

What is Human Trafficking?

Human trafficking involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain labor or commercial sex.

Human Trafficking Facts

Human trafficking is a **\$150 billion** industry.

It is estimated that **1 out of every 7 child runaways** ends up being trafficked for sexual purposes.

Child trafficking is an estimated **\$32 billion** industry.

An estimated **100,000-300,000** children are sex trafficking victims annually in the U.S. However future verified numbers could be higher.

The average age of entry for child trafficking victims is **11-14 years old**. Once children are trafficked, they have an average life span of **7 years** due to HIV, drugs, STIs, starvation, and rape, to name a few.

Each year, **\$110 million** is spent on commercial sex in the **Greater Birmingham area**.



WHAT CAN YOU DO TO
HELP?



Blanket Fort Hope is looking for passionate individuals who want to volunteer their time and skills to fight human trafficking. There are many different ways to get involved, so please reach out to us to see how we can best work together. We look forward to hearing from you!

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING
is the fastest
growing criminal
enterprise in the U.S., and
it is here in Alabama.



OUR VISION

Blanket Fort Hope is a fortress of safety for child victims of human trafficking, forging a path of purpose and hope for our children.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to love and care for child trafficking victims through housing, services, and long-term commitment, and to prevent children from becoming victims through education and advocacy.

WHO WE ARE

Blanket Fort Hope, founded in 2015, is the only anti-trafficking organization in Alabama dedicated to fighting child human trafficking. We exist to help the most marginalized in our society in many different ways.



Advocating at the State House for mandatory training in health facilities.

IT TAKES ALL OF US TO STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING



WHAT WE DO

CRISIS CENTER

Currently in Alabama, there is nowhere for rescued child victims of human trafficking to go. Our primary task is to change that. We are in the process of building a Crisis Center, which will provide short-term housing for these children. They will be stabilized by receiving trauma-informed care, medical care, legal resources, love from our staff, and most importantly, they will hear the gospel of Jesus Christ.

LEGAL

- We are working with our political leaders to change Alabama's laws and policies to better fight human trafficking in our state
- We are analyzing current laws and policies to see how they can be improved and better used.
- Legal help to foreign nationals.

ADVOCACY

- We have been invited to speak at the Alabama Senate House on various bills.
- We will continue to give a voice to the voiceless.

EDUCATION

- Given the nature of child sex trafficking, education is the only way to truly eradicate this heinous issue. That is why we have conducted over 300 trainings totaling over 3,000 individuals receiving training on human trafficking. The individuals we have trained are lawyers, judges, healthcare professionals, churches, schools, and a host of other types of professionals.
- We have developed a curriculum called The Foster Care Initiative, which trains foster parents of trafficking victims.
- If you would like to be equipped to fight human trafficking, please go to our website to request a speaker.



Human Trafficking bills pass and head to the Governor to sign into law.