



Engagement Activities



Fundraisers

Support the work of a local organization that provides comprehensive care to trafficking victims.

Host a 5K walk, run, or bike ride

- Sell race entries and t-shirts
- Rent out booths to local social service providers, anti-trafficking coalitions, and/or advocacy groups at the start and finish lines of the race
- Reach out to local media to cover the event and raise awareness of human trafficking prevention in your community

Host a benefit luncheon or bake sale

- Seek donations for ingredients or catering
- Enlist volunteers to serve and prepare the food
- For luncheon, sell tickets for the meal

Hold a raffle or silent auction

- Use ethically sourced items and services

Have a charity day at a local business

- Ask a local business to donate a portion of the day's proceeds to a local anti-trafficking organization
- Spread the word and invite your community to come out and support the cause and business



Shop Fair Trade

Support businesses that are certified Fair Trade or are making efforts to ensure their supply chains are free of forced labor.

Learn about the impact of your purchases

- Take the [Slavery Footprint Survey](#)
- Download [Sweat and Toil](#) to learn about goods produced with child & forced labor
- Review Verité's [Commodity Atlas](#) to better understand the link between certain products and forced labor
- Check out [Know the Chain](#) to see how companies can address forced labor risks

Ethically traded coffee

- Use/sell fair trade coffee at home, work, and church

Make a fair-trade Easter basket

- See this [Pinterest](#) board to build your own fair-trade Easter basket

Use your purchasing power

- Encourage your family and work place to purchase ethically sourced goods
- Become familiar with slave-free products - [U.S. Catholic Sisters against Human Trafficking](#)
- Order ethically produced products from organizations such as [SERRV](#)

Host an ethical foods potluck

- Look for items that were grown, produced, harvested, and distributed without the use of labor exploitation or human trafficking
- Consider using ingredients purchased from local farms or grown in your garden



Service Activities

Serve vulnerable populations in your community and organizations that support survivors.

Workers' rights workshop

- Hold a workshop for immigrants in your community about their civil and labor rights
- Consider offering it in the migrants' native language

Service project

- Organize a service day for a local organization that aids survivors of trafficking

S.O.A.P.

- [Help label soap bars](#) with the National Human Trafficking Hotline number

Traffick Cam

- Use your cell phone to help combat trafficking in hotel rooms – Download the [Traffick Cam](#) app



Donation Drives

Connect with local service providers to learn about current needs and to deliver items for distribution.

Food/clothing/blanket/linens drive

- Collect basic need items for local survivors

Hygiene Kits

- Put together Kits with toiletries for trafficking victims who have been identified in a raid



Learn & Advocate

Learn about local organizations

- Find local service agencies and coalitions and learn how your group can become involved

Invite guest speakers to share with your group

- Invite speakers to discuss their encounters with human trafficking survivors in their profession (i.e. law enforcement, health providers, teachers)
- Invite organizations serving victims (Catholic Charities, Bethany Christian Services, etc.) to share

Host a book club or documentary screening

- Read books on anti-trafficking and prepare discussion questions
- Host a movie night with the [Price of Free](#), a documentary on child labor and child trafficking

Hold a workshop on responsible consumerism

- Highlight companies that are working to eradicate slavery from their direct supply chains

Host a letter-writing party

- Review USCCB's anti-trafficking [toolkit](#) for examples of letters to the editor to raise awareness and affirm proper coverage of HT
- Write local leaders and organizations to support anti-trafficking initiatives and raise awareness
- Write your favorite company, encouraging them to clean up their supply chains

Choose Responsible Travel Companies

- Ask if the hotel where you plan to stay has signed [The Code](#)



Faith-Based Activities

Pray for victims of human trafficking

- Pray the [Stations of the Cross](#)
- Host a candlelight vigil
- Include a prayer for victims in worship aids
- Include intentions for victims and survivors in the Prayers of the Faithful during Mass

Hold a fellowship hour

- Use fair trade coffee and donuts
- Explain to parishioners how you are supporting labor rights and human dignity

Bulletin announcements

- Advertise parish anti-trafficking events
- Include [National Human Trafficking Hotline #](#)
- Highlight practical steps everyone can take to combat trafficking and support local victims

Host an ecumenical event

- Invite interfaith community members and leaders to discuss how your community can help prevent human trafficking together

Observe awareness days

- January: National Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness Month
- January 11: Human Trafficking Awareness Day (Participate in [#WearBlueDay!](#))
- February 8: Feast Day of St. Bakhita and Day of Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking
- July 30: World Day against Trafficking in Persons



Youth Activities

Engage youth in your community activities and encourage their involvement.

Hold a poster contest

- Create posters about the signs of human trafficking and what to do if someone is trafficked
- Display posters in the parish hall

Hold an education workshop

- Host a "Become a SHEPHERD" session for youth
- Encourage students to discuss how they can combat human trafficking

Teach youth to be safe online

- See [this guide](#) on internet safety

Make use of social media

- Share articles about prevention and advocacy
- Start a social media campaign using hashtags and event photos to raise awareness

Ice cream party

- Hold an ice cream party using fair trade ice cream (Ben & Jerry's, 365 Fair Trade Certified Chocolate)

Movie night

- Hold a movie night and host a discussion
- Find a documentary from [USCCB's list](#)

Make and sell "Stop Trafficking" bracelets

- Purchase letter beads, string them together to spell "SHEPHERD" or anti-trafficking slogans
- Make friendship bracelets with blue heart pattern. The blue heart represents [the UN's anti-trafficking campaign](#).