



# Network News

Diocese of San Jose Chapter

January 2018

## MISSION STATEMENT

As a Catholic faith community we value the dignity and rights of all persons and we endeavor to educate, to influence public policy, and to engage our community for the purpose of eradicating human trafficking in all its forms.

We work in collaboration with other faith communities, law enforcement, and established organizations addressing the issue.

## WEBSITE

[www.dsj.org/cneht](http://www.dsj.org/cneht)



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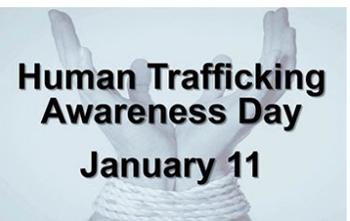
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## Human Trafficking Awareness Month



January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. We urge you to take a stand against human trafficking by recommitting yourselves to the fight to end human trafficking in the United States. This January, learn how to recognize the signs of human trafficking and where to report suspected instances (listed below). We need your help to end trafficking in your community. At CNEHT, we are working to combat the heinous crime of human trafficking each day because it robs people of their freedom and stands in stark contrast to our Catholic social teaching and values.

National Human Trafficking Awareness Day is observed every year on January 11th. This observance was started in 2011 by Presidential Proclamation of National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month by Barack Obama. The anniversary of this proclamation became known as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day.



Although slavery was officially abolished in the USA by the Thirteenth Amendment in December 1865, it still exists today in the various forms of human trafficking that include sex trafficking, forced labor, involuntary servitude, forced marriage and debt bondage. Observe National Human Trafficking Awareness Day. Support CNEHT and other organizations that work to raise awareness about modern day slavery in order to prevent human trafficking in your local community.

## Indicators of Human Trafficking

Recognizing key indicators of human trafficking is the first step in identifying victims and can help save a life. Here are some common indicators to help recognize human trafficking:

- Does the person appear disconnected from family, friends, community organizations, or houses of worship?
- Has a child stopped attending school?
- Has the person had a sudden or dramatic change in behavior?
- Is a juvenile engaged in commercial sex acts?
- Is the person disoriented, confused, or showing signs of mental or physical abuse?
- Does the person have bruises in various stages of healing?
- Is the person fearful, timid, or submissive?

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- Does the person show signs of having been denied food, water, sleep, or medical care?
- Is the person often in the company of someone to whom he or she defers? Or someone who seems to be in control of the situation, e.g., where they go or who they talk to?
- Does the person appear to be coached on what to say?
- Is the person living in unsuitable conditions?
- Does the person lack personal possessions and appear not to have a stable living situation?
- Does the person have freedom of movement? Can the person freely leave where they live? Are there unreasonable security measures?

Not all indicators listed above are present in every human trafficking situation, and the presence or absence of any of the indicators is not necessarily proof of human trafficking.

### Report Suspected Incidents of Human Trafficking

The National Human Trafficking Hotline is toll free and confidential: 1-888-337-888 or text: 'BeFree' (237333)

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## DIOCESE OF SAN JOSE UPDATE



### CNEHT members continue to partner with other organizations

by Nancy Moreno

CNEHT members continue to partner with other organizations to bring human trafficking awareness to members of our community. Join us on February 21st at the AAUW 3rd Wednesday & Get Informed! The workshop topic will be Red Flags and Legislation - Be Informed to Disrupt Human Trafficking. The event will take place at 7 pm at the Willow Glen Library (1157 Minnesota Ave, San Jose).

Students from Mitty High Schools' Mitty Advocacy Project (MAP) will share their research on this horrific issue (See article below to learn about their recent trip to D.C.). They will join speakers from CNEHT and AAUW to discuss the impact of legislation they are tracking, how we can take action to get results, and what needs our voice or vote to increase law enforcement and penalties against traffickers.

Prior to attending - learn more about labor trafficking by checking your own actions:

1. Learn how you may unknowingly be supporting slave labor:
  - visit [www.slaveryfootprint.com](http://www.slaveryfootprint.com)
  - get the app "Made in a Free World" (located under "more" on the website)
2. Check out the research MAP has done on this issue:
  - visit [www.mittyadvocacy.com](http://www.mittyadvocacy.com)
  - view Projects - Human Trafficking
3. Examine your Shopping patterns - Do you purchase any of these goods?
  - visit [www.dol.gov/ilab/reports/child-labor/list-of-goods/](http://www.dol.gov/ilab/reports/child-labor/list-of-goods/)
  - List is of 139 goods from 75 countries made by forced and child labor as identified by the U.S. Dept. of Labor.

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## STUDENT STORIES

In their own words, Bay Area students tell what they are doing to help in the fight against human trafficking.

### MAP in D.C.?

by Surabhi Bhupathi and Jennifer Prince, Mitty High School



photo: Jennifer Prince, Selina Dasol Kim, and Surabhi Bhupathi (from left to right).

This past November, the Mitty Advocacy Project (MAP) had the amazing opportunity to visit Washington D.C., where we attended conferences, lobbied for legislation, and made lasting connections with the city and the people.

Preparation began in August, following the beginning of the school year. The whole of MAP worked to create talking points that would be used to springboard discussion when meeting with California legislators. Though only twelve students flew to D.C. to lobby, every member contributed to MAP's achievements in Capitol Hill.

Our team left early Friday morning, November 3, to arrive in the nation's capital to kick off the five day trip. We stayed at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel, where the Ignatian Solidarity Network (ISN) Family Teach-in was taking place. We attended the ISN conference, an event spanning two days during which we attended informative breakout sessions and listened to poignant stories from keynote speakers. Presentation topics ranged from human trafficking and immigration to racism, sexism, and militarism. In addition, the halls were packed with booths from various organizations, including Catholics Relief Services (CRS). With our school being a platinum donor to the CRS Rice Bowl program, we made sure to visit their D.C. headquarters and meet with Myron Meche, CRS Director of Government Relations.

Not only did we meet with other advocates for justice, but we also advocated ourselves in D.C. Specifically, we met with the offices of Congressman Ro Khanna, Congresswoman Anna Eshoo, Senator Kamala Harris, and met with Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren (right picture). We had many things to discuss with our California legislators related to the four focus issues of MAP, which are human trafficking, immigration reform, criminal justice reform, and environmental justice and we learned about the policy making and funding process in our country. This sparked our interest in the process of policy making in our legislature. We participated in these meetings with other schools in California, including Presentation High School and Bellarmine College Preparatory.



Finally, to close our day of lobbying, we had the amazing opportunity to meet Representative Zoe Lofgren, who has visited Mitty before. While again presenting legislation for our four issues, we also had a discussion about the state of affairs in the House and Senate under the Trump Administration. This discussion, along with our meetings with other California representatives, inspired us to think of different ways to advocate with other legislators who don't necessarily agree with our stance on certain issues, such as immigration.

Traveling to Washington D.C. was an eye-opening experience. We were able to advocate for three major issues, gain valuable insights from those who shared their personal stories with us during the breakout sessions, and speak with legislative staffers. According to Senior Tim Simka, "being able to meet people that shared the same drive for social issues as I do was transformative... If I had the chance, I would go to D.C. again in a heartbeat." The trip, in addition, has inspired MAP "to discover and develop new courses of actions" according to Junior Selina Kim. Over the course of the year, we hope to get more California schools involved in advocacy work, as well as further our own social justice impact on our community through local meetings and a focus on policy development.

[mittyadvocacy.com](http://mittyadvocacy.com)

## MEETINGS



### No Traffic Ahead Subcommittee Meeting

**When:** Thursday, February, 2018, 10:30 am

**Where:** Family Resource Center, [591 North King Rd., San Jose](#)



### South Bay Coalition Meeting

**When:** Wednesday, January 17, 9 - 11 am

**Where:** Family Resource Center, [591 North King Rd.](#), San Jose



### Coalition to End Human Trafficking in Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties

**When:** Tuesday, January 16, noon to 1:30 pm

**Where:** Watsonville, CA

## ACTIVITIES/EVENTS/TRAINING



### The SFCaHT 2018 Human Trafficking Awareness Campaign Kickoff

**When:** Thursday, January 11, 10 to 11:30 am

**Where:** San Francisco City Hall, Room 408

**What:** Join local media and community members for the Annual Press Conference of the San Francisco Collaborative Against Human Trafficking (SFCaHT) as leading anti-trafficking advocates, service providers, survivors and Bay Area top government and law enforcement officials announce their priorities for 2018 in the fight against modern-day slavery. SFCaHT will kick off a month long awareness campaign and honor the winners of the 2018 Modern-day Abolitionist Awards. Info: <http://sfcaht.org/index.html>



### 3 Strands Global Break Free Run - Oakland

**When:** Saturday, January 20, 7:30 to 11:00 am

**Where:** Lakeside Park, Lake Merritt, [666 Bellevue Avenue](#), Oakland

**What:** <http://3strandsglobalfoundation.org/races/cities/oakland/>



### AAUW Workshop on Human Trafficking and Legislative Action

**When:** Wednesday, February 21, 7 pm

**Where:** Willow Glen Library, [1157 Minnesota Ave](#), San Jose

**What:** AAUW 3rd Wednesday & Get Informed Workshop.

**Topic:** Red Flags and Legislations - Be Informed to Disrupt Human Trafficking. (See Diocese Update above for details.)

## ANTI-TRAFFICKING APPS

### Apps of Interest; Lifeboat ACT Game

Created with interactive features and story-structured gameplay, this app lets users learn how to identify the signs of human trafficking in the people they love. Play as Tommy or Sarah as they watch their friend Macy manipulated into becoming a victim. Identify red flags in the surroundings, along with legitimate reasons for raised suspicions. Players can even reach out for lifelines like police officers and reference books if they feel stuck. This app combines education with fun as users learn that everyone can play a role in identifying victims of human trafficking.



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