

Take Action!

13 Ways to Combat Human Trafficking in the Triangle

The Triangle has not yet reached a stage (with its volunteers, government, law enforcement, etc.) where victims of human trafficking are regularly being identified and liberated...so we can use these ideas to build an environment where this *will* start to happen!

1. Keep your eyes open.

- How to [recognize a human trafficking situation](#)
- Rescue & Restore's "[Look Beneath the Surface](#)" materials (look under "Campaign Tool Kits")
- National Tip Line / Hotline: **1-888-373-7888** and NHTRC@PolarisProject.org
- North Carolina Tip Line: **1-866-252-6850***

*(Important disclaimer - This phone number is **not** a hotline. The person who answers this line speaks only English, does not have special training with trafficking cases/victims and is simply trained to pass the information on to the appropriate FBI agent.)

2. Get connected locally.

- *RIPPLE*, the statewide anti-human trafficking coalition for first responders and service providers (law enforcement officers, social workers, ER staff, etc.)
Contact: RachelB@legalaidnc.org
- [NC Stop Human Trafficking](#), the statewide anti-human trafficking coalition for volunteers, activists and advocates. (Click on the "Google Groups" button, top left corner of the website)
- [Jubilee](#), a faith-based group of Triangle volunteer abolitionists.

3. Learn more. There are many resources for better understanding and responding to human trafficking - [Polaris Project](#) and the [Not For Sale](#) campaign are great places to start.

4. Speak up. Spread the word about this issue whenever you are given the chance.

- A great way to tell people about this issue is the new abolition documentary "[Call + Response](#)." We can try to [bring it to the Triangle!](#) (Click on the 2nd box.)

5. Get to know your neighbors. To be able to affect the human trafficking situation in our communities, we need to build relationships with the people of our communities.

- Join [Hugh Hollowell](#) as he leads a discussion on how this works!
- Sept. 22, 7-8pm at [Visio Dei](#) (Raleigh)

6. Volunteer in emergency situations such as rescue operations (transportation, language interpretation, pastoral care, etc.). Contact: christine.shaw@uss.salvationarmy.org

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7. Be an interpreter if you speak a foreign language (this is particularly needed, so it's listed out separately). **Contact:** christine.shaw@uss.salvationarmy.org

8. Pray!

- Sept. 27, 3:00 pm , Downtown Raleigh: Prayer Walk in Response to HT (meet on the Capitol lawn, Fayetteville Street side)
- September 26-28: Salvation Army Weekend of Prayer and Fasting for Victims of Sex Trafficking - [prayer guide](#)

9. Collect items to be used when someone is rescued, such as basic needs items (non-perishable foods items, blankets, medical kits, etc.).

Contact: Robyn.VanDenBerg@uss.salvationarmy.org

10. Donate and/or raise money for NC anti-trafficking efforts.

- Salvation Army of Wake County's "Human Trafficking Fund"

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- Hope House Project (Asheville, NC) - North Carolina's first shelter created specifically for victims of human trafficking. **Contact:** hopehousenc@yahoo.com

11. Be an advocate.

- [Advocate](#) for strong [federal](#) anti-trafficking polices
- Advocate for strong North Carolina anti-trafficking policies.

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- Write a "letter to the editor" of your local news outlet.
- October 8-9: Join Not For Sale for their [Advocacy Days in Washington D.C.](#)

12. Be in the know about NC's human trafficking situation - catch up on [recent NC news coverage](#).

13. Be creative! There are MANY more ideas for impacting human trafficking, including ideas specific to students and educators, athletes, artists, companies and entrepreneurs, faith communities and more.

- Check out the action centers at [Polaris Project](#) and [Not For Sale](#).