



The HEART Initiative  
*September Newsletter*



**MISSION STATEMENT**

Raise awareness to combat human trafficking in Montana and beyond; support anti-trafficking efforts and survivors; use collaborative and interdisciplinary approaches informed by the intersectionality of human trafficking to make a lasting difference.

**GET INVOLVED**

The HEART Initiative meets every Wednesday from 7-8 pm in Gaines 143.

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## September Events

### Catapalooza

We had fun at Catapalooza meeting new people and spreading the word.

### La Parrilla Fundraiser

Thank you so much for joining us in the fight against human trafficking at La Pa! We had an awesome turnout and raised \$102.17.



Hannah, Elly, Emma, and Eleni at Catapalooza

## Presentations

### September 20 | Emma: Summer in India

Emma shared her six-week experience as an intern in India for women's rights and human trafficking. In the small village of Waghali, Jalgaon, Maharashtra, she worked in a school and with a women's group. In Mumbai, she worked with two non-profit organizations, [Safe N' Happy Periods](#), to create pain-free and shame-free menstrual times, and [Apne Aap Women's Collective](#), which operates in red light districts to combat sex trafficking.

If you want to learn more about this topic, please contact Emma at [folkerts.emma@gmail.com](mailto:folkerts.emma@gmail.com).



Mural at a train station in Mumbai

## Indigenous People's Day | October 9

**We support Indigenous People's Day.** Human trafficking is an intersectional issue that impacts vulnerable populations, like those impacted by historical oppression, poverty, the foster care system, or abuse. The [Native American Human Trafficking Task Forces](#) work to raise awareness, prevent, and provide services to human trafficking survivors.

Also, click [here](#) for an article by the Thomson Reuters Foundation about sex trafficking on Fort Peck Indian Reservation in Montana.

Read about collaborative efforts to address human trafficking in Native communities by the [National Resource Center to Enhance Safety of Native Women and their Children](#).



# Upcoming Events

## Documentary Screening: *I am Jane Doe*

**October 18** | **2-5 pm** | **Procrastinator Theater, SUB**

American mothers wage a battle against sex trafficking on behalf of their daughters. For more information and the trailer, go to their [website](#).

## Upcoming Presentations

**October 18** | *Hannah*: Human trafficking in Montana

**October 18** | *Michael*: Human trafficking and U.S. Policy

## Warning Signs: Human Trafficking Training

**November 6** | **6-9 pm** | **SUB Ballrooms B, C, and D**

The HEART Initiative is organizing a training to raise awareness and provide people with tools to combat human trafficking. We are honored to have Detective Guy Baker, who works with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and FBI Special Agent Walter lead the event. The goal of this training is to provide Bozeman students, businesses, services, and community members with tools to identify and combat sex and labor trafficking.

RSVP for the training right now: <https://goo.gl/forms/wZpczm3HOf9IOJbl2>.

## Help us achieve our 2017/2018 goals:

- ❖ Establish a Bozeman Community Task Force
- ❖ Hold letter-writing campaigns
- ❖ Increase knowledge base through presentations and conferences
- ❖ Host a Fashion Show with ethically-sourced clothing

## Get Involved. Be a Voice.

- ❖ Donate | Time, money, brainpower
- ❖ Sponsorship opportunities | Banners, shirts, events
- ❖ Collaborate with new members | Students, faculty, community



## Resources

National Human Trafficking Resource Center 1-888-373-7888

MSU American Indian Council 406-994-4880

MSU Counseling Services 406-994-4531

Diversity Awareness Office 406-994-5801

VOICE Center 406-994-7069

Office of Institutional Equity 406-994-2826

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

1-800-273-8255

National Crisis Text Line Text 741-741

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