



UNITED AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING
2017 ANNUAL REPORT



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LETTER

Grateful, humbled, and inspired. These are the words that best describe our journey in 2017.

2017 brought many moments of gratitude for us at UAHT. Gratitude for our partners, who remain united with UAHT in the fight to end human trafficking. Gratitude to our donors, who invest in the great work being done at UAHT, and gratitude for the countless volunteers and supporters joining hands with us every day to fulfill our mission.

Confucius said, “humility is the solid foundation of all virtues.” At UAHT, we embrace humility in all that we do. This humility is the foundation of our success in the community, as last year, we served over 13,500 individuals with our Education and Outreach programs. We remain humble, and continue to embrace the importance of uniting everyone in the fight to end human trafficking. This unity was demonstrated through UAHT’s 35 member Houston Rescue and Restore Coalition which executed numerous programs during Super Bowl 51 hosted here in Houston. These efforts shed light on the darkness of human trafficking in our city. As we remain humble, UAHT will continue to be a safe place for all in the fight to end human trafficking.

As we enter 2018, I’m inspired by all that we accomplished in the past year. In 2017, we celebrated our 10 Year Anniversary!! We are proud of our accomplishments and thankful for all of you who have been with us throughout our journey. We’re looking forward to our future and truly appreciate all of you who continue to lock arms with us in the fight. Hurricane Harvey may have devastated our city, but it didn’t break our spirit. The love and support you demonstrated in the aftermath of the storm inspires us, as we continue in the fight to rescue and restore victims of human trafficking. You always do and always will truly embody #HoustonStrong.

With much love and respect,

Timeka Walker
Executive Director

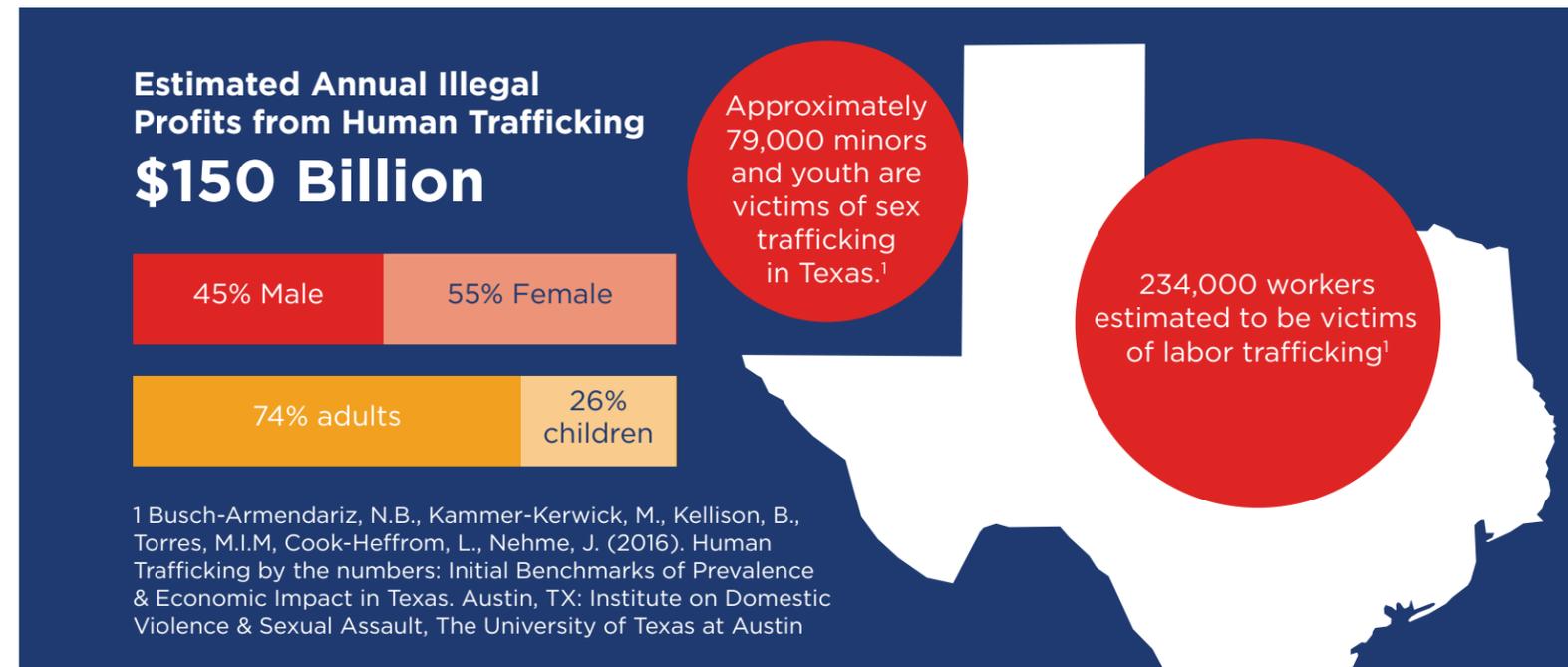


MISSION:

To end Human Trafficking through awareness, education, and outreach.

VISION:

We aspire for all people to experience freedom, and to live beyond bondage to others. We envision a world that is intolerant of buyers and sellers of human beings.



10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

UAHT celebrated 10 years of working to prevent and end human trafficking through awareness, education, and outreach. As an organization we believe that we are only as strong as we are united with those who work in our community. We strive for collaboration, diversity, and inclusion, knowing that it will take everyone to see this crime end. Thank you to all our supporters. As we continue our journey to end human trafficking, may we remain close allies and friends.

In appreciation for the many years of collaborative efforts towards the fight to end human trafficking, UAHT recognizes the following organizations and volunteers:



Nicole Cloutier



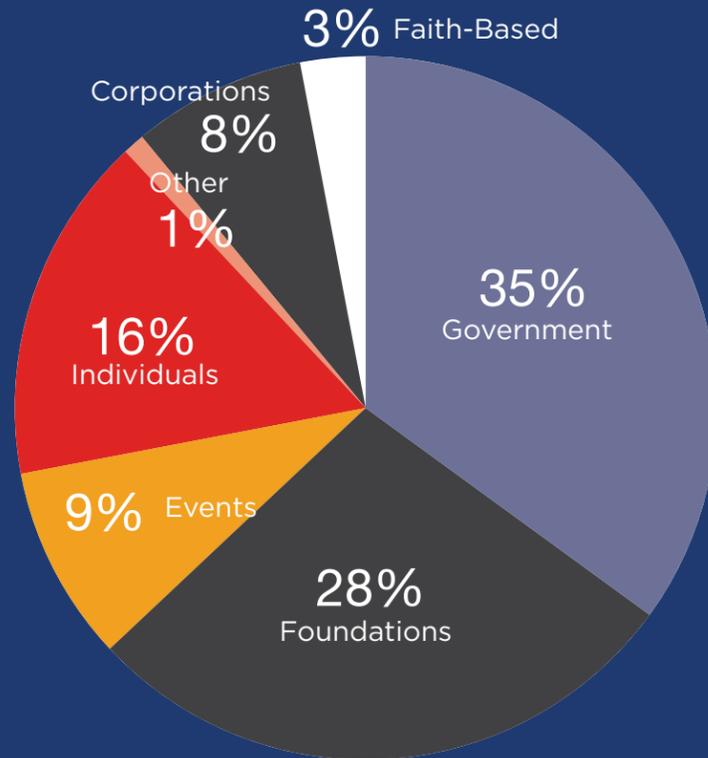
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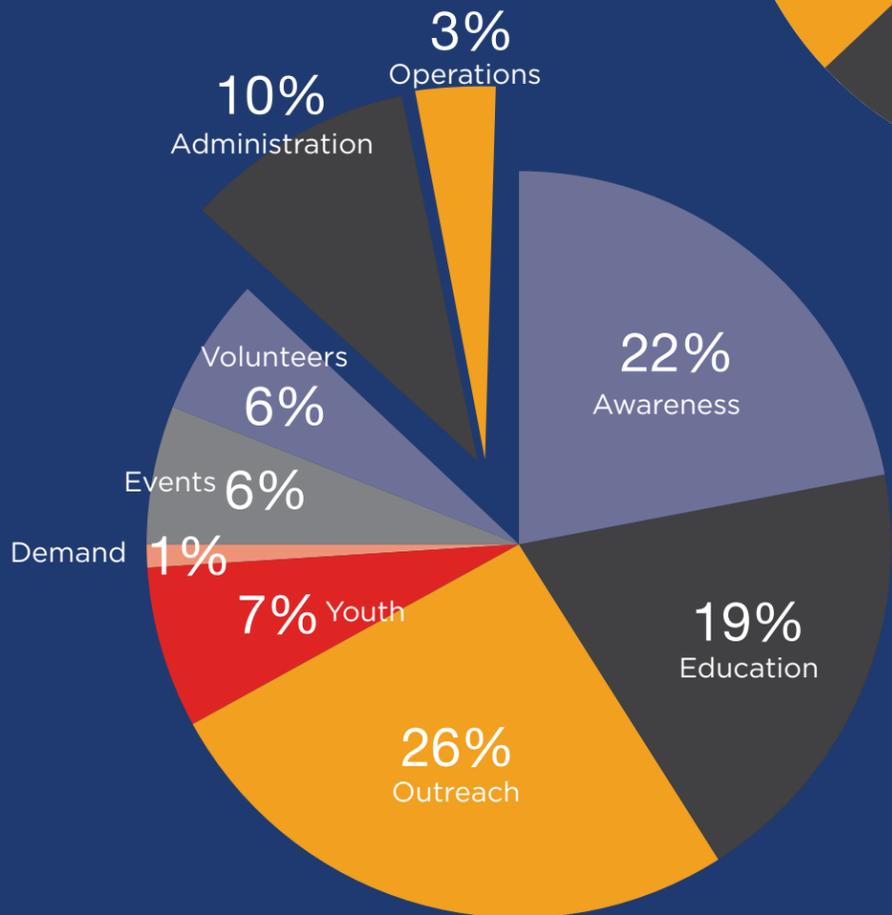
SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

COST PER PERSON REACHED
\$31.44

REVENUE



EXPENSES



Programs/Services
87%

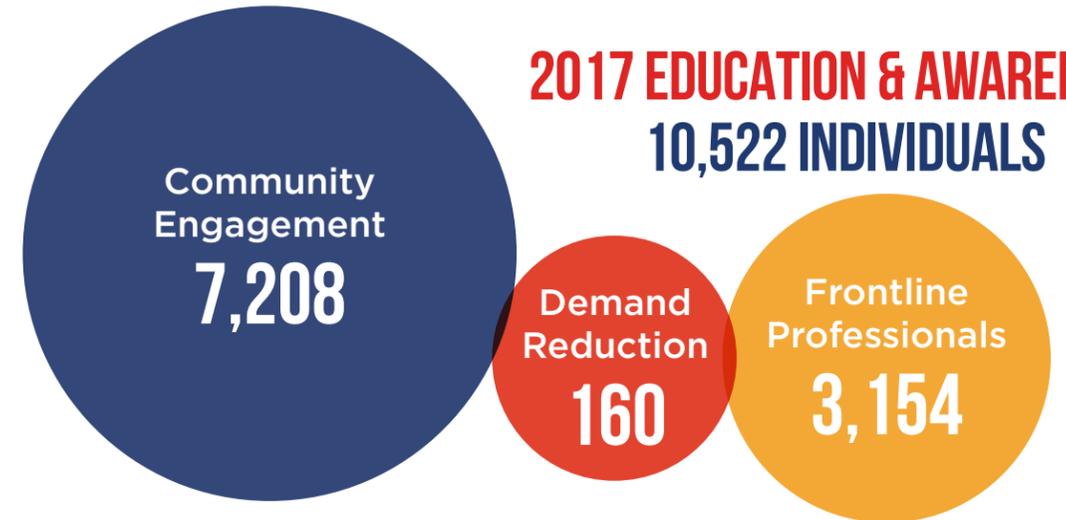
Admin/Operations
13%

OVERALL WORK IN THE COMMUNITY

2017 GRAND TOTALS:

13,943 INDIVIDUALS

2017 EDUCATION & AWARENESS
10,522 INDIVIDUALS



2017 OUTREACH PROGRAMS
1,890 INDIVIDUALS



2017 YOUTH PROGRAMS
1,531 INDIVIDUALS



UAHT'S IMPACT IN THE COMMUNITY

EDUCATION

Our education programs provide frontline professionals in law enforcement, health care and education with the resources and information they need to immediately identify victims of human trafficking that they encounter in their line of work. In 2017, UAHT completed a comprehensive update of our professional programs, with a focus on labor trafficking research and data. UAHT launched a bilingual Spanish version of its hallmark "Human Trafficking 101," and assisted in the translation of other program trainings for key UAHT partners, such as the City of Houston.

175
EDUCATORS

361
FIRST RESPONDERS

88
GOVERNMENT
AGENCY

139
HOSPITALITY

830
HEALTHCARE

527
LAW ENFORCEMENT

19
TELECOMMUNICATORS

757
SOCIAL SERVICE
PROVIDERS

"I WAS NOT AWARE OF ALL THE DETAILS WITH TRAFFICKING. I FEEL CONFIDENT NOW! KEEP FIGHTING THE FIGHT"

- First Responder Training for Acadian Ambulance Services

"IT WAS VERY HELPFUL TO LEARN THE DIFFERENT WARNING SIGNS AND INDICATORS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING. I ALSO BENEFITTED FROM LEARNING OF THE RESOURCES THAT ARE AVAILABLE, ESPECIALLY THE HOTLINE AND [TRAFFICKING VICTIMS IDENTIFICATION TOOL]"

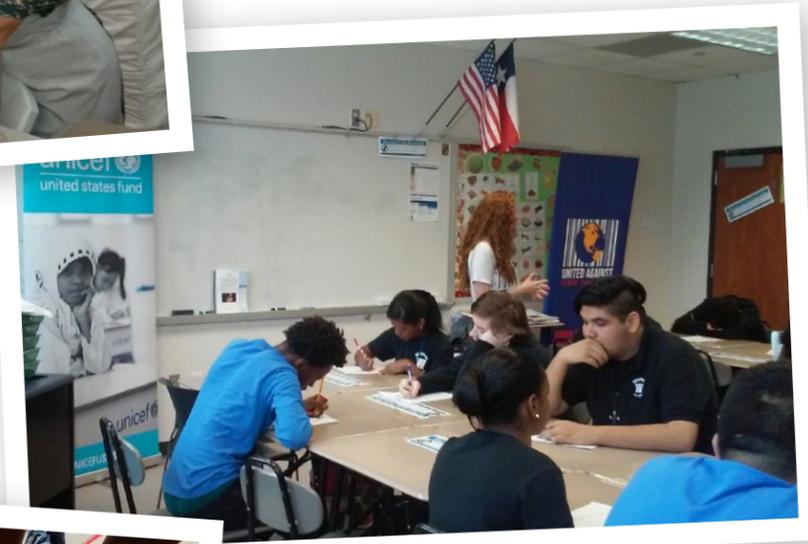
- HISD Crisis Social Services Training

DIRECT OUTREACH, YOUTH PROGRAMS, AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

In 2017, UAHT launched outreach programming to begin identifying trafficked individuals and refer them to the necessary services. UAHT utilizes several approaches to reach, engage, and build trust with the most at-risk populations; individuals experiencing homelessness, in the criminal justice and child welfare systems, as well as immigrant and refugee populations.



"I FELT REALLY GOOD TODAY BECAUSE LAST TIME, YA'LL WERE HERE, I TOLD YA'LL ABOUT MY SISTER, AND I FINALLY GOT HER TO GO TO A SHELTER AND I'VE HEARD SHE'S DOING OK."
- A student in UAHT programs



"I LEARNED ABOUT WAYS TO SPEAK OUT IF YOU'RE A VICTIM."
- A student in UAHT programs



"I LEARNED THAT PEOPLE WHO GO THROUGH HUMAN TRAFFICKING NEED TO BE SHOWN COMPASSION AND UNDERSTANDING."
- A student in UAHT programs



13 PEOPLE HAVE DISCLOSED TRAFFICKING VICTIMIZATION THROUGH UAHTS'S OUTREACH EFFORTS

**REDUCING RISK IN THE WORKPLACE:
377 DAY LABORERS**

UAHT's Reducing Risk in the Workplace Program (RRW) connects with Houston's diverse immigrant and refugee community. UAHT distributes Safety Kits, containing basic necessities for day laborers; educates workers on safety and health in all workplaces, and provides information on how they can avoid exploitation and victimization by traffickers.

**HOMELESS OUTREACH:
1,501 ADULTS AND 108 YOUTH
IN HOMELESS SITUATIONS.**

Individuals currently in a homeless situation are prime targets for traffickers. We create and distribute Care Kits that include human trafficking information, community resources, and hygiene products. These efforts work to identify trafficked individuals, and prevent vulnerable individuals from falling into a situation of victimization.

508 CARE KITS DISSEMINATED

A MAIN GOAL OF ALL OUTREACH PROGRAMS IS TO IDENTIFY VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING. AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED, UAHT WORKS TO PROVIDE REFERRALS FOR DIRECT SERVICES TO RESCUE THEM OUT OF EXPLOITATIVE SITUATIONS, BY PROVIDING ACCESS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT, SOCIAL WELFARE AND LEGAL SERVICES.

**REAL TALK:
73 INDIVIDUALS IN A 12-WEEK PROGRAM**

The Real Talk Program reaches victims of trafficking that remain unreported in current systems. Often trauma and lack of trust are barriers to victims reaching out for help. Through multiple site visits, UAHT establishes trust with participants, creating opportunities for authentic communication, by identifying the personal and societal pressures that lead to victimization. Real Talk addresses the root causes of vulnerability, thus allowing defenseless victims a safe space to disclose and heal.

**YOUTH PREVENTION PROGRAMMING:
1,528 YOUTH ENGAGED**

Prevention and Awareness programs are critical keys for helping youth avoid the victimization of human trafficking. Through our sessions with youth - after-school awareness events, workshops, juvenile workshops, and community engagement - we begin conversations that ensure they do not fall victim to any form of future exploitation and victimization, while working to identify any current victims of human trafficking.



UAHT is the lead agency for the Houston Rescue & Restore Coalition (HRRC). HRRC is made up of 36 entities from around the Houston area: non-governmental organizations, law enforcement, non-profits, and faith based communities. HRRC's mission is to bring organizations and individuals together, for strategic organization of anti-human trafficking efforts.

WHAT UNITY CAN ACCOMPLISH

1. Super Bowl LI

HRRC was integrally involved in preparing the Houston community for potential occurrences of human trafficking during Super Bowl LI of February 2017, by raising awareness of the prevalence of human trafficking occurrences during large sport events.

- Super Bowl LI Media Guide was created for communication to both coalition members and the press what current anti-trafficking efforts, statistics, and resources exist in the City of Houston.
- **22 awareness and community engagement events** were hosted by HRRC members and partner organizations during January 2017, as part of Super Bowl LI activities.

2. Business Engagement Initiative

The kitchen staff at your favorite restaurant who are trapped in debt bondage slavery, or the sex trafficking victim passing through a hotel lobby - these are just a few examples of where trafficking victims can interact with the public. The Business Engagement Initiative targets motels, hotels, and restaurants, and recruits these businesses as partners in the fight against human trafficking,

- The HRRC Outreach Committee hosted **5 Business Engagement Events** in the months leading up to Superbowl LI
- The Business Engagement Initiative reached **41 hotels and motels** in the populous areas of downtown, Galleria, and NRG Stadium.

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

United Against Human Trafficking gratefully acknowledges the foundations, corporations, civic and faith-based organizations and individuals who believe and support our mission. Many thanks to all the thoughtful donors who made gifts between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017.



SHERYL VON BLUCHER

Ms. von Blucher has several years of experience in leading strategic and portfolio planning, operations and corporate finance and development, for both domestic and international organizations. A new UAHT board member, Sheryl holds a special place in our hearts, as she possesses an abundant amount of passion for our mission - so much that she underwrote our 10 Year Anniversary Event.



LUSH COSMETICS

UAHT thanks LUSH Cosmetics for their social stewardship towards UAHT by supplying a gift to support UAHT youth programs! We are so truly grateful for their support and this awesome new partnership.



UNICEF

UNICEF works tirelessly to advocate for an end to human trafficking. We are thankful for their partnership this year as we expanded our youth programs.



RED SAND PROJECT

Red Sand Project is a participatory artwork organization that uses sidewalk sand installations and convenings. This creates opportunities for people to questions, to connect, and to take action against vulnerabilities that can lead to human trafficking and exploitation. The staff at Red Sand are and will remain close allies with United Against Human Trafficking - until the fight to end human trafficking is over.

COALITION MEMBERS

A 2nd Cup
Ambassadors for Christ Youth Ministries
Amistad Houston
BCFS
Boat People SOS

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
Chapelwood United Methodist Church
Children at Risk
Community Members (3)

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship
Doctors For Change
Dominican Sisters of Houston
Elijah Rising
FAUSA (FAWCO Alumni) Houston

Fe y Justicia Worker Center
Freedom Church Alliance
Freedom Place
Freedom Restore
Houston Area Women's Center
Love146

Mission at Serenity Ranch
National Council of Jewish Women
Neartown Church
Redeemed Ministries
Rescue Houston
Rescue Us Inc.

Rotary International District 5890
Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word
St. Luke's United Methodist Church
Tahirih Justice Center
Texas Children's Hospital

The Good Yoga Project
The Landing
Texas Center For the Missing
Unbound Houston
United Against Human Trafficking
U.S. Fund for UNICEF

U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
University of Houston-Downtown
University of Texas at Austin, Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
Zonta Club of Houston

2018 & BEYOND

THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING CHAIN



EDUCATION

UAHT will continue to initiate local networks through collaborative partnerships. These partnerships are intended to promote and develop an organizational structure that is focused on delivering essential education to professionals, as we work to address the human trafficking epidemic.

DEMAND REDUCTION

UAHT will continue to be a leader in developing innovative programs, with a specific intent to research buyers and consumers of trafficking, measure demand reduction, and obtain statistics to improve prevention.

OUTREACH

UAHT will increase our range of service areas, reach out to more youth, implement direct services for survivors, and foster new partnerships within the Greater Houston Area (GHA).

COALITION

Houston Rescue and Restore Coalition - UAHT will gather a diverse coalition of non-profits, government agencies, faith-based organizations, and businesses. The coalition aims to release a strategic plan in 2018, that will enhance collaboration of victim services, foster community engagement, and support anti-human trafficking advocacy efforts.

YOUTH

UAHT continues to expand our youth programs, reaching more schools by providing prevention and awareness education. In addition to school partnerships, UAHT hopes to provide permanent youth programming within the juvenile justice system, with the goal of fostering trust and providing support after victimization disclosures. UAHT is also growing our work with the child welfare system; we currently provide programming for the youth who are aging out of the foster care system. By helping connect these youth at younger ages, we can give more responsive and long term solutions for those who are identified as victims of abuse.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED



DONATE

Your gift sustains our mission by providing crucial support for our expanding programs. These programs identify victims of human trafficking and refer them to services they need to end their exploitation.



VOLUNTEER

Volunteers spent over 350 hours supporting UAHT initiatives and programs in 2017. Through Red Sand Project activations, event support, or Human Trafficking 101 presentations, you use your voice to raise awareness in your community.



THIRD-PARTY EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS

With learning activities, donation drives, and innovative social events, community members make an impact by raising awareness and advocacy.



SOCIAL MEDIA

Join our virtual communities! It's a great way for community members, donors, and volunteers to be digitally engaged and share information. A Like, Share, or Follow goes a long way to increase our exposure in the digital world.



REQUEST TRAINING

To schedule a training for your staff, a youth prevention program, or a Community Human Trafficking 101 presentation, visit uaht.org.

“THANK YOU TO ALL THE 75 STUDENTS, PROFESSIONALS, AND INDIVIDUALS WHO VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME WITH UAHT THIS YEAR. WE ARE THANKFUL FOR THE CONTINUOUS SUPPORT YOU PROVIDE AS WE WORK TOWARDS THE END OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING.”

- From the UAHT Team



**“I LEARNED THAT IT’S VERY EASY TO GET
MANIPULATED BY SOMEBODY YOU DON’T KNOW.
A LOT OF HUMAN TRAFFICKERS LOOK LIKE A
NORMAL PERSON AND INNOCENT.”**

- A Student in UAHT’s Youth Programming

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