

Human Trafficking Awareness Day for AB GIRLS By Bonnie Sestito

June 22, 2007, the U.S. Senate declared that January 11 would be Human Trafficking Awareness Day. This day is to bring awareness for countless victims of human trafficking around the world.

What is Human Trafficking?

Human trafficking is modern-day slavery, which involves victims who are forced, defrauded or coerced into labor or sexual exploitation.

How Can You Raise Awareness in Your AB GIRLS Group?

Have a Human Trafficking Awareness Fair

- Provide statistical handouts
- Discuss how the Internet used for trafficking as well as risks for runaway teens
- Display books or a book list related to human trafficking
- Show a short film
- Display ABC Missionaries involvement
- Invite a speaker
- Interaction—have girls write letters to missionaries, hang newsprint titled: “How Can I Help?” using the information for a future AB GIRLS gathering.

Information may be obtained from www.abwministries.org, <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking/>, or by doing a web search on “human trafficking.”

No Time, but Want to Recognize the Day?

Inform the girls that January 11 is Human Trafficking Awareness Day. Share some statistics with them. Talk about the risks for runaway teens and the Internet. Have a time for questions, and close with prayer.

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