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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.



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

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GET INVOLVED

We will update you with our new meeting time and location in January.

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

* The US Department of Justice recently [granted \\$1.5 million](#) to hospital system **Dignity Health**, which has locations in Nevada, California, and Arizona. This grant was awarded with the expressed purpose of **training professionals** how to provide “**trauma-informed care**” for survivors of sex and labor trafficking.

* Last month, **over 200 people** attended a [panel-based forum in Great Falls](#) organized by the **Cascade County Human Trafficking Task Force** that helped increase awareness of human trafficking to the Montana public.



UPCOMING EVENTS BY EMMA F.

Dressember

Raising awareness about human trafficking can take many forms. [Dressember](#) is one such opportunity: **Wear a dress or tie every day in December** to spark conversation and support for anti-human trafficking efforts. In order to **donate** or **take part in the challenge**, you can go to their [website](#) or become part of our team by creating an account and searching “HEART.”

Paws to De-Stress

Do you love dogs? So do we! During the last two weeks of the semester, [Paws to De-Stress](#) takes place at the MSU Library to help alleviate stress through puppy love.



This can be a **stressful time of year**, student or not, and we hope you are able to find time to **relax** and **take care of yourself** this holiday season. [This](#) calming and fascinating interface where **sound** and **image coalesce** might just help. [January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month](#)

The HEART Initiative’s directives are to raise awareness and educate on human trafficking, making [January](#) our **favorite month!** We encourage you to **attend** one of our meetings, **read** an article about human trafficking, or **donate** time or money to an anti-trafficking organization this January. We would love your help **preparing for the February panel and March convention.** We will keep you updated on our special activities around campus and Bozeman for Human Trafficking Awareness Month via our [website](#) and [social media](#).

Discussion Panel and CLIFF Convention

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 our [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.**



Organization Spotlight

BY TESSA SAWYER

A recently founded organization, the [HEAL Trafficking Network](#) started its anti-trafficking work in 2013. HEAL works from the unique perspective that human trafficking is a public health issue. Their vision is “a world healed of human trafficking.” The acronym HEAL stands for Health, Education, Advocacy, and Linkage. The organization claims interdisciplinarity, and primarily attracts members in the **healthcare professions** based on the way it carries out its work and its guiding principles.

Like the **Gallatin County Anti-Trafficking Task Force**, it is divided into committees that address specific issues related to trafficking. These groups include research, health systems protocol, and media. They also offer **online education resources** and recorded panel discussions that include the **health implications of trafficking.** We encourage you to



check it out!

Connect: Human Trafficking + Intersectionality BY SIERRA TUCKER

“There is no such thing as a **single-issue struggle** because we do not live **single-issue lives.**” - Audre Lorde

According to the [Laboratory to Combat Human Trafficking](#), **intersectionality** is a concept that describes the different forms of discrimination and oppression
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The holiday season is here! [The HEART Initiative](#) is a student-based anti-human trafficking organization at Montana State University, and we believe in a world where freedom rings. We approach this holiday season inspired by the values and compassion of our community and invite you to **stand up for human rights** and **sustainability** through your **holiday purchases**. We have been learning about the human and environmental exploitation that occurs in the production of our everyday goods and services, including items on your buy list. We are delighted to bring you this list of companies that **ethically source products** and support anti-human trafficking efforts. Instead of funding violations of rights, let us **work together** and use our resources to create a more just world this holiday season!

For whomever you are Christmas shopping, these brands can help you find what you are looking for.

Clothing & accessories

- [Patagonia](#)
- [Citizen and Darling](#)
- [Elegantees](#)
- [My Sister](#) (pictured left)
- [Passion Lilie](#)
- [People Tree](#)
- [Reformation](#)
- [ABLE](#)



Bags, cards, & more

- [Muxliply](#)
- [Purpose Jewelry](#)
- [Everlane](#)
- [The Little Market](#)
- [Malia Designs](#) (pictured right)
- [Ten Thousand Villages](#)
- [Society B](#) (pictured center)
- [Fab](#)



Are you shopping on a **budget** this holiday season? Here are some gift options that are **affordable, ethical, and fun**.

- [Choose What You Pay](#) by Everlane
- [Mr. Ellie Pooh](#) (pictured right)
- [Partners for Just Trade](#)
- [The Village Country Store](#)
- [Freegrance](#)



Here are some more ethically sourced companies that support anti-human trafficking efforts.

Household items

- [Prosperity Candles](#)
- [SERRV International](#)
- [West Elm](#) (pictured left)
- [Boll & Branch](#)
- [IKEA](#)
- [The Fair Trade Furniture Company](#)



Treats

- [Tony's Chocolonely](#)
- [Divine Chocolate Limited](#)



- [Equal Exchange](#)
- [Theo Chocolate](#) (pictured above)
- [Mansfield Maple Candies](#)

Travel

- [Marriott International](#)
- [Hyatt](#)
- [United Airlines](#)
- [Delta](#)
- [Uber](#)
- [Intrepid](#)
- [Orbitz](#)



Interested in **learning more**? Click [here](#) for an extensive list by End Slavery Now. To learn more about The HEART Initiative and our **upcoming events**, please visit our [website](#) or [Facebook](#).



PAST EVENTS BY JOBY ROSENLEAF

Taco del Sol Fundraiser

On Thursday, **November 17**, 15% of sales at **Taco del Sol** were donated to the HEART Initiative in support of our anti-trafficking efforts.

Gallatin County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force

On **November 16** at the **Bozeman Public Library**, the HEART Initiative gained a co-chair for the **Prevention Committee**. In these meetings, which happen the third Tuesday of every month, local organizations and individuals meet to act on education and awareness efforts.

The **General Task Force** met on **November 28** from **9-11:30am** at the Bozeman Public Library to discuss goals and structure. **Email us** if you're interested in more information on these meetings! All are welcome to join.

Midterm Elections, November 6

Classes were canceled and Uber provided discounted rides to the polls on Tuesday, **November 6**. Thank you for voting!



Film Screening: La Jaula de Oro

On **November 7** from **7-9 pm**, the Humanitarian Club at MSU hosted a [film screening](#) of La Jaula de Oro in the **Procrastinator Theater**. The film highlights **immigration from Latin America** through the eyes of **teenagers**.



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 to start the conversation or visit theheartinitiative.wordpress.com to learn more.

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that can **overlap and interact**; these issues cannot be examined or addressed separately. It is now being used to frame **social justice issues** as an attempt to avoid the **isolation** of the single-issue mindset in order to create a more **powerful** movement for social justice.

With this in mind, how might intersectionality relate to not only human trafficking survivorship but also factors that impact all of **our lives**? All too often survivors of human trafficking are presented as a **“single voice”**, a **“common story”** to be leveraged by professionals and the media. But as intersectionality states, there are many details like **gender/identity, sexuality, nationality, ability, socioeconomic status, and religion** that play a role in the story of survivorship (and a role in everyone's' lives!).

The intersectionality of **different lived experiences** can be used to influence the services provided so that the individuality of a survivor is not **pigeonholed** by a single experience. In order to fully understand a person or an issue, all facets of identity or circumstance must be considered unique and connected.

Acknowledgement of the intersectionality of human trafficking with other issues of social injustice and discrimination promotes better **prevention and care** that is properly tailored to fit those affected.

By employing an **intersectional approach**, specific needs can be better understood, and systems of oppression, like human trafficking, can be more **readily challenged**. This is the **objective of our CLIFF Convention in March** (see Upcoming Events).

