

# Ten Ways You Can Make A Difference

*10 proven and powerful ways you can  
help end sex trafficking.*



**Whether you have an hour, a day, or a week to dedicate, there is something for everyone.**

**Here are 10 ways you can help:**

**1 BECOME WELL EDUCATED ON THIS ISSUE.** Make sure you understand the issue and learn as much as possible about what life is really like for sex trafficking victims. Then educate others. You can check out all of our educational and extremely useful resources [here](#).

**2 LEARN HOW TO IDENTIFY A VICTIM OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING OR CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING AND WHERE TO REPORT IT.** Links to information on signs of trafficking are included at the end of this resource. Save the National Human Trafficking Hotline number in your cell phone today: 1-888-373-7888. You can also report the production or distribution of child pornography or suspected child sex trafficking to the National Center of Missing and Exploited Children's Child Pornography and Sexual Exploitation Tip-line: 1-800-843-5678.

**3 ACT RESPONSIBLY.** You should not attempt direct interaction/intervention without training, from an expert. Without proper training you can put the child at increased risk of violence, not to mention the matter of your own safety. Never pay a child for time to talk in the hopes of rescuing them. Go through the appropriate and proper channels to assist victims.





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### THE POWER OF SMALL THINGS

“We cannot do great things on this Earth, only small things with great love.” – *Mother Theresa*

“We can talk about making a difference or we can make a difference.” – *Anonymous*

**4 WRITE ABOUT IT.** If you write a personal blog, like to post on social media, or develop other forms of media, consider addressing the topic of child sex trafficking and exploitation in your writing.

**5 VOLUNTEER AND MENTOR.** Look for opportunities to serve in homeless shelters, soup kitchens, etc. These kinds of places serve trafficking victims sometimes without realizing it.

**6 DONATE PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE.** Shelters and outreach organizations may need doctors, therapists, or dentists to provide pro bono services for victims of sex trafficking. The organization may need a lawyer, accountant, or marketing expert to assist them on a project. Contact your local human trafficking coalition, shelters, and/or organizations to see how you can provide your expertise.

**7 DONATE TO SHARED HOPE INTERNATIONAL OR CALL LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS TO FIND OUT WHAT THEY NEED AND HELP RAISE THE NECESSARY FUNDS.** Organizations that assist victims and prevent abuse have little funding available to them. Any [generous donation](#) will go a long way in efforts like conducting research, fixing a leaky roof, or buying a van to reach children in crisis who call for help. Some traffickers engage in the horrific practice of tattooing their victims, “branding” them like property. Raising funds for tattoo removal is also a way to bring healing.



**8 TALK ABOUT IT; LEAD BY EXAMPLE.** Educate your fellow community and neighbors at local events and fairs. Engage your community in a dialogue about the sex trafficking of children and the broader topic of commercial sex and the sexualization of children. Use Shared Hope's youth sex trafficking prevention resource [Chosen](#) to educate youth to protect themselves. You don't have to be an expert – just get out there and spread the word.

**9 SCHEDULE A SPEAKER.** If you are interested in having Shared Hope International come out and speak you can contact us here: [sharedhope.org/request-a-speaker](https://www.sharedhope.org/request-a-speaker)

**10 SUPPORT STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATION.** Political advocacy at the national, state, and local levels can be very effective. Visit [sharedhope.org/policy](https://www.sharedhope.org/policy) for state and federal legislation aimed at addressing the issue of human trafficking, child sex trafficking, commercial sexual exploitation, child welfare, and similar issues.



**Every action matters. The more people who know the signs of sex trafficking, the smaller the world.**

You can contact us at **[savelives@sharedhope.org](mailto:savelives@sharedhope.org)**, or stay up to date on issues and all we are doing by following us on on **[Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), or [Instagram](#).**



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