



Truckers Against Trafficking Newsletter

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Notable Quotes

"Children are vulnerable just by virtue of being children. Getting frustrated with your parents, thinking you're invincible, engaging in risky behavior, being interested in relationships, particularly with older men, and being enamored with money and consumer goods are all part of most American adolescents' experiences. In the heady mix of hormones, wanting to belong, confusing messages about love and sex, and a desire to be independent, it's easy to lure an otherwise well-adjusted 14-year-old girl into a meeting, into a car, into a bed." Excerpt from *Girls Like Us* by Rachel Lloyd

"Child sexual exploitation is the most hidden form of child abuse in the United States and North America today. It is the nation's least recognized epidemic." Dr. Richard J. Estes, University of Pennsylvania.

"There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children." Nelson Mandela

A reminder: With summer and warmer weather here, human trafficking activity will likely increase. Stay vigilant and make those calls to save lives - -1-888-3737-888.

Human trafficking in the news

"John": creating demand for child sex trafficking

As long as there's demand for paid sex, there will be motivation for pimps to prey on the most vulnerable--our children--to meet the demand and make money for themselves. In the United States alone, demand continues to be high. [Click here](#) to read more.

Sex trafficking survivors face tough future

"It's not a cookie cutter situation," she said. "Every person's survivorship, every person's path to success, is very different." It is SO important to support survivors no matter what their age ... they all need help in their own ways. [Click here](#) to read more.

Jasmine Marino of Saugus shares her story as sex trafficking survivor to help others

"I want my story to be a platform for change," she said. "I don't view my story as shameful anymore. It's something that did happen to me, but I've come out of it and I am a survivor. I'm in a position to be a leader in this movement." [Click here](#) to read more.

TAT and WIT pilot program to combat human trafficking



Truckers Against Trafficking (TAT) and Women in Trucking (WIT) are looking for 25 women drivers to participate in a three-month pilot program handing out lip balm with a special message on them to girls and women who might be human



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trafficking victims.

"We are excited to see our partnership with WIT move to the next level, and truly believe this campaign has great potential to reach victims with the help they so desperately need," said Kendis Paris, TAT executive director.

Women, by virtue of their gender, often have greater opportunity to interact with and show compassion to minors and adult women (away from their pimps and without suspicion), who may be the victims ... [click here](#) to continue reading.

TAT announces two full-time staffers



Kylla Leeburg

Kylla Leeburg, TAT social media coordinator, and Laura Cyrus, TAT administrator, have both accepted full-time positions with TAT that will include expanded responsibilities.

In addition to her leadership with TAT's social media, including Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest and YouTube accounts, Leeburg will become TAT deputy director.

Cyrus, who currently handles all administrative duties and who implemented the redesigned TAT website this year, will now have the time as TAT's administrative specialist to leverage her passion and talent for management and operations of technology to expand TAT's reach and success.



Laura Cyrus

[Click here](#) to learn more about our new staffers.

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.

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