



## Truckers Against Trafficking Newsletter

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### Quote of the Month

"Legal change only goes so far. We need cultural change, social change - we need people's hearts and minds to change - whether it's the man who goes out to purchase sex because he doesn't see anything wrong with it, the cop who arrests women and girls and believes that it's a victimless crime, the social worker who treats the girl who walks through her doors with scorn and disgust, or just the individual who walks past the woman on the street every day and never offers her a cup of coffee or even makes eye contact because they see her as 'less than' them.

And beyond that, we need to recognize that it's not simply passing a slew of anti-trafficking legislation that's really going to result in long-term change and a real decrease in this issue. We have to be willing to acknowledge the larger systemic issues that make individuals so vulnerable to exploitation and trafficking in the first place - poverty, gender inequity, classism, racism, gender-based violence, sexual abuse, educational inequality, and overwhelmingly, the fact that we place a lower value on some individuals in society than others.

Until we address these core issues, we're going to be the

### Human trafficking in the news

#### **Seven arrested in child prostitution ring**

Six men and one woman were arrested as part of a child prostitution ring in Jefferson County...[click to continue reading.](#)

#### **Indy man faces federal sex-trafficking charges**

An Indianapolis man faces federal sex-trafficking charges after prosecutors say he forced several girls...[click to continue reading.](#)

#### **Bill would require fines for those who buy sex**

A Kansas assistant attorney general is urging state lawmakers to require mandatory \$2,500 fines against anyone convicted...[click to continue reading.](#)

### Visit TAT at the Mid-American Trucking Show (MATS)

Going to the Mid-America Trucking Show this year March 27-29 in Louisville, Kentucky? Be sure to stop by the TAT booth -- **#65089** -- to say hello, pick up some materials and watch one of our videos. We'd love to see you.

### TAT partners with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

In 2013, according to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), one out of every seven endangered runaways reported to NCMEC was likely a child-sex-trafficking victim.

little Dutch boy with his finger  
in the dam forever. At some  
point, we need to actually  
rebuild the dam."  
~ Rachel Lloyd



With that in mind, NCMEC has developed a High-Risk Child Poster listserv to increase the visibility of missing children at high risk for sex trafficking. TAT is one of the organizations partnering with NCMEC to increase visibility of these posters...*to continue reading, [click here](#).*

## Nominate for the Harriet Tubman Award

TAT has raised the cash award for the Harriet Tubman Award, given annually to the member(s) of the trucking industry whose direct actions help save or improve the lives of those enslaved or prevent human trafficking from taking place, to \$2500. If you would like to be considered for this award or know someone who should be nominated, please [click here](#) for more information.

## Thanks to a committed Trucker Against Trafficking

Jesse S. not only gives all the tips he makes at a tire shop to TAT, but, he also donates all proceeds from the soda fridge where he works as well. Thank you, Jesse!



## 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.truckersagainstrafficking.org](http://www.truckersagainstrafficking.org) to learn more.

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