



HUAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS TRACK

EPYMN Track Leader: Caleb Pinedo, Coronado Baptist Church

Ministry Organization Partner(s): Paseo Del Norte Center of Hope and NMSU Humans for Humans

Track Participation: 20-30 based on how many leaders can drive personal cars.

Track Needs: Cars or vans for driving, printed flyers for awareness

TRACK DESCRIPTION

What is the issue?

Human trafficking is an egregious crime that encompasses everything from international recruitment, transportation, and sale of individuals to even the individual grooming of one teenager still living at home. Given El Paso's size and location, it is a certain intermediate and final destination for numerous human trafficking activities. The scary nature of this crime is that likely, many victims will never be identified though they are seen by the public on a regular basis.

What's being done about it?

There are some organizations in El Paso that are dedicated to aiding in the cause of human trafficking prevention and taking care of survivors. The Paseo Del Norte Center of Hope is an organization that shelters survivors and helps them to get back on track in their lives. Like other organizations the Center of Hope is passionate about raising awareness about human trafficking in our community, so that students and parents may be more aware of the signs of human trafficking activity. Our sister city of Las Cruces also has an anti-human trafficking group on the college campus of New Mexico State University that focuses on learning about human trafficking and how to prevent more cases in the future. Because of the severity of the issue, the FBI and other government agencies actively fight against stopping human traffickers and freeing the victims involved.

What will they do during IYW?

The Training time will be led by Dorymar Torres-Rosas who is a Victim Candidate and Outreach Coordinator from the Paseo Del Norte Center of Hope. She will be giving two presentations to educate our students about the issue. The first presentation is called "Human Trafficking 101," which will bring to light the need-to-know information about this crime. It is a sobering reality to learn about this issue, and a good lesson that will help protect students from dangerous activity in their own lives. The second presentation is called "Cyber-Safety Presentation" which is important to this issue. This presentation shows how young students get caught up into human trafficking by simply what they are doing online. This presentation is designed to show how to be safe online, something all students could benefit from.

The Outreach time will be an opportunity for Track participants to ride along with representatives from the Paseo Del Norte Center of Hope on one of their typical awareness drives. This will include stopping at various local hotels, convenience stores, and gas stations to post current flyers and posters and raise awareness for potential victims.