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# The HEART Initiative

**Fighting Human Trafficking in Montana and Beyond**  
A Student Organization at MSU  
Bozeman, MT



## What is *Human Trafficking*?

Human trafficking is **slavery**. According to the [Department of Homeland Security](#) (DHS), men, women, and children are exploited for labor, sex, organs, and more through **force, fraud, or coercion**. Human trafficking has been identified in every country, **all 50 states**, and in **Bozeman**. Watch [this](#) video by the DHS' Blue Campaign to learn more.



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## Our 2018/2019 Goals

- ❖ Chair the Prevention Committee of the Gallatin County Anti-Human Trafficking Community Task Force
- ❖ Raise awareness and educate via trainings and events
- ❖ Host discussion panel and [CLIFF Convention](#) in spring 2019

## GET INVOLVED

We meet every **Wednesday** from **7-8pm** in **Wilson Hall room 1-117**. All are welcome!

OUR MISSION is to **foster conscientious awareness** of human trafficking occurring in Montana & globally, **aid** those working towards eliminating trafficking, & **promote** a community of **compassion & respect**.

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## RESOURCES

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

The Bozeman Help Center  
**406-586-3333**

MSU Diversity Awareness Office  
**406-994-5801**

## *The News* BY BRIAN MARSH

\* October 15-19 marked the global [Week Without Violence](#), during which the **YWCA** paired with the **MT Department of Justice** to bring a [panel](#) of experts together to inform the Montana public about human trafficking in the state.

\* **Vermont** received a [\\$1.2 million grant](#) from the U.S. Department of Justice to combat human trafficking over the next three years. A primary goal of the grant is to promote **greater collaboration** between **State Police, Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services, & Vermont Human Trafficking Task Force**.



# UPCOMING EVENTS BY EMMA F.

## Discussion Panel and CLIFF Convention

Mark your calendars, folks, because on **February 5** from **6-8pm** at the **Emerson Center**, we are hosting a discussion panel on human trafficking.

One month later, **March 8-10**, we invite you to attend a [CLIFF Convention](#) to connect students, community members, and professionals with experts to facilitate learning and action. We are excited to work with the CLIFF Network because they too recognize that **effectively combating human trafficking** requires **addressing it from a myriad of angles**. Join us to think about trafficking in new ways and help **create change**.

## Taco del Sol Fundraiser

On Thursday, **November 17** from **4-9pm** we invite you to eat at **Taco del Sol** to support our anti-human trafficking efforts. **Mention us** at the register and then **enjoy** the food!

## Join Us: Gallatin County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force

The HEART Initiative chairs the **Prevention Committee**, which will next meet on **Tuesday, November 16** at the **Bozeman Public Library** from **4-5 pm**. Local organizations and individuals will be discussing education and awareness efforts and we want your voice at the table. Also, the **General Task Force** will meet **November 28** from **9:30-11am** at the Bozeman Public Library. Feel free to **email us** for more information or **to get involved**.

## Midterm Elections, November 6

Classes are canceled and Uber will provide discounted rides to the polls on Tuesday, November 6. We encourage you to **participate** in our democracy through **voting!**

## Film Screening: La Jaula de Oro

The Humanitarian Club at MSU is hosting a [film screening](#) on **November 7** from **7-9pm** in the **Procrastinator Theater**. This film highlights **immigration from Latin America** through the eyes of **teenagers**, a topic that is closely connected to our focus of human trafficking. The HEART Initiative **will not be meeting on November 7** in order to attend this event. We look forward to seeing you there!



# Organization Spotlight

BY SIERRA TUCKER

**Stop the Traffik** is an organization striving to combat human trafficking through **intelligence-led prevention**. Their [website](#) outlines their mission, efforts, and ideas on how we can all help.

We recommend you **check out their** site and the information and opportunities provided. Who knew that hosting your own **traffik-free tea or fondue party** could help raise awareness and support for fighting these issues? This organization

provides a **great platform** to learn more and make a difference.



## Connect:

## Human Trafficking + Ethical responsibilities of health care professionals BY TESSA SAWYER

For centuries, physicians have argued the ethical implications of the Hippocratic Oath. Some follow it to the letter, insisting *no harm* does not include interfering in a patient's life, while others take a more interpretive approach. Questions of **responsibility beyond treating a patient's physical wounds** have been raised and caused enormous change in the medical community. Some realms of **human rights**, however, remain unaddressed by healthcare networks. Among the unaddressed issues is human trafficking. Because human trafficking impacts **every community** in the U.S. and there

# PAST EVENTS BY JOBY ROSENELAF

## Gallatin County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force Prevention Committee

The Prevention Committee at the Bozeman Public Library on October 16. This committee **raises awareness** and **educates** on human trafficking in Gallatin County. We invite you to attend our next meeting (see above).

### Sovereignty of the Soul: Confronting Sexual Violence in Native America

**Sarah Deer**, prominent author, professor, and activist, visited Montana State on Monday, October 8. From 7:30-8:30 in SUB Ballroom A, she gave an engaging and informative presentation about **interpersonal** and **sexual violence** impacting Native Americans.

### Discussion Panel: Human Trafficking in our Daily Lives

Although the effects of human trafficking often go unnoticed, they are present in all of our lives on a **daily basis**. On Wednesday, October 24, members from The HEART Initiative and [HAVEN](#) talked with about 40 students during a [Women's Center Sack Lunch Seminar](#) to discuss human trafficking in the production of [coffee and electronic devices](#), **local anti-trafficking efforts**, and what human trafficking looks like closer to home, in **Montana**.




**Thank you** to our sponsors for the crucial services they provide in our community and their continued insight and support to strengthen the fight against human trafficking.

Interested in becoming a **sponsor** or **hosting a training**? Email us at [theheartinitiative406@gmail.com](mailto:theheartinitiative406@gmail.com) to start the conversation or visit [theheartinitiative.wordpress.com](http://theheartinitiative.wordpress.com) to learn more.

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are reports that between [“30-88 percent of US trafficking victims visit a health care professional at least once during their captivity,”](#) the response of healthcare professionals has come under scrutiny. **Are physicians responsible for recognizing signs of human trafficking and intervening in the situation?** 

More and more frequently in emergency rooms and waiting rooms around the nation, **trafficked children, teens, and adults** are being seen by healthcare professionals and **released back to their traffickers**. If one of your patients shows the [red flags of trafficking](#), what does your oath as a doctor ask of you?

In the last five years, professional healthcare associations have created statements regarding trafficking and recommended that healthcare professionals undergo **training to recognize and handle** situations involving human trafficking.

Though the medical community is beginning to recognize the issue, they are **not doing enough to help stop it**. Medicine has already taken responsibility for training employees in the realms of **child, elder, and relationship abuse**. However, in surveys of students and professionals, respondents reported having little to no knowledge about how to identify a victim of trafficking or how to appropriately respond.

If the medical community could create an effective **training program** beginning at the student level, the **next generation of physicians and nurses** could join in the **fight to end human trafficking**.