



Blanket Fort Hope (BFH) serves the state of Alabama through its main programs, which are assisting child trafficking victims and providing human trafficking prevention education. We sit on the Alabama Human Trafficking Task Force, allowing us to effectively partner with agencies statewide. We collaborate with agencies outside of Alabama as well, since there are limited resources for child trafficking victims. BFH has assisted in helping children who have been trafficked within Alabama and to Alabama even though our housing component is not yet available. We will continue to build partnerships nationally and internationally in order to fulfill our mission.

To date, the largest number of education opportunities have been in Shelby County, Jefferson County, and the Prattville/Montgomery area. One of the key pieces of our prevention education in 2016 was the production of our first educational video with the help of Leadership Shelby County and the Shelby County District Attorney's Office.

The video can be viewed at Blanketforhope.org. upper left corner click the V

We are excited about helping to put human trafficking awareness and prevention education in schools throughout the state. Currently, there is little to no such focus in the school systems, even though research and cases show how traffickers are recruiting victims directly from schools! Our vision includes using technology such as apps and interactive websites to give youth greater access to human trafficking education. While we focus on getting prevention education to children throughout Alabama, we will continue to provide training to professionals who work with children in order to equip them to identify child trafficking and intervene safely.

We also continue to press forward towards opening short-term and long-term housing for child trafficking victims. This area is a major gap for both girls and boys who are trafficked in our state and beyond. We not only want to open some of the first homes for these children, but we want to provide a program of excellence that gives them the best opportunity to break the trafficking cycle, heal, develop, and thrive. We will approach our vision with a long-term commitment to these precious children.

Below is a list of some of the education and awareness opportunities that we have been able to provide and participate in during our first two years.

Education, Training, & Awareness

- Alabama Human Trafficking Task Force – Northern District Task Force, Middle District Task Force
- The Alabama Legislative club
- Vestavia Hills High school
- Jefferson County Child Trafficking Solutions Project
- State-wide Focus Rallies- Alabama Health Department-1000 schools 2locations
- ALSCA Workshop (Alabama State department of Education, Counselor Training) Birmingham Southern
- NASW-AL Eastern Region – Human Trafficking Training & Symposium
- University of Alabama school of Nursing and SANE
- AISA Professional Development Training
- Blackstone Technology Hackathon (Washington, DC)
- Schools, students, teachers, counselors, and parents
- County commissioners – Shelby County
- Businesses and their boards of directors
- Nonprofits and service providers – Family Sunshine Center, SafeHouse of Shelby County and SANE Facility, Sav-A-Life
- Legal and courts (attorneys, judges, district attorneys, and law enforcement including Hoover Detective Special Teams)
- Churches - pastors & church staff, youth groups, missions' events, small groups (including human trafficking focused small groups)
- Boys & Girls Clubs
- Civic Groups – Rotary, Zonta, Kiwanis, Optimist, Community Study Clubs
- Chambers of Commerce
- Leadership Shelby County
- Shelby County Youth Leadership
- Colleges, Masters Programs, Professors and Courses, Sororities/Fraternities, social events
- Auburn University at Montgomery Certified Public Manager Solutions program
- Emergency Management Agency
- National Night Out events in Shelby County
- Certified foster care families
- Healthcare professions
- Shelby Women's League
- Shelby County Coordinated Community Response
- Fan Conventions – Magic City Con, Kami-Con
- Women for Political Progress group
- Women of the Republican Party
- Bibb County Training – school board members, teachers, legal, service providers
- Junior League of Alabama – Human Trafficking Panel

- International – Consulting for a partner agency on-site
- Collaboration with Alliance for Freedom, Restoration, and Justice, Inc. nationally