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NATIONAL ADVOCACY CENTER
Rise Up AND Act for Justice

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Conference on Human Trafficking on Capitol Hill – June 26 *Get educated. Get hope. Get going.*

Media are invited to cover this half-day conference on human trafficking and hear from experts in the field, government officials, Members of Congress and self-advocates who have survived being trafficked. The National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd is co-hosting this conference with the US Conference of Catholic Bishops and DC Baptist Convention.

Wednesday, June 26, 2019
10:00 am – 1:30 pm Panels and Discussion
122 Cannon House Office Building
<http://bit.ly/traffickingconf>

Shine the Light on the perpetrators of human trafficking: Get educated.
Shine the Light on the survivors: Get hope.
Shine the Light on ourselves: Get going & act.

Congressional honorary co-chairs are Republican Ann Wagner of Missouri and Democrat Jamie Raskin of Maryland. There will be two panel presentations, one focusing on labor trafficking and the other on sex trafficking. Speakers are:

- **Anna** – Self-advocate and sex trafficking survivor - **Please NO PHOTOGRAPHS/ FILMING of Anna**
- **Taina Bien-Aimé** – Executive Director of Coalition Against Trafficking in Women, a non-governmental organization that works to end human trafficking and the commercial sexual exploitation of women and children worldwide
- **Hilary Chester, PhD** - Associate Director, Anti-Trafficking Program, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
- **Evelyn Chumbow** – Speaker with Survivors of Slavery (labor trafficking survivor)
- **Sr. Winifred Doherty, RGS** - United Nations Representative for the Good Shepherd Congregation
- **Lt. Sarah Krebs** - Missing Persons Coordination Unit within the Special Investigations Division of the Michigan State Police
- **Neha Misra, JD** – Solidarity Center, Migration and Human Trafficking Specialist

In addition, two pieces of legislation will be promoted:

- **S 227 / HR 2733** - Savanna's Act / Close the Information Gap to Reduce Number of Missing & Murdered Native American Women
- **S 1781 / HR 2836** - Central American Women and Children Protection Act of 2019

"The horror of human trafficking, both labor trafficking and sex trafficking, is increasing in our ever-shrinking world thanks to the internet, instant communication and the largest migration of humans in recorded history," said Lawrence E. Couch, Director of the National Advocacy Center.

There are nearly 21 million victims/survivors of human trafficking world-wide, with 32% of them being trafficked for sex. Over five million are children. Here in the United States, 17,000 children are being trafficked each year (approximately 46 children every day).

[The National Advocacy Center](#) educates and advocates on social justice issues for the transformation of society to the benefit of all people reflecting the spirituality, history and mission of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd. NAC advocates at the Federal level for people living in poverty, immigrants, survivors of human trafficking, survivors of domestic abuse, and other vulnerable populations.

The Sisters of the Good Shepherd was founded in France in 1835 and are in over 70 countries on 5 continents and have had a presence in the United States for over 175 years. With a presence in 22 states and 1 U. S. Territory, the Sisters and their Lay Mission Partners have dedicated themselves to serving girls, women and families who experience poverty, exploitation, vulnerability and marginalization.