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## What is Human Trafficking?

Human trafficking is modern-day slavery and involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain labor or commercial sex. Every year, millions of men, women, and children are trafficked in countries around the world. This serious crime is not just a problem in other countries – it is also happening in the United States in urban, suburban, and rural areas.

Sex and Human Trafficking is the fastest growing illegal industry in the world; second only to the illicit drug industry. Every city in the United States is impacted by the scourge of human trafficking.

- Human trafficking is a global, \$150B industry; of that \$99B derives from sex trafficking
- Those trafficked for sex or labor make up 19% of trafficking services, but constitute 66% of trafficking profits
- In Texas, 300,000 individuals are trafficked each day and 80,000 are minors
- 1 in 3 child runaways is captured for prostitution within 48 hours

## Human Trafficking Myths

- Human trafficking is always or usually a violent crime.
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- Traffickers target victims they don't know.
- Only undocumented foreign nationals get trafficked in the United States.
- Only women and girls can be victims and survivors of sex trafficking.
- Human trafficking only happens in illegal or underground industries.
- Human trafficking involves moving, traveling or transporting a person across state or national borders.
- If the trafficked person consented to be in their initial situation, then it cannot be human trafficking or against their will because they "knew better."
- People being trafficked are physically unable to leave their situations/locked in/held against their will.
- Labor trafficking is only or primarily a problem in developing countries.
- All commercial sex is human trafficking.
- People in active trafficking situations always want help getting out.

Source: National Human Trafficking Hotline



Child Abduction



Forced Labor



Selling Babies



Human Caged



Forced Marriage  
Domestic Servitude



Forced Child Beggar



Forced Prostitution



Organ Harvesting



Trafficking

## How the Interest Began

Around 2013, I picked up a book called *The Red Market* thinking it was an anatomy book. The book focused on organ harvesting. Reading it opened my mind to the topic. I have never researched or had a conversation about Human Trafficking prior. Intaking this information sparked intense research in organ trafficking. Ideas and sketches started to emerge. I created a folder with the research and filed it away for future development when the time was right. In 2015 I viewed a film called *Spotlight*. It's based on the real Catholic Archdiocese of Boston abuse scandal that received widespread attention in 2002 which I was unaware of. Participating as an altar boy at a young age, I engulfed time into the topic and researched this in depth. Images and sketches poured into the sketch book. Again, the information was stored.

Years later in 2020, my dear friend Jacquelyn Aluotto co-founded NTZ (No Trafficking Zone). An organization to educate and equip caring leaders and citizens in the fight against trafficking. Now in 2023, the time to open that folder has arrived. Researching Human Trafficking led to the discovery that Organ Harvesting is a secondary market as a result of those who are killed or perish in the hands of the traffickers. I will be creating drawings, paintings, and sculptures to bring Human Trafficking Awareness to the public in collaboration with Jacquelyn.

## The Art

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A conversation needs to start about the topic, visuals provoke

### Exhibit Purpose

There are millions of unheard voices caught in a web of human trafficking and sex trade on a global scale. This exhibit is to bring awareness into the public eye, igniting life into others so they may take action and assist in the battle. It will bring individuals together giving the cause strength to continue creating a dialogue where we can discover new and effective ways to pursue the cause, combine resources, create change, and restore lives.

### Exhibition Benefits

- provide intellectual and emotional insights into the cause
- give meaning to our lives and helps us understand how to fight the cause
- unite and impact the masses challenging the status quo
- increase our self-awareness, and challenge individuals to take action
- expand awareness and rejuvenate the cause
- generate new interest
- generate new sponsors and donors
- connect new and existing resources
- inspire other creators to use their talents for causes
- help us develop soft skills
- provide historical context
- lead to healthy and thoughtful cultural and global discussions
- give us a place to gather as a society for a common cause

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Spotlighting Human Trafficking will shed light into a dark world where those in power leading this industry will become the focus, not just the victims. This industry exist due to the high demand, which leads to supply (Economics 101).

The works will cover sex trafficking on a global scale. groups that deal with the public trust or children. All the artwork is being created specifically for this topic. Some of these works will easily be relatable as others will be difficult to grasp. This is not a topic one can sugar coat or go unnoticed. Exposure and awareness creates change and restores hope. New soldiers will arise to combat this issue well into the future.

Details of the art will be available on the artist website. An event poster using an exhibiting piece will be created for exhibitors. Sponsorship for the poster will allow a wider range to distribute the message.

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### Report Human Trafficking

To report suspected human trafficking to Federal law enforcement:  
1-866-347-2423

To get help from the National Human Trafficking Hotline: 1-888-373-7888  
or text HELP or INFO to BeFree (233733)

