

HOWES INDUCTS TRUCKERS AGAINST TRAFFICKING INTO ITS HALL OF FAME



Tireless champions in the battle against human trafficking offering education to truckers nationwide

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Today, the Howes Hall of Fame announced Truckers Against Trafficking (TAT) as its first inductee to the class of 2021. A grassroots organization working tirelessly alongside truckers since 2009, TAT has taken a true stand against this appalling practice. TAT's mission is to educate, equip, empower, and mobilize members of the trucking, bus, and energy industries to combat human trafficking.

Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery that exists whenever people are bought and sold for forced labor or commercial sex. Though illegal, human trafficking is a growing criminal enterprise made up of individuals, groups, and even wide-spread trafficking networks. A worldwide operation, there are hundreds of thousands of victims that can be found in the US alone. Men, women, and children are all at risk for becoming victims. But sex trafficking victims are often female, many of whom are trafficked as children, with a disproportionate number consisting of women and girls of color. These people are prostituted out on the streets, in private homes, restaurants, motels, and truck stops.

Acknowledging that truckers are the eyes and ears of our nation's highways, Truckers Against Trafficking has been turning truckers into a trained and vigilant arm that can recognize the evils of human trafficking hiding in plain sight. They have developed a certification program to provide participants with the tools to recognize the signs of trafficking and safely report it via an anonymous hotline. This training can and has changed the fate of victims desperately in need.

The hotline, operated by the nonprofit Polaris, is accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and it enables witnesses to report these crimes quickly, often right as they're happening. This form of early intervention has put truckers in a unique position to close loopholes to traffickers seeking to exploit our transportation system for their personal gain. Having educated over 1.2 million truckers, TAT also works to build coalitions between managers of truck stops/travel plazas and the law enforcement that investigate trafficking cases on their lots.

"We are truly honored and inspired by our induction into the Howes Hall of Fame," said TAT Executive Director, Kendis Paris. "With more and more truckers getting involved each

day, we genuinely appreciate the recognition by Howes as it shines a light that will serve to draw in even more drivers, growing our network of eyes and ears even further, in pursuit of our goal to eradicate human trafficking.”

Truckers Against Trafficking has made becoming part of the solution a simple and easy process. For more information on how to get involved and become TAT certified, visit <https://education.truckersagainstafficking.org/>.

“We are in awe of the incredible work being done by Truckers Against Trafficking and are truly honored to induct them into our Howes Hall of Fame,” commented Erika Howes, VP of Business Development at Howes Products. “With around 3,000 hotline calls having been made and over 1,300 victims having been identified so far, it is easy to see the real impact Truckers Against Trafficking is making. We invite everyone in the trucking and related industries to take action, get certified, and become an everyday hero.”

The Howes Hall of Fame serves as a platform for Howes to acknowledge and thank all the great work that has, and does, go into the trucking and agricultural industries. With the goal of recognizing unique achievements across a broad spectrum of categories, the Hall provides a showcase that will live on for generations. The Howes Hall of Fame officially launched in 2020 as part of the Howes Family’s celebration of 100 years in business. It can be viewed now at www.howesproducts.com/HOF.

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ABOUT TRUCKERS AGAINST TRAFFICKING

Truckers Against Trafficking is a 501c3 organization working to build the largest mobile army of transportation professionals dedicated to discovering and disrupting human trafficking networks.

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