

# TRADE

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FIVE DAYS ONLY - NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>.

**Special opening night showing: Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 pm**

**Benefit for the Spokane Women's Coalition\***

**\$10 suggested donation - RSVP to [magiclanternfilm@comcast.net](mailto:magiclanternfilm@comcast.net) or 279-2766**

**Question and Answer period following led by**

**Inland Northwest Task Force on Human Trafficking**



The practice of slavery in the US is something most people think ended with the 13th Amendment in 1865, but in recent years it has returned in an even more virulent form. Fueled by the collapse of the Soviet Union and other eastern European countries, new technologies like the internet, and sieve-like borders, the traffic in human beings has become an epidemic of colossal dimensions. The State Department estimates that as many as 800,000 people are trafficked over international frontiers each year, largely for sexual exploitation. Eighty percent are female and over fifty percent are minors. Many people in this country push this atrocity out of their minds, believing that it only occurs in faraway countries like Thailand, Cambodia, the Ukraine and Bosnia. The truth is that the United States has become a large-scale importer of sex slaves. Free the Slaves, America's largest anti-slavery organization estimates that at least 10,000 people a year are smuggled or duped into this country by sex traffickers.

Human trafficking is real... But so is the path to ending it.

## **Get involved.**

\*Each year the Spokane Women's Coalition raises awareness of Human Trafficking as part of the **International Women's Day Event**, every **March 8<sup>th</sup>** at the **Women's Club**. Please join us March 8, 2008 from 3 to 5 pm.

## **What you can do today to fight human trafficking:**

**LEARN AND BE INFORMED:** Educate yourself about modern-day slavery and all its different forms – read books, watch movies, read media articles, search the Web, and ask lots of questions.

**TALK IT UP – EXPOSE THE TRUTH ABOUT MODERN-DAY SLAVERY:** Talk with your family, friends, colleagues, and classmates about the issues of human trafficking and expose the reality of modern-day slavery through one-on-one discussions and small group conversations. Don't underestimate the power of word-of-mouth awareness raising! You can write op/eds for a local paper, write about trafficking in an online blog, and let others know that human trafficking is a cause that you care about!

**JOIN OR START A LOCAL ANTI-TRAFFICKING COMMUNITY GROUP OR MEETUP:** Join or start a local anti-trafficking group and fight human trafficking with members of your community. Check [www.meetup.com](http://www.meetup.com) to see if an anti-trafficking Meet-up already exists in your area. Small groups of community members are a great way to take action and generate grassroots social change! Host a discussion group. Start a book club. Tell five of your friends about what you've seen today.

**CALL YOUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES AND ADVOCATE FOR LEGISLATIVE CHANGE:** Raise your voice. Call or meet with your representatives in Congress and your state legislators to urge them to support various types of anti-trafficking legislation. Collective action is best!

**BUY PRODUCTS MADE BY SURVIVORS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING:** When buying gifts for others or products for yourself, consider looking into buying products made by survivors of human trafficking. One purchase will work towards moving more and more survivors to their own self-sufficiency. Check out survivor-made products currently being sold by The Emancipation Network (TEN) online at [www.madebysurvivors.com](http://www.madebysurvivors.com).

**CHALLENGE YOUR FRIENDS:** Raise awareness of the reality of human trafficking.

**FREE MORE TRAFFICKING VICTIMS:** Give money to organizations in your area that actively work on the ground to free victims of trafficking, prosecute their traffickers and provide vital rehabilitation.

**LOG ON TO:** [www.tradethemovie.com](http://www.tradethemovie.com) for more information about organizations in your area that have dedicated their cause to fighting human trafficking in the United States and the world. This list was compiled by the Polaris Project and the International Justice Mission.