

Sex Trafficking

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We seek ways to connect and strengthen the efforts of partners in the Atlanta faith community working to provide support for victims of sex trafficking and, through acts of kindness and love, to help restore the freedom lost .

- Atlanta has been identified as one of the cities with the highest incidences of child sex trafficking (FBI, 2005; Urban Institute, 2014)
- Between 200 - 400 adolescent girls are sold online per month (The Shapiro Group, 2010)
- Approximately 65% of men who purchase sex with female children in Atlanta live in suburban areas outside the I-285 perimeter (The Shapiro Group, 2010)
- Traffickers in Atlanta make an average of \$33,000 per week (Urban Institute, 2014)
- 7,200 men purchase sex from a minor every month in Georgia accounting for 8,700 sex acts (The Shapiro Group, 2010)
- The average age of a child who has been sexually exploited is 12.
- Approximately 100 adolescent girls are exploited each night in Georgia.
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- Adolescent girls, controlled by the child sex trafficking trade, are sexually exploited by an adult male on an average of 3 times per night. This number drastically increases if there is an event held in the city that draws large crowds. Victims reported being required to perform up to 10 or more sexual acts in one night.
- In Georgia, approximately 7,200 men purchase sex with adolescent girls each month.

*Data compiled by Tabitha's House:
<https://tabithashouseint.org/resources/statistics/>*

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HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

- 244,000 - 325,000 children are at risk of being victimized by DMST in the U.S. every year (Estes & Weiner, 2001)
- 100,000 children are forced into the sex slavery industry annually (missingkids.com)
- The average age of entry into the commercial sex market for children is between 12 and 14 years old (sharedhope.org)

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*The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners.
Isaiah 61:1*

PRAY

Volunteer with Georgia Cares: gacares.org
Write to First Lady of Georgia, Marty Kemp, to encourage the release of funding for the Safe Harbor Fund for Sexually Exploited Children.
Donate to:
Georgia Cares: gacares.org
Rescuing Hope: rescuinghope.com
4Sarah: 4sarah.net

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