



Truckers Against Trafficking Newsletter

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New Website Design

Check out our new website at the same address:

www.TruckersAgainstTrafficking.org

Quotes of the Month

From driver **Larry H:**

"I drive a truck and have 5 beautiful kids, and I think this (TAT) is better than great. I proudly joined this wonderful organization! If I can help a cause like this, it's great. I give it 10 stars."

From survivor **Christine M:**

"I am a survivor of sex trafficking. Some years ago or so, I'd been taken to a truck stop and "put to work." A number of truckers paid for my services, maybe 4 or 5, and then a nice man at a truck stop outside of Kansas City, Missouri asked me if I was hungry. I said I was. He walked me inside and fed me; we got back to the truck, and he asked me if I wanted to leave. At the time I knew my trafficker had left the lot to check on his other girls, I cried, I said yes. He took a risk of his job and drove me to another state. He gave me some money and fed me again, never once attempting to have sex. He had tears in his eyes, and when I got out of the truck, he said, "You know, I have a daughter who looks a lot like you." He told me to be safe. I had no one to turn to and nowhere to go and did the only thing I knew, which was find a place to make money and pay for a room

Human trafficking in the news

We live in a complex world, where businesses and individuals deal with multiple important issues hour by hour. To help everyone stay keenly aware of the growing prevalence of human trafficking in this country and to keep human trafficking on the radar screen of all employees, TAT is initiating this new and recurring section of our newsletter. In every edition, we'll share some of the most recent human trafficking headlines and articles. By doing so, we hope we'll give you information you can share with all employees and colleagues in the trucking industry, so everyone will stay vigilant to recognizing and reporting human trafficking when they see it.

Iowa View: State is at a crossroads for sex-trafficking

Vans and trucks carrying trafficked young girls pass through Iowa regularly, moving from motels to truck stops to strip clubs and other locales. Often these girls have been abused or are runaways from dysfunctional homes, lured by "rescuing..." pimps who prey in shopping malls, Internet chat rooms, youth shelters or on the streets. [Click here](#) to read more.

Nuns' innovative effort targets sex trafficking where it happens

A basic rule of business governs sex trafficking: Offer the merchandise where the customers gather. And major sporting events create perfect venues. [Click here](#) to read more.

FBI breaks up child prostitution ring in Windsor Locks

for myself, and I returned to Kansas City, Missouri a few weeks later. It did break my relationship with the pimp/trafficker I had been with, as when I returned, he had been arrested, and I was free of his grips. I never had a chance to say thanks to that man after I left the streets; I know he dropped me off at a mall parking lot in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and I think it might have been around the year 1997 or 1998. I never worked the trucks stops after that in fear of running into my short-time trafficker, and I am thankful to be out of that life. I am touched by this group and its choice to help stop trafficking. I saw a lot of ugly stuff during the nearly two decades of being on the streets and am so thankful at last our America is facing this human issue in our nation."
Christine, author of Cry Purple

Anyone under 18 being sold for commercial sex is a victim of human trafficking.--Trafficking Victim Protection Act. [Click here](#) to read more.

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New video from TAT decries 'Lot Lizard' term



Truckers Against Trafficking announces the release of a new video titled "I am NOT a Lot Lizard."

The 8-minute video features a number of career truck drivers and Tajuan McCarty--sex trafficking survivor, advocate and founder of Wellhouse, a restoration home for sexual trafficking survivors--talking about the dehumanizing effect of the term of "lot lizard." This term has been used for years among members of the trucking industry to describe the women, girls and boys who work the travel plazas, truck stops and rest areas, selling sex.

We hope you will check out our new video and share widely with your friends, family, and contacts within the industry. To view, simply click the photo above.

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Joining forces creates better synergy and economy

Just as iEmpathize (www.iEmpathize.org) and TAT worked together to produce the TAT training video, they continue to work together to enable economies and provide TAT a West Coast presence and speaking representative.



Guido Hajenius, coordinator for the iEmpathize hub in Los Angeles, has been working on TAT projects since 2011, when he volunteered at the TAT booth for the first time at the Great American Trucking Show (GATS) in Dallas. Since then, in addition to working GATS and the Mid-American Trucking Show (MATS), he has organized and managed the TAT presence at the Las Vegas trucking show twice and represented TAT at the

California Trucking Association image committee. He has spoken for TAT at a regional training for drivers in Ontario, California, at the 2013 Global Sex Trafficking Summit in Roseville, California with Courage Worldwide and at a trucking show called Truckin for Kids 2013 at the Irwindale Speedway. Most recently, he made a TAT presentation to the Coronado Chapter of the Soroptimists, when they requested more information on what TAT does and how it operates.

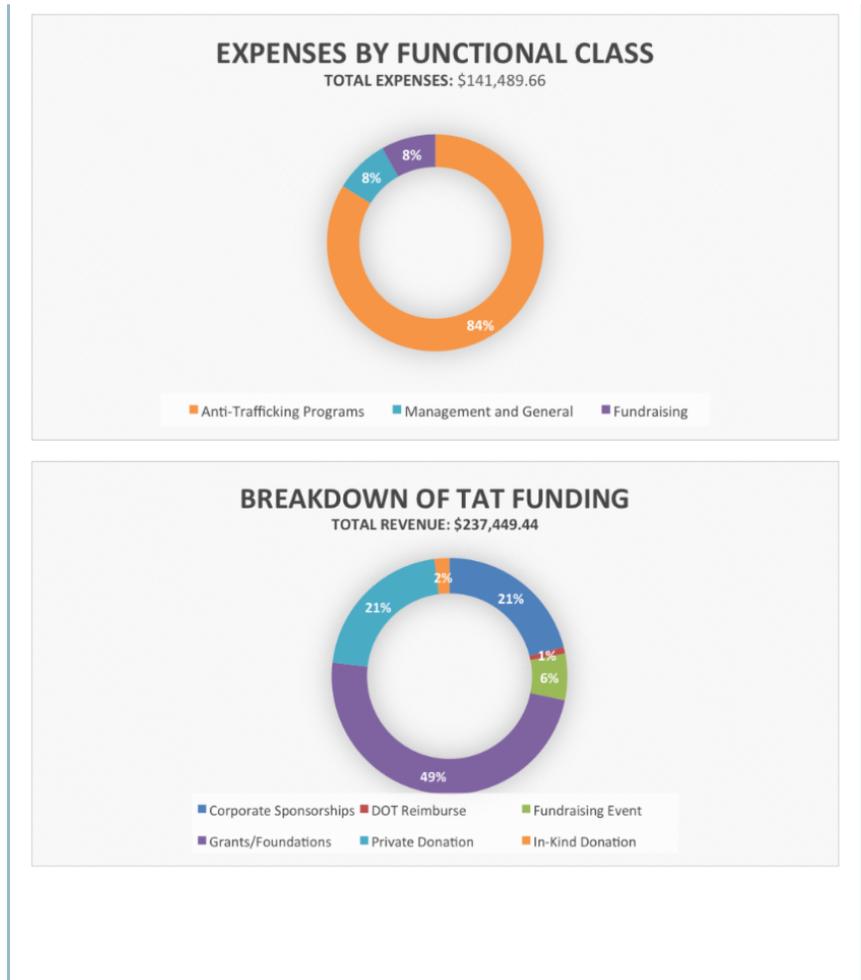
"I like being the California representative for TAT, because there's such overlap with what I do with iEmpathize," Hajenius explained. "iEmpathize's method is identifying where human trafficking and child exploitation intersect a sector of our society, and then applying tools, media and a solution to empower the people in that sector. TAT has one of the most proven solutions in a significant sector where human trafficking intersects society - the trucking industry. The other reason I love the work with TAT is that thousands of men are being empowered in a very simple way to fight this issue, which I think is part of the overall solution to end this problem."

"iEmpathize enables us to extend our outreach by sharing Guido's time and talents in service to the trucking industry," said Kendis Paris, TAT executive director. "With his help, we're able to be present at events we might not otherwise be able to attend, because of costs and scheduling conflicts."

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TAT 2013 Financials

Please check out the breakdown of expenses by functional class as well as funding for Truckers Against Trafficking for 2013. You can check out these charts and other financial information on the [Financial Info](#) area of our website.



What is TAT?

Truckers Against Trafficking (TAT) is a non-profit organization that exists to educate, equip, empower and mobilize the trucking industry to combat human trafficking as part of their regular jobs. Domestic sex trafficking occurs along our nation's highways and at its truck stops, where traffickers can sell their victims to a transient population they believe are less likely to attempt rescue. In response, TAT is asking the 3 million domestic truckers, as well as other members of the trucking industry, to become aware of this issue, and, when they suspect a human trafficking case, to call the national hotline and report it. Visit our website at www.truckersagainsttrafficking.org to learn more.

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