webpage up, do that and bring that to this space.

Sophia Strother - Sex Trafficking Survivor and Advocate:

You'll never always say the right things, you may not ever always do the right things, but the fact that you're there for them in that space means a lot.