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PATH EDUCATION

Labor Trafficking

All too often people think of trafficking as purely sexual exploitation. Globally, the International Labor Organization and Walk Free Foundation, in partnership with IOM, estimate that there are 24.9 million people trapped in forced labor with 16 million victims of labor trafficking in private industry.*

Read the latest from the New York Times, published 2/25/2023:

Arriving in record numbers, they're ending up in dangerous jobs that violate child labor laws — including in factories that make products for well-known brands like Cheetos and Fruit of the Loom.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/02/25/us/unaccompanied-migrant-child-workers-exploitation.html>

<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/02/26/briefing/migrant-child-labor.html>

Check out these documentaries to increase your labor trafficking knowledge:

The Child Slaves of Myanmar reveals the dark reality of an abuse case of two young girls that sparked outrage and the need for change within the justice system and protection for child and domestic workers. The documentary shows how some families living in poverty have to choose between sending their children away or abandoning them. The heartbreaking case shows the monstrous abuse poor children endure at the hands of those they work for.

[Child Slaves of Myanmar](#)

How the Chocolate Industry Still Profits from Child Labor is a 2001 documentary that focuses on children being exploited on cocoa plantations in Ivory Coast. Children from Burkina Faso are either sold by their families to traffickers or are separated from their families and sold into trafficking. Through the advocacy of NGOs, the documentary puts pressure on companies in Europe to put an end to child labor, be vigilant on who they are buying from, and if they are fulfilling their promise to build schools for communities in Ivory Coast. As the documentary continues, questions are asked on what companies are doing to ensure they are not supporting child labor and to what extent traffickers are going to keep children working for them for years.

Trafficked in America is a Frontline documentary that sheds light on poor children from Central America being smuggled into the United States for better educational opportunities only to later be trafficked across the country to work on chicken farms. The documentary displays the harsh living conditions forced on victims and the lack of human decency they experienced on the farms from abuse, intimidation, and false promises. The documentary raises questions of border security, egg farm industries, and the need for advocacy and awareness for migrant children who are trafficked.

[Trafficked in America](#)

*<https://humantraffickinghotline.org/en/type-trafficking/labor-trafficking#:~:text=Globally%2C%20the%20International%20Labor%20Organization,victims%20of%20state%2Dimposed%20forced>



PATH IN THE FIELD


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PATH Board members Debra Young and Dr. Theresa Hayden kicked off February by presenting to 18 staff at RCCR in Charleston, WV. RCCR's mission is Acting cooperatively from our various faith traditions, the Religious Coalition for Community Renewal develops projects and programs which help renew our community by identifying, addressing, and overcoming obstacles which keep people from decent, affordable housing.

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LOUISVILLE

The University of Louisville's Women's Center held its' 13th Annual Human Trafficking Conference in conjunction with PATH on February 20-22, 2023. The theme this year was Climate Change and Migration. Each day featured a virtual, educational session on the following topics: Climate Change, Migration and Vulnerability to Trafficking, Trafficking Victims and the Immigration System and Human Trafficking 101. Over 100 people attended the sessions over the course of the 3 days.



PATH AND YOU

Any budding videographers in your home or neighborhood? Check out the below opportunity.

U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking Presents



WHAT WOULD YOU DO? Saint Bakhita Youth Video Contest

Calling all students! U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking are sponsoring a **video contest for high school students across the U.S. to respond to "What Would You Do?"** These videos will result in raising awareness, educating and empowering students on how to identify and prevent human trafficking. **The video can be created by a group, individual or class and must be under 3 minutes in length.**

The deadline for the submission of video is **March 30, 2023**

U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking is a collaborative, faith-based national network that offers education, supports access to survivor services, and engages in advocacy in an effort to eradicate human trafficking. **Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd places!**



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