Overview of Efforts to Abolish Human Trafficking
The Salvation Army (TSA) has been providing services to victims of human trafficking since 1884 when it first established a “Rescue Home” for women and girls escaping sex trafficking and prostitution in London, England. Now, more than a century later, The Salvation Army in the United States and around the world is part of a revived movement for the abolition of human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation. Today The Salvation Army USA’s anti-trafficking efforts focus on four core areas: awareness-raising and training, public policy advocacy, prevention, and trafficking survivor services. Across the country The Salvation Army participates in many local coalitions, task forces, and working groups dedicated to ending human trafficking, and is frequently called upon to provide food, shelter, and clothing at a moment’s notice. What follows are highlights of some of these efforts.

Danya

Rescued from Domestic Servitude and Sexual Exploitation*

When Danya’s school teacher noticed her changing behavior—missing classes and sudden reserve—she grew concerned and asked Danya what was wrong. Danya broke down and disclosed her crisis. Two months prior Danya had been asked by her friend’s cousin to stay with him rent free if she just helped keep the house clean. She agreed and moved into his home, but the situation very quickly became one of domestic servitude. Danya was forced to work long hours and endure sexual abuse from the man and his male acquaintances.

Because Danya had the courage to speak out, and because her teacher knew the signs of human trafficking, they called TSA’s human trafficking hotline and caseworkers responded immediately. Within two hours Danya’s belongings were removed from the home, she was taken to a safe house, given the opportunity to talk with law enforcement, and most importantly the opportunity to regain control of her life for the first time in months.

Since Danya’s rescue, she has taken full advantage of her freedom, overcoming obstacles and achieving her goals. She has maintained an A average in her classes, now carries the keys to her own apartment, and most recently has been hired by an area restaurant. Though the past still haunts Danya, she works through her recovery daily with optimism for her future.

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Initiative Against Sexual Trafficking
Since 2001 The Salvation Army-USA has spearheaded the Initiative Against Sexual Trafficking (IAST) to help mobilize and equip the modern anti-trafficking movement. IAST conducts a variety of awareness-raising activities, including the provision of anti-trafficking information packets, and the coordination of webinars and special events, such as the International Weekend of Prayer and Fasting for Victims of Sexual Trafficking. Additionally, IAST administers an email listserv which distributes news and information concerning sexual trafficking, commercial sexual exploitation of women and children, hyper-sexualization of culture, and human rights abuses against women. For a free packet of information and/or a subscription to the listserv, email your request to: anti_sextrafficking@usn.salvationarmy.org.

Anti-trafficking Training Manual
Social service and other human service providers may have encountered human trafficking victims without even knowing it. For this reason, The Salvation Army developed a comprehensive training program to equip social service professionals with the skills needed to identify and serve human trafficking survivors. This project was completed with funding received from the U.S. Department of Justice’s Office for Victims of Crime. The 7-hour training series covers such topics as federal anti-trafficking laws and programs, victim identification skills, shelter needs, cultural competency, and trauma-informed services. To request a copy of the training manual or to host a training program in your area, send your request by email to: anti_sextrafficking@usn.salvationarmy.org.

CCIP Train-the-Trainer Institute Manual
The Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Community Intervention Project (CCIP) training program provides tools and resources needed to conduct community trainings about the prevention of commercial sexual exploitation of children. CCIP was funded and supported through a grant by the U.S. Department of Justice. Through the CCIP, training has been provided to more than 9,600 medical, social service, law enforcement and first responders across the country. For more information, send inquiries to: anti_sextrafficking@usn.salvationarmy.org.

Faith Alliance Against Slavery and Trafficking (FAAST)
FAAST is a partnership of Christian-based, community-oriented, non-profit organizations. FAAST unites the resources and efforts of its members to strengthen their responses to the scourge of human trafficking. Partners of FAAST include The Salvation Army USA, The Salvation Army World Service Office (SAWSO), Live2Free, Project Rescue, World Hope International, and World Relief. FAAST has undertaken several projects including the development of a curriculum called Hands that Heal: An International Curriculum to Train Caregivers of Trafficking Survivors. To learn more about FAAST, its programs and Hands That Heal, visit www.faastinternational.org.
DIRECT SERVICE PROGRAMS IN THE U.S.

ILLINOIS: Collaboration with faith-based and community-based organizations and law enforcement agencies has been the hallmark of The Salvation Army’s broad range of anti-trafficking initiatives serving the Chicago Metropolitan region and Illinois. Throughout the Midwest, hundreds of clergy, community workers, healthcare workers, law enforcement officers, and youth workers have been trained by Salvation Army staff and volunteers on victim identification, best practices, and compassionate responses to victims of human trafficking.

In 2010, Anne’s House opened as Illinois’ first long-term, trauma-based residential program for young women and girls who have been impacted by sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation. This program offers comprehensive services including, but not limited to, individual and group therapy, life skills training, support with academic and vocational goals, social and recreational activities and spiritual guidance. The program accommodates females from the United States, without children in their custody, ages 12 to 21, who have been sexually trafficked.

PROMISE (Partnership to Rescue Our Minors from Sexual Exploitation) Initiative was established with the goal of eliminating the commercial sexual exploitation of children in the United States. While based in Chicago, PROMISE models a comprehensive and collaborative approach to ending exploitation that is designed to be replicated across the country. At the community level, PROMISE works holistically to address prevention, intervention, restoration, public awareness and education. Each of these areas of focus is addressed by a task force and the entire effort is coordinated by a local leadership team. Strategies include consideration of all three populations involved: children, exploiters (pimps, traffickers, etc.) and abusers (commercial sex buyers, pornography consumers, etc.) The task forces consist of representatives from the most pertinent governmental and nongovernmental organizations, and include survivors or their advocates. To find out more about PROMISE, go to www.sapromise.org.

STOP-IT (Initiative Against Human Trafficking) program, within its Family and Community Services Department, was established in 2006 to work with all victims of human trafficking—adults and minors, males and females, sex and labor trafficking, as well as domestic (U.S. citizens) and foreign national victims. STOP-IT’s mission is to assist people exiting and escaping their exploitive situations and to help them stay out. The four program areas of STOP-IT include: outreach to victims of trafficking; providing support and planning to assist in safe exit from trafficking; training to community service providers; and raising public awareness about the indicators of human trafficking. Since the program’s inception, trained outreach workers have successfully supported the safe exit of dozens of trafficking victims from their life-threatening circumstances. STOP-IT is the first anti-trafficking program accredited by the Council on Accreditation, a national accrediting body for family and children’s services. For more information about STOP-IT, go to www.sa-stopit.org.

NEBRASKA: In Omaha, The Salvation Army operates the Wellspring program which provides support, education, and advocacy for women, men, and children affected by sex trafficking and prostitution. The services provided by Wellspring are designed using a holistic approach which includes group therapy, case management, individual and family therapy, material assistance, transportation and referrals. Wellspring also provides care and support for the children of prostituted persons.

Central United States
OHIO: The Salvation Army in Central Ohio manages the Central Ohio Rescue and Restore Coalition, a network of more than 50 faith-based, social service, law enforcement and medical organizations working together to combat human trafficking in Ohio. Through the work of the coalition, The Salvation Army provides training on human trafficking, holds an annual conference, conducts public awareness events, works with law enforcement, supports the passage of strong anti-trafficking legislation and coordinates a matrix of local services for trafficked persons. In addition to managing the coalition, The Salvation Army is a key provider of comprehensive case management services for victims of trafficking in Central Ohio and has assisted dozens of victims on their journey to freedom. For more information about the coalition, visit www.centralohiorescueandrestore.org.

In an effort to reach out to sex trafficking victims, The Columbus Area Salvation Army Anti-Human Trafficking Services team conducts weekly outreach to women who are being sexually exploited on the streets of Columbus. A dedicated team of trained volunteers and staff venture out to the street to meet women being prostituted. TSA offers these women love, encouragement, and a source of hope by distributing bags filled with hygiene products, snacks, and other gifts, as well as our emergency hotline cards and information about The Well. The Well is a drop-in-center for women who have been sexually exploited or trafficked. It is designed to be an environment of peace where women can relax, be valued, and develop a sense of positive self worth. It is also a place where women can access resources to help them begin their exit from exploitative circumstances.

PENNSYLVANIA: The New Community program located in Pennsylvania supports women exiting prostitution (many women in prostitution are former or current victims of sex trafficking). It provides case management, crisis counseling, advocacy, biblical instruction, recovery and support groups, a daytime drop-in center, as well as on-street and in-prison outreach to help women escape prostitution by developing a new community, free from exploitation.
The Salvation Army’s Southern Territory, through its Territorial Service Coordinator against Human Trafficking, offers extensive anti-trafficking training to Salvation Army staff and interested community partners throughout the southern United States. Training opportunities also include certified Enough Is Enough Internet Safety 101 training as yet another strategy for preventing sexual exploitation of children. Additionally, the Southern Territory has developed a strategic plan for guiding local Salvation Army commands in the development of programs which will meet minimum standards for responding to human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation. The goal of this effort is to equip personnel to develop victim-centered, anti-trafficking ministries offering residential treatment, aftercare services, and related ministries.

Southern United States

GEORGIA: The Salvation Army in Atlanta is conducting prayer walks around areas of prostitution and providing family seasonal assistance for children of women caught up in strip clubs, a venue of commercial sexual exploitation.

FLORIDA: In Florida, The Salvation Army is an active participant in anti-trafficking task force and coalition meetings, and has allowed the use of its buildings for community meetings, as well as office space for regional representatives of the Coalition Against Human Trafficking. Florida locations such as Clearwater and Ft. Myers have sheltered numerous victims of human trafficking, many of whom have obtained “Continued Presence,” found jobs, and settled into their own apartments. The Salvation Army in Ft. Myers’ assessment triage efforts—to protect victims and facilitate their transfer into appropriate residential treatment—are laying the groundwork for replication of this process elsewhere in the region.

NORTH CAROLINA: The Salvation Army in North Carolina has developed an anti-trafficking case management program with funding from the U.S. Department of Justice. This program works very closely with the North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault, the North Carolina Coalition Against Human Trafficking, Rapid Response Team of the Triangle, Pitt County Sheriff’s Department, and Legal Aid of North Carolina, to name a few. The purpose of the program is to raise awareness, provide outreach, as well as case management from emergency shelter placement through stabilization and re-establishment of individuals within the community of their choice.

OKLAHOMA: The Salvation Army in Oklahoma is an active member of OATH (an Oklahoma based anti-trafficking coalition). It has also stepped forward to aid victims of trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation via the utilization of mobile “disaster” canteens, thus providing comfort and hope to victims and those at-risk on the streets of Oklahoma City. Additionally, they are partnering with an organization known as No Boundaries, Inc., in outreach efforts to women on the streets of Oklahoma City.
TEXAS: El Paso, TX has been on the forefront of The Salvation Army’s anti-trafficking efforts. Their current work centers primarily on education, awareness and advocacy—most recently through major events such as music festivals with celebrity involvement. The Salvation Army also continues to play a role in the provision of individual and family restoration through financial assistance and counseling. They are also currently exploring means by which they may formally partner with a community strategy or “protocol.” Their activities are setting the stage for replication elsewhere.

Rachel
Deceived by Boyfriend Turned Sex Trafficker*

Rachel met her trafficker when she was in a vulnerable position because all of her belongings had been stolen. The trafficker approached her at a gas station and offered help. Rachel thought he was the most kind and admirable man she had ever met, and quickly developed a romantic relationship with him. However, her dreams quickly turned into a three year nightmare when she discovered her boyfriend was in actuality a sex trafficker and he began prostituting her in city after city.

Rachel was ultimately able to escape his clutches when she met a friend, who rescued her and told her about a TSA program after seeing an outreach poster. For more than a year afterwards, Rachel met regularly with a program outreach worker and took steps toward achieving independence in the United States. TSA’s anti-trafficking program helped Rachel meet her basic needs, and connected her with various services and resources available in the community. The program also helped Rachel enroll in a career training program at a local college, find a safe place to live, and referred her to an immigration attorney who helped her apply for a T-visa. Rachel has now received an Employment Authorization Document (EAD) and social security card. With her new legal status, she was able to find a stable job.

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In 2005, TSA developed a large-scale victim service program called NETS (Network of Emergency Trafficking Services). NETS was the first regional approach to trafficking victim services, covering most of the Western United States, and was funded via a 4-year, $1.7 million grant from the U.S. Department of Justice. During NETS’s operation, The Salvation Army served more than 300 domestic and foreign victims of labor and sex trafficking in the western states of Alaska, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, Utah and Wyoming. Although the NETS program has ended, The Salvation Army continues to serve victims throughout the western U.S.

**Western United States**

**CALIFORNIA:** The Salvation Army’s Network of Emergency Trafficking Services-Orange County (NETS-OC) is funded primarily by the U.S. Department of Justice’s Office for Victims of Crime to ensure that comprehensive case management is available to foreign-born victims of human trafficking identified in and/or living in Orange County. Since beginning its work with human trafficking victims, NETS-OC has provided services to 49 victims from 13 different countries and will continue to increase that number as anti-trafficking efforts in Orange County expand and more victims are identified. Additionally, NETS-OC is a member organization of the Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force Core Leadership Team, and participates in the task force’s Emergency Response Team.

TSA in San Francisco is participating in multiple anti-trafficking task forces and providing support to agencies serving trafficking survivors, including YWAM, SAGE, and Freedom House. This support includes provision of clothing, hygiene items, basic social services, baby showers for pregnant victims, program graduation gifts, as well as outreach tools, resources, and training.

**NEVADA:** The SEEDS of HOPE (Saving, Empowering, Educating, and restoring DreamS) program works in collaboration with local law enforcement, FBI, ICE, and numerous community providers to identify, rescue, and restore victims of all forms of human trafficking. The program works with both foreign and domestic victims of all ages and ethnic backgrounds. Through comprehensive case management services, the program provides basic sheltering services, transportation, victim advocacy, crisis intervention and safety planning, medical and dental care, derivative family member benefits, mental health counseling, employment assistance, legal services, translation assistance, job development, repatriation, substance abuse treatment, access to child care, and referrals for other services. SEEDS of HOPE takes a holistic approach by looking at all the clients’ needs, helping them to overcome barriers and to move from victimization to self-sufficiency.
A New Life after International Labor Trafficking*

When the immigration office called TSA about a Brazilian male teenager in need of recovery and support services, our staff did not hesitate to help. Roberto was a young boy when he was brought to the United States. Corrupt family members, who he had no choice but to trust, delivered him into the hands of his abusers. Roberto was forced to work in the criminal enterprises of a gang of dangerous males.

Eventually Roberto was rescued from his captors by a police raid. Though law enforcement officers realized he was a victim, they had nowhere else to put him except for a juvenile detention center. Soon after, Roberto was properly cared for through a youth refugee and immigration program. However, with his 18th birthday steadily approaching, there would be no opportunities for housing besides another adult detention facility. Fortunately, TSA’s Anti-Human Trafficking program was contacted and Roberto was given an opportunity for success.

Since Roberto’s involvement in our program, he has been enjoying life in the city and working on becoming a productive citizen. Roberto plays soccer, attends GED prep classes, participates in a work study program, and acts like a big brother to another young man in the program that endured a similar traumatic past. Recently the two young men moved into their first apartment and share housing responsibilities such as utility payment and cooking. Both young men express appreciation for being able to thrive in the United States and being free to build their lives through education and job training.

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INTERNATIONAL ANTI-TRAFFICKING PROGRAMS

SAWSO: The Salvation Army World Services Office (SAWSO) is the U.S. Salvation Army’s international relief and development office. One of its five focus areas is combating human trafficking. The goal of its anti-trafficking efforts is to support and strengthen The Salvation Army’s international capacity to develop and implement effective and sustainable anti-trafficking programs. SAWSO has managed anti-trafficking programs in China, Ecuador, Liberia, Sri Lanka and Mexico. Additionally, SAWSO has facilitated training of TSA staff and community leaders in Nigeria, Kenya, India, the Philippines, South Africa and Indonesia. For more information regarding TSA’s international anti-trafficking work, visit: www.sawso.org.

BANGLADESH: The Salvation Army in Bangladesh has worked with prostituted and sexually trafficked women for more than 50 years. Currently their work is accomplished through the Sally Ann program in Old Dhaka, the oldest part of the capital city. Old Dhaka is where many brothels were formerly located and where currently prostitution occurs in an ambulant form. Sally Ann consists of a day program for current and formerly prostituted women where they receive literacy and numeracy skills. The women are also taught business and life skills, and are given counseling as they transition from life in prostitution to freedom. The women make fair trade items that are later sold in boutiques around the world. Women who have graduated from the program have taken it upon themselves to begin community awareness groups teaching children and women about the dangers of sex trafficking. Many of the women who have participated in the Sally Ann program were trafficked to Bangladesh from India, Sri Lanka, and other countries. To learn more about Sally Ann, visit: www.sallyann.com.

CANADA & BERMUDA: Initiatives against human trafficking in Canada and Bermuda are diverse, crossing many areas of ministry and leadership. These initiatives focus on three areas: awareness and education, services to trafficked persons, and submissions/discussions with government. In addition to various awareness presentations, a number of training workshops conducted over a one to three day time period have been completed with front line ministry unit staff and volunteers likely to come into contact with trafficked persons. This assists The Salvation Army in more effectively recognizing and assisting victims. Additionally, Deborah’s Gate in Western Canada is a Salvation Army residence dedicated to the recovery and spiritual needs of trafficked women and is engaged in various consultations with all levels of government.

INDIA: Through the Jeevan Asha project in Mumbai, TSA runs a drop-in-center for prostituted women and their children. The drop-in-center is located in a major red-light area, and is a place of safety and respite for women who come there to receive counseling on a variety of topics including childcare, hygiene and nutrition. The women can also participate in self-help group meetings and micro-credit programs, and are provided referrals for their medical and social needs. Additionally, their children are able to receive informal education and nutritional support, as well as participate in outings and games. Many of the women receiving services were sexually trafficked as children, but having no other means to support themselves, had resigned themselves to a life in prostitution. However, because of the Jeevan Asha project there is hope that the cycle of sex trafficking and prostitution will be broken for them and for their children. At night the drop-in-center also serves as a night shelter for boys. Without the center, the boys would be sleeping on the streets, where they could easily become targets of sexual abuse or become caught up in criminal activities such as pimping and drug dealing.
MALAWI: The Hans Memorial Youth Center houses as many as 50 children who are survivors of child trafficking. Most are boys who have been labor trafficked for the purposes of exploitation in the agriculture sector or as domestic servants. The center offers counseling services to the children as they begin their healing journey post-slavery. They attend school and gain additional life skills that they can eventually use to sustain themselves and their families. Reintegration is the ultimate goal, and the staff is specifically tasked with researching reintegration possibilities so that children are re-united with their families if and when that is appropriate and in the best interest of the child.

MEXICO: Many Mexicans have relocated to Tijuana to work in foreign factories where they often work long hours and lack the resources to ensure appropriate supervision for their children while they are at work. The area near the factories was filled with unsupervised children who spent their hours/days in the streets, leaving them extremely vulnerable to human trafficking. Consequently, The Salvation Army opened an extended hours day care (EHDC) program known as La Gloria for low-income families. The EHDC provides a safe, educational and nurturing environment for these children. Nutritional meals, educational support, computer classes and family counseling are some of the services provided to the children who are enrolled in the center. La Gloria also educates the community on human trafficking through monthly meetings and community awareness events.

SOUTH AFRICA: The Salvation Army in South Africa has been working to combat human trafficking since 2007. Following training received from organizations such as the International Organization for Migration and World Hope South Africa, awareness campaigns were developed by The Salvation Army’s public relations department which included television ads, radio announcements, and printed media. More awareness activities were conducted via a series of community-wide events, trainings, and task force meetings. TSA established a national TIP hotline in partnership with BeHeard® so that cases of human trafficking could be easily reported and victims could find a way of receiving services. Since 2009, TSA has operated Beth Shan, a shelter for victims of domestic violence and human trafficking in Pretoria.

SRI LANKA: The Haven is a women’s shelter that The Salvation Army has operated the past 80 years, and is currently home to more than 100 women and girls. Part of the population served are “remandees” which means they have been placed in the custody of The Salvation Army while their cases of domestic abuse, sexual assault, and trafficking are processed by the courts. The other population served at The Haven are women who have escaped abusive forms of domestic service—a form of labor trafficking. Many of these women were sexually assaulted and became pregnant. Fearing to return to their home villages, as they would be shamed and become outcasts, they reside at The Haven during their pregnancy and childbirth. While at The Haven, the women receive education and instruction on the needs of their babies, as well as counseling and adoption services should they choose to place their children for adoption.
For More Information

For additional information about The Salvation Army’s efforts to combat human trafficking, visit our websites: www.salvationarmyusa.org/trafficking and www.iast.net.

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