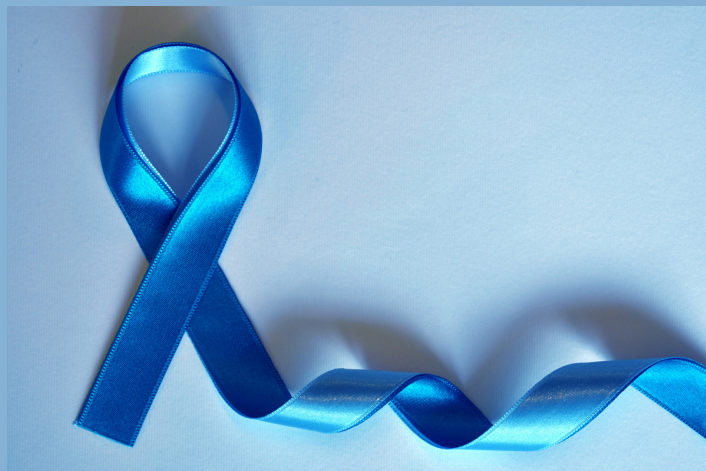


National Human Trafficking Awareness Month

January is National Human Trafficking Awareness Month in the United States. This is a great month to learn more about human trafficking, including what the signs are and how to respond and report suspected human trafficking appropriately. You can also consider making life changes to make a positive impact on reducing human trafficking.

Some ideas include: switching to ethically sourced coffee or chocolate, no longer buying fast fashion, or stopping watching pornography.



Lenten Study Guide

We are quickly approaching the season of Lent. FAAST is finalizing our Lenten Study Guide and plans to have it released at the beginning of February. This guide explores how each one of us may be contributing to human trafficking through our actions, yet we have hope for forgiveness and eternal life with God, thanks to His mercy and grace. We do this by exploring the themes of darkness, temptation, sin, death, faithfulness, repentance, and the cross. One of the main purposes of Lent is to restore your relationship with Jesus Christ. Part of doing that is examining your actions to see where you are sinning, asking for forgiveness, and correcting those actions. Look for the release of our guide on our various social media accounts and websites.



Hands that Heal Training

Educating our community is a vital way to fight human trafficking. One way you can educate your community is by hosting a Hands that Heal training. The Hands that Heal curriculum provides a comprehensive approach to victims of trafficking and educating caregivers so that they may appropriately and effectively provide care and support. The training inspires people to engage in the battle against human trafficking and trains individuals how to provide transformational care to survivors. To learn more about how to host a training, email FAAST at: faast@faastinternational.org



HANDS THAT HEAL

Learning Calls

Our learning calls for FAAST Members and Affiliate Partners have returned. The next learning call will be on February 20 at 3 pm Eastern/12 pm Pacific. Our presenter is Miriam who will be telling us about organ trafficking and her work to address it.

If you would like more information on how you can become an Affiliate Partner or Member, to participate in the learning calls, please email FAAST at faast@faastinternational.org.

Prayer

When the carols have been stilled,
When the star-topped tree is taken
down,
When family and friends are gone home,
When we are back to our schedules
The work of Christmas begins:
To welcome the refugee,
To heal a broken planet,
To feed the hungry,
To build bridges of trust, not walls of
fear,
To share our gifts,
To seek justice and peace for all
people,
To bring Christ's light to the world.

- by Michael Dougherty, a variation on
Howard Thurman's 'When the Song of
the Angels is Stilled'