

Anti-Human Trafficking Report

Greetings, All:

We hope you find this Summer update informative. Traction and momentum are gaining at a rapid pace thanks to your efforts and dedication! As such, here are highlights since our March 2016 meeting. We continue to see wins in almost every major category:

- New, leveraged partnerships via CEASE, Women in Philanthropy, Red Sand Project, GHCF, Deutscher, and Children at Risk have come from 2015 projects
- Increased coordination and collaboration of non-profit service providers
- Increased engagement, finances, & results from Minal Davis & Mayor Turner
- Increased grant-making by the Donor Working Group
- New, creative, proposals submitted for funding consideration
- Deeper awareness efforts aimed at citizen and philanthropic engagement
- Building systems & structures for increased tip reporting, victim identification, & rehabilitation
- Planning for, and initiating strategic partnerships, for Houston's Super Bowl 2017

As we approach the second half of 2016, we are constantly reminded of the generous and innovative mindset of our working group members. Each of you have strengthened impact by working creatively to achieve opportunities for action and giving within this critical issue. I look forward to seeing what else we can catalyze in the remaining months of the year to positively affect the lives of those impacted by human trafficking in Houston. Let's press on,



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Coming Soon!

- Faith-Sector Strategy Meeting: August 2016. Please let Rebecca know if you are interested in joining this meeting; scheduling forthcoming
- Donor Working Group Fall Meeting: TBD September 2016

Grants at Work: Update on Collaborative Impact



Collectively, the group has deployed \$604,000 year to date. This is an appropriate increase over efforts at this same time last year of \$508,000. As more opportunities arise, donors are stepping up to provide transformational funding. Don't Stop! Let's make sure funds keep pace with the scale of momentum building. In celebration:

- **The Frees Foundation** grant of \$125,000 is a remarkable increase over their 2015 contribution to Tahirih Justice Center. This multifaceted, creative, grant encompasses a new staff role, staff care, grant evaluation, and urgent needs.
- **The Mayor's Office** increased FY 2016 contribution to \$219,000 up from \$150,000 in 2015.
- **Deutscher** is providing pro-bono services in excess of \$125,000 to the Mayor's Office Special Advisor for creative capital on their large-scale [Anti-Human Trafficking media campaign](#).

- **Stardust** granted \$80,000 to Love146, a national nonprofit providing prevention education and programming to Houston-area teens.
- **Children at Risk** received critical general operating funds from one group member.
- **Simmons Foundation** has for the first time, included Anti-Human Trafficking efforts in their third quarter grant slate.
- **THORN** Two working group donors are engaged with projects that are using technology innovation to fight the sexual exploitation of children. One tool is used by Houston Police Department and other law enforcement entities.

If you have commitments or grants of any size, please let Rebecca know. We want to highlight all the investments and co-granting you are doing. If you would like to review (or submit) proposals that have been sourced and vetted by group members, do so through our [Board Max portal](#). For assistance or more information about Board Max, contact [Allison Hale](#).

Urgent Needs

There are several - including others not highlighted below. For more information about the below, or any ideas or opportunities not highlighted here, please contact Rebecca and/or access [Board Max](#).

- **POLARIS:** Any amount of funding needed for the Anti-Trafficking National Hotline (tip reporting and survivor resource call line). Houston is the second highest user of this service, though no funding has come from our community.
- **Mayor's Special Advisor Projects-**any amount of funding for:
 - An additional full-time staff member (one working group member is interested in splitting these costs)
 - Media Campaign production costs (partial, some given pro-bono); inclusive of T.V., Billboard, and Radio spots
 - Printing costs for: Victim Identification Cards and Informational Posters for use at correctional facilities
- **CEASE/Demand Abolition via Children at Risk:** Approximately \$50,000 is still needed to fully fund this seminal and groundbreaking 2015/2016 work.
- **Residential and Drop-in Rehabilitation centers:** this is a high need, with several early-stage and emergent options.
- **Capacity Building across various service providers:** Many partners are beginning to scale their operations to prepare for increased victim service provision, such as: Boat People SOS, Catholic Charities, Daya, Tahirih Justice Center, and YMCA International.



Partnerships and Projects

In addition to key happenings, 8 new strategic connections or partnerships were cultivated: [Partnerships](#)



1. A 2nd Cup: Met with the owner of Heights-based local coffee house, which serves as an Anti-Trafficking public awareness/education hub and supports trafficked survivors

through its business revenue. Ideas for future collaboration and impact were created.

2. The Wave: A privately held transportation company involved in regular shuttle services and major-events. They had the Final Four contract and will be a potential partner during Super Bowl.
3. Verizon: Project call to discuss support or possible large-scale project during Super Bowl 2017 activities. Verizon is a corporate sponsor of the Super Bowl.
4. Epik Project: Met the Founder of the Portland-based, male allies movement who runs volunteer-staffed phone banks to counsel and deter men from purchasing commercial sex.
5. Research: Explored potential local academic institutions to partner in building Data System(s) and Data collection/or other metrics, needed to aid the field.

Projects



1. Salvation Army/Young Adult Resource Center: The Frees Foundation hosted a lunch to discuss rehabilitation options, drop in center modalities, and scaling trauma-informed accreditation.
2. University of Houston Masters In Social Work Program: Preparing a pipeline of trauma-informed professionals to provide services as victim identification and rescue efforts increase.
3. Children's Assessment Center: Discussed their strong and long-standing partnership with GIRLS Court, Child Protective Services, and their first-class work in Child trauma therapy; toured their facility to learn of plans for expansion.

Key Happenings

Donor Working Group members have participated in at least one major meeting per month. March [meeting minutes](#) capture first quarter activities.



April: Houston professional grant making group, Women In Philanthropy, hosted an expert panel addressing the current state of Houston affairs in Anti-Human Trafficking, the GHCF Donor Working Group, & ways for Donors to further engage in these efforts. New partnerships resulted. [Anti-Human Trafficking Resources](#)

May: Minal Davis, Special Advisor to Mayor Turner, launched the City's three-year strategic plan via a press conference with Mayor Turner and other key community stakeholders, including representation by the GHCF donor working group. <http://humantraffickinghouston.org>

June: Super Bowl grant application closed. The \$4 Million dollar budget will be awarded in three key issue areas, including a dedicated sub-category for anti-human trafficking. [Learn](#)

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July: Meetings with Houston Public Media and a phone call with NPR (national) to learn about opportunity and partnership with these media outlets.

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