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## Texas Bar Foundation pledges support for human trafficking exhibition at the Bullock Museum

*Not Alone* to focus on empowering younger audiences to understand and prevent the issue

**MAY 12, 2020 (AUSTIN, TX)** — The Bullock Texas State History Museum announced today a \$15,000 gift from the Texas Bar Foundation in support of an exhibition to raise awareness and fight against human trafficking. *Not Alone*, opening in January 2021, will empower visitors to better understand, prevent, and combat the issue.

The Bullock Museum will undertake the project with the goal of spotlighting an issue impacting thousands of Texans and preventing further exploitation of vulnerable individuals in the state. Although often underreported, recent statistics estimate there are 234,000 victims of labor trafficking and 79,000 victims of sex trafficking in Texas at any given time.

"We are so grateful for the Texas Bar Foundation's support for the Bullock Museum's educational opportunities that connect the past to the present," said Bullock Museum Director Margaret Koch. "In combination with the generous lead gift from Nancy Ann and Ray L. Hunt, the funding allows the Museum to explore this challenging issue by providing context and preventive measures that will make for stronger and healthier communities."

*Not Alone* centers on a series of questions, with an emphasis on content geared toward youth and young adults. Artifacts and informational graphics will provide different ways for visitors to explore what trafficking is, who it affects, the role technology plays, the ways healthy relationships can prevent it, and what they can do to help. Additionally, visitors will view inspiring, first-person stories of resilience, strength and self-empowerment with video testimonials from survivors in each exhibition section.

The funding provided by the Texas Bar Foundation will also support the Bullock Museum's efforts to travel the exhibition to other venues across the state after its run at the Museum. As a traveling exhibition, *Not Alone* will continue to spread awareness about the issue and further educate Texas communities about prevention.

Since its inception in 1965, the Texas Bar Foundation has awarded more than \$21 million in grants to law-related programs. Supported by members of the State Bar of Texas, the Texas Bar Foundation is the nation's largest charitably-funded bar foundation.

Funding opportunities for *Not Alone* are still available. For more information, contact the Texas State History Museum Foundation at [info@tshmf.org](mailto:info@tshmf.org) or 512-320-8204. For more information about *Not Alone* or the Bullock Museum, visit [TheStoryofTexas.com](http://TheStoryofTexas.com).

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Lead sponsorship for *Not Alone* provided by Nancy Ann and Ray L. Hunt with major funding by the Texas Bar Foundation.

The Bullock Texas State History Museum is a division the State Preservation Board. Additional support of exhibitions and programs is provided by the Texas State History Museum Foundation.

#### **ABOUT THE BULLOCK MUSEUM**

The Bullock Texas State History Museum, a division of the State Preservation Board and an accredited institution of the American Alliance of Museums, illuminates and celebrates Texas history, people, and culture. With dynamic, award-winning exhibitions, educational programming for all ages, and an IMAX® theater with the largest screen in Texas, the Museum collaborates with more than 700 museums, libraries, archives and individuals across the world to bring the Story of Texas to life. For more information, visit [www.TheStoryofTexas.com](http://www.TheStoryofTexas.com) or call (866)369-7108.

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