

Freedom Report

Reach

Educating and equipping everyone to understand, identify, and reduce the risk of human trafficking

Recover

Partnering with authorities to secure the freedom of victims and the conviction of traffickers

Restore

Empowering survivors of human trafficking on their journey toward restoration and independence



Our progress stems from one source: you.

Nick & Christine Caine
A21 Co-Founders

What began with a single "Missing Persons" poster in Greece has grown into a global movement to end human trafficking. Since 2008, we've witnessed the power of collective action transform individual compassion into worldwide impact.

The landscape of human trafficking continues to evolve, presenting new challenges that demand innovative solutions. Yet even in times of economic uncertainty, our core programs maintain their momentum—reaching vulnerable communities, identifying and recovering victims, and supporting survivors on their journey to independence. This progress stems from one source: you.

Every awareness presentation, hotline call, and survivor restored represents countless individuals who've chosen to stand with us. Your dedication drives our work in classrooms, communities, and courtrooms worldwide. Our global network of partners and supporters proves that when we work together, transformation is possible.

While the challenges ahead are significant, so is our resolve. Your partnership enables each step forward—whether through advocacy, volunteering, or generous support. Every action, no matter the size, contributes to our shared vision of a world without human trafficking. Thank you for remaining steadfast in this journey. Together, we're building momentum that can't be stopped. Let's continue this vital work—together.

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Our Mission

ABOLISH SLAVERY EVERYWHERE, FOREVER

Our Vision · A world without human trafficking—where every victim is free from exploitation and fully restored.

Our Commitment · To fight until freedom becomes a reality for everyone, everywhere.

The Crisis of Human Trafficking

Vulnerability

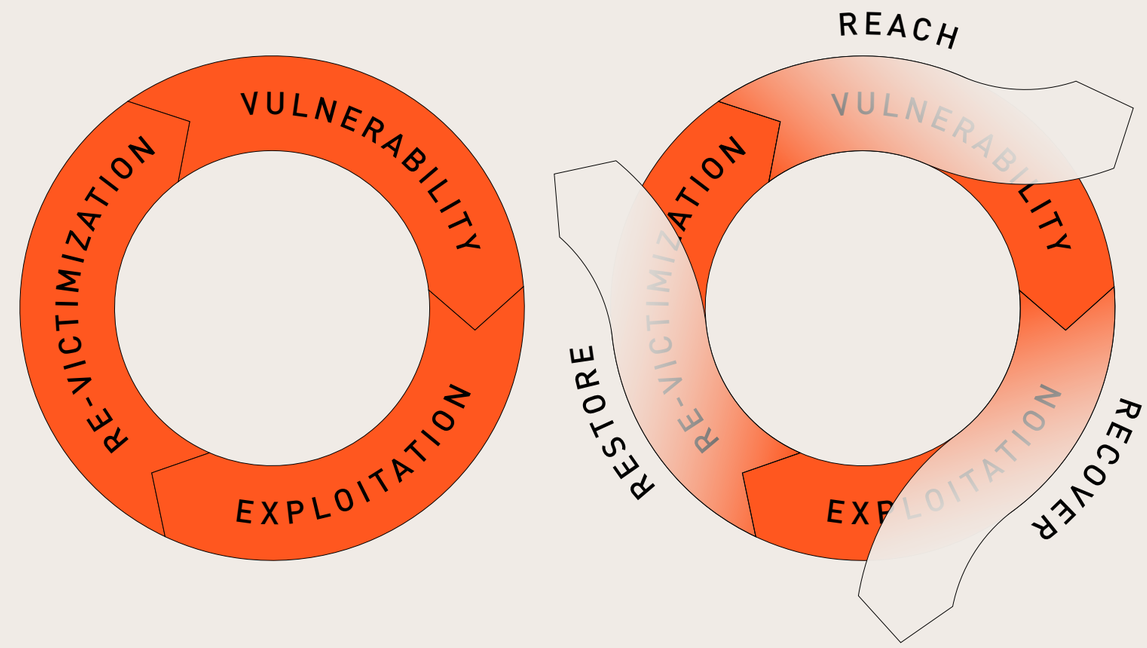
People become vulnerable to trafficking due to poverty, unemployment, violence, displacement, lack of education, loneliness, and isolation.

Exploitation

Traffickers exploit victims through false job offers, fake romantic relationships, manipulating trust, and the use of force, fraud, and coercion.

Re-Victimization

When a survivor exits trafficking, unresolved trauma and the original risk factors can create a dangerous cycle of continued exploitation.



A21's Proven Solution

Reach

Empowering communities through education curriculum, prevention programs, awareness campaigns, and practical safety guides.

Recover

Partnering with authorities to operate hotlines, run Child Advocacy Centers, train frontline professionals, and provide legal assistance to survivors.

Restore

Equipping survivors with safe housing, medical and psychological care, education, job training, and relocation support for a fresh start.



Because human trafficking looks different in every region, so does our work. Explore how our proven solutions and your partnership are making a difference across the globe.

Active Reach Program

Active Recover Program

Active Restore Program



Reach

- Presentations
- Education Curriculum
- Prevention Programs
- Can You See Me?

Recover

- Hotlines
- Child Advocacy Centers
- Professional Training
- Victim Identification Operations
- Legal Assistance

Restore

- Aftercare Services
- Freedom Centers
- A21 Home
- Accommodation
- A21 Survivor Relocation Service

GLOBAL CHALLENGES



Real Stories

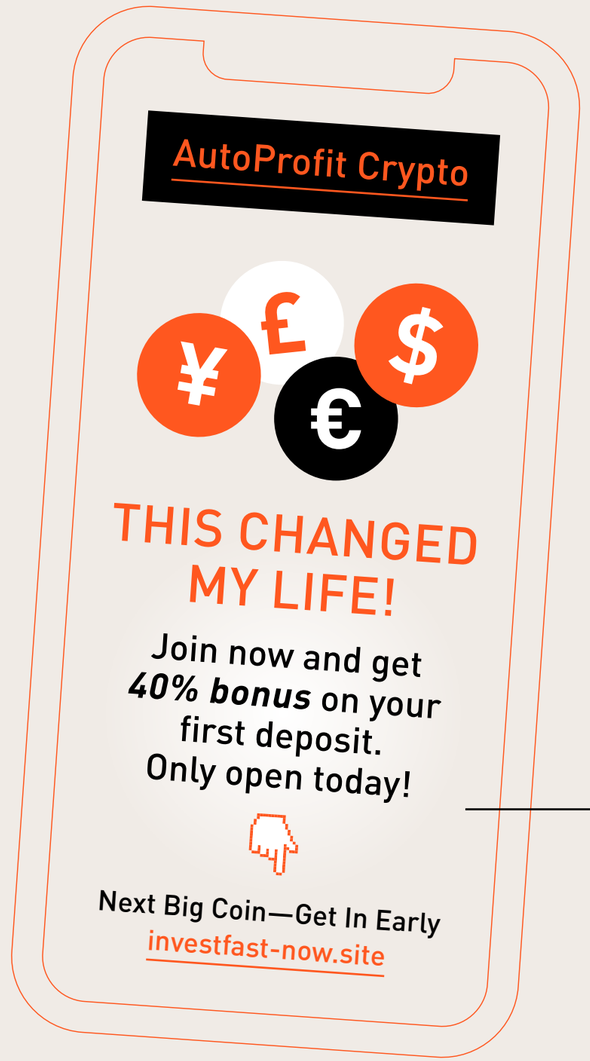
Turn to page 12, 18, and 24 for true stories of online exploitation, false job advertisements, scamming compounds and how your support makes all the difference in situations like this.

Europe & Africa

Increase in false job advertisements leading to cross-border trafficking and exploitation.

Americas

The volume of child sexual abuse material reports has increased by 87% since 2019.



Southeast Asia

The rise of scamming compounds forces victims to deceive people via online scams.

STRATEGIC RESPONSE · PROVEN IMPACT · A21

Adapting to Exploitation: Our Response in Action

As time goes on, the forms of exploitation continue to expand, with traffickers consistently adapting their methods to recruit, coerce, and control victims. They operate strategically, relying on proven tactics while also embracing new technologies and communication channels to exploit vulnerable individuals and communities. In response, our proven solution has played a vital role in confronting exploitation at every level and in every form it has taken over the years. Keep reading to see how our efforts to reach vulnerable communities, recover victims, and restore survivors have made a measurable impact over the past year.



REACH

Educating and equipping people worldwide to prevent human trafficking before it begins.

525 million

impressions through Can You See Me? Campaigns worldwide

504,907

estimated students educated with the K-12 curriculum

663+

million impressions resulted from Walk For Freedom

777

educators and facilitators trained to teach the K-12 curriculum in the U.S.

1.1+ million

awareness and prevention materials downloaded and distributed



Triumph Over Trafficking

Jaylee's Story

Life was difficult, I worked as a waitress, barely making ends meet. Then everything took a turn for the worse when my cousin attempted to take my life. Reeling from this betrayal and abuse, I made the desperate decision to flee to Europe, believing it held the promise of safety and opportunity.

Upon reaching Greece, I found myself homeless and more vulnerable than ever. When a man approached offering housing, transportation, and a job that seemed too good to be true, I accepted immediately. "Everything is finally turning around," I thought. I didn't recognize the warning signs—an offer that solved all my problems at once, from someone who knew I was desperate, homeless, and in a foreign country without support.

Instead of a promising job and opportunity, I was locked away, and forced to have sex with men day and night. I was trapped in a living nightmare. Days blurred together until one day the police were able to intervene.

After I escaped, I was placed in a refugee camp, where an organization identified me as a victim of human trafficking and connected me with A21. Through A21's support, I began to heal and rebuild. Today, I'm employed and have started my own family. Freedom and a new life are possible. I am living proof.

Had Jaylee known the signs of recruitment, she might have been spared. Learn how awareness could have prevented Jaylee's exploitation at A21.org/Resources.

*Name and photo changed to protect the survivor's identity.

REACH AROUND THE WORLD



Vulnerable Minors Equipped With Prevention Materials

Our Greek team delivered presentations to hundreds of vulnerable children and teenagers in schools and shelters for unaccompanied minors. Without reliable guardianship, these youth face heightened exploitation risks, making prevention education crucial.



Walk For Freedom Celebrates 10th Anniversary

Our 2024 Walk For Freedom marked a decade of impact with over 50,000 participants across 398 walks in 45 countries. Cambodia hosted its largest event ever, with the Secretary of State attending. Media coverage reached hundreds of millions globally, raising unprecedented awareness of modern-day slavery.

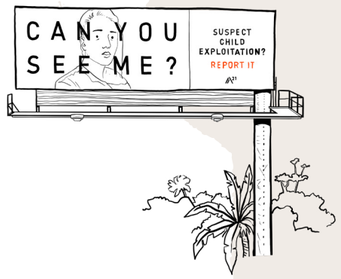
Rotary Partnership Empowers Youth Advocates Worldwide

Our new student program with the Rotary Action Group Against Slavery was launched at the International Conference in Singapore. Designed for ages 11-18, it provides specific projects and initiatives listed in the course, giving teens ideas to spread awareness and prevention within their communities. Everyone, regardless of age, can become an advocate for freedom.



Millions Reached With Awareness in Latin America

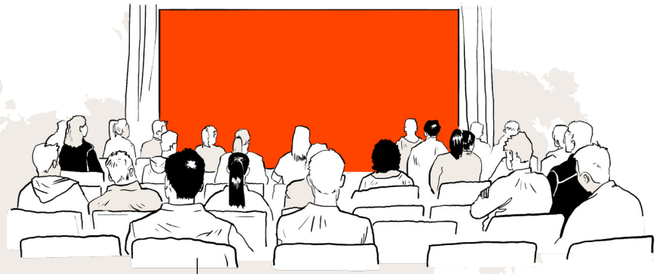
During Human Trafficking Awareness Month, our media campaign reached 38 million Latin Americans through TV and radio interviews about modern slavery. The team launched three new “Can You See Me?” billboards in Honduras and distributed thousands of flyers in areas where sexual tourism is prevalent. This awareness surge generated new volunteers, social media engagement, organizational partnerships, and anticipated increases in victim identifications across multiple countries.



Digital Safety Education Reaches Cambodian Schools

As technology evolves, young people are increasingly susceptible to being lured, enticed, and trafficked online. Our latest "Can You See Me?" film about online exploitation was screened at 19 schools in Cambodia through partnerships with Siem Reap City Hall and the Ministry of Education. Nearly 2,000 students learned digital safety strategies, with several identifying themselves as victims and seeking support.





"Can You See Me?" Films Expose Trafficking in Cambodia

A21 Cambodia premiered two new Can You See Me? films depicting common exploitation scenarios in the region. The launch was attended by 175 influential guests who can use their sphere of influence to expand the reach of these films as an awareness tool. As public understanding increases, more victims will be identified and lives restored.



Early Childhood Prevention Reaches Australian Daycare Centers

Age-appropriate education can mean the difference between a life of freedom or exploitation for minors. In 2024, we trained childcare workers in Australia to facilitate our Early Childhood Prevention Program at their centers. This play-based curriculum teaches children ages 3-6 about body boundaries and identifying "safe vs. tricky adults," potentially preventing exploitation before it begins.

Airport Campaign Reaches Millions in Australia

Sydney and Melbourne airports displayed 150 Can You See Me? billboards in terminals during peak holiday travel, reaching nearly 7 million passengers. The airport staff also received frontline training to recognize signs of exploitation and how to report suspicions, creating more vigilant eyes to identify potential victims.





RECOVER

Partnering with law enforcement and frontline professionals to identify and assist victims and pursue justice.

343
victims assisted

7,939
hotline contacts led to assistance for 193 victims

184
survivors in our Legal Assistance Program

8,464
frontline professionals trained

42
perpetrators were sentenced collectively to 903 years in prison



Vanna's Story

From Online Exploitation to Legal Victory

At 14, in my small SE Asian village, I became the target of a predator hiding behind a screen. What began as innocent messages quickly evolved into a nightmare as this man pretended to be my boyfriend, using lies and manipulation to trap me in a cycle of fear and abuse that extended from the virtual world into my real life.

Despite his threats, I gathered the courage to confide in my parents. I shared what happened, and they immediately reported the crime to authorities. The police listened. They understood the sensitive nature of my case and brought me to the A21 Child Advocacy Center—a place I never knew existed. There, in a safe environment specifically designed for minors like me, I told my story. Trained professionals asked the right questions and gathered the evidence needed to build a case.

Through A21's Legal Assistance Program, I received support throughout the entire court process. The man who haunted my life was arrested and charged under laws protecting minors. It was during my time in A21's Aftercare program that I began to heal from the experience. I learned what happened wasn't my fault and discovered a strength I never knew I had.

When the court delivered its verdict, the perpetrator received a prison sentence and was ordered to pay compensation. Successful prosecutions are rare in trafficking cases in my country. My voice had been heard. My story is proof that even in the darkest times, courage can light the way to freedom.

If Vanna had been taught the signs of online recruitment, she might have avoided falling prey to her trafficker's schemes. Learn how education could have made a difference at A21.org/Resources.

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RECOVER AROUND THE WORLD



Double Court Victory for Survivors in Greece

After a tedious legal battle involving four court hearings, a survivor received justice against her traffickers. The jury and judge found both defendants guilty of organized crime and sex trafficking, sentencing them to a total of 16 years in prison. This victory is two-fold as these same perpetrators were tried and convicted in the case of another A21 survivor.

International Victory Leads to Justice



A 2024 legal victory in the U.S. marked a significant milestone for A21 globally. Our teams in North Carolina and Thailand partnered to provide in-person support for two survivors who traveled from Laos to Boston, MA, to provide their statements at the sentencing of their trafficker. The survivors expressed their relief and gratitude, sharing how much it meant to be present for this moment of closure.



23 Victims Recovered from Forced Labor in Greece

A joint operation with law enforcement in Southern Greece recovered 23 victims from agricultural exploitation. Our team was available to provide immediate assistance and support survivors in the vulnerable hours following recovery. Through long-term, holistic care, we continue to help each survivor regain independence, find legitimate work, and avoid re-victimization.

A21 Supports Young Victim in Need

The A21 Hotline received an urgent call from a hospital in Northern Greece, seeking help for a minor who police had recovered from a trafficking situation. The 13-year-old girl, who was disabled from birth, faced heightened vulnerability. Our team responded immediately, providing short-term accommodation and ensuring her safety until long-term housing could be secured.



RECOVER AROUND THE WORLD



Hotline Assists Victim to Safety in Bulgaria

Effective coordination between A21's Bulgarian Hotline and police prevented a young girl from being trafficked across the border for sexual exploitation. While en route, she managed to send us a brief message about her location. Through immediate action after contacting the Hotline, the victim was assisted to safety, and her trafficker arrested.



Victory for Child Survivor in Cambodia

Five traffickers received combined sentences of nearly 25 years for crimes against a minor survivor in our Legal Assistance and Aftercare Programs in Cambodia. This verdict highlights A21's commitment to supporting child survivors, including providing them with a lawyer, and strengthening Cambodia's judicial response to trafficking.



Eight Victims in South Africa Identified via Hotline

In a single night, a call specialist at the A21 South African Hotline identified eight victims of domestic servitude and swiftly alerted authorities to ensure that each was assisted to safety. This case exemplifies the impact of our 24/7 hotline operations and trained specialists.



Victim Recovered During Doctor's Visit in South Africa

During a medical appointment in South Africa, a young woman was identified by her doctor as a victim of trafficking. Through a discrete response by clinic staff and a coordinated effort by the A21-operated National Human Trafficking Hotline, law enforcement assisted the woman to safety. Following this recovery, other nearby clinics requested training on recognizing and responding to exploitation.



RESTORE

Empowering survivors with holistic care on their journey to independence and lasting freedom.

471
total survivors assisted throughout the year

126
survivors completed A21 Life Programs

209
new survivors welcomed into A21 Aftercare

133
survivors were provided with safe accommodation

2,000
welcomed our 2,000th survivor into A21's care



From Forced Scamming To Freedom: Gawin's Story

Growing up in a small mountain town in Thailand, I taught myself computer skills, social media, and English. When work became scarce in late 2021, I found what seemed like a legitimate customer service job for an online casino in a neighboring country.

The nightmare began after I traveled to the meeting point. Armed guards transported me and other new employees to a remote compound where we were forced to scam innocent people online. Any resistance resulted in brutal punishment—physical assaults, electrocution, and confinement. I witnessed someone thrown from a high floor of a building.

After a month of living in this cruel place, I knew I had to escape, slipping past guards and hitchhiking back to Thailand. I learned others in my community had fallen into the same trap. Community reports led to a raid that recovered dozens more victims.

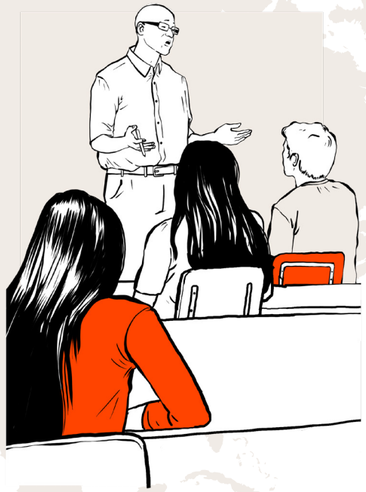
Through A21's Aftercare program, I found the strength to move forward. I enrolled in several Life Programs, which helped me establish a small business repairing electronics and vehicles—turning the tech skills that once made me a target into tools for independence.

But A21's support went beyond helping me rebuild my life. They stood by me as I shared my story with law enforcement, and helped me prepare to testify in court. Their unwavering support gave me the courage to face my traffickers and help dismantle their operation. Thank you to everyone who supports A21. Your generosity does more than change lives, it restores them.

No one should have to go through what Gawin did. With the right tools and awareness, stories like his can be prevented. See how your support can safeguard more people like Gawin at A21.org/GiveNow.

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RESTORE AROUND THE WORLD



English Classes Open New Doors in North Carolina

Weekly ESL classes at the Freedom Center in North Carolina are helping survivors acclimate to society and expand employment opportunities, and monthly conversation hours are providing practical speaking experience outside the classroom. Breaking language barriers enables survivors to pursue their dreams and explore new possibilities.



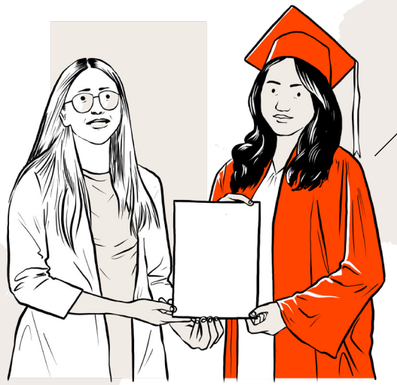
Survivor's Business Success Marks Graduation from Aftercare

After two years in A21's care, a survivor graduated with remarkable achievements—establishing his own business, securing stable housing, resolving legal issues, and obtaining immigration status. During a celebratory lunch, he expressed profound gratitude for A21's support, noting how the comprehensive services transformed his life trajectory.



New Survivors Welcomed Into Care in Greece

Through police referrals, A21 welcomed survivors from Athens to Thessaloniki, including a mother with three children. Each received emergency accommodation and basic necessities immediately after escaping trafficking. Repatriation support was offered to those taken from their home countries. Your generosity enables our Aftercare team to provide trauma-informed counseling, medical services, and shelter to those remaining in Greece.



Survivors Find Employment After Graduating Aftercare

Five survivors—four of forced labor and one of sex trafficking—graduated from Aftercare in Greece. After receiving holistic support, including counseling, accommodation, and job readiness programs, each found and maintained employment. Steady jobs provide crucial independence, reignite dreams, and serve as a pivotal step toward community reintegration and continued healing.



Community Garden Project Launches in Cambodia

Survivors are applying gardening skills learned through Aftercare to create a healing sanctuary at the Freedom Center in Cambodia. The collaborative project allows survivors to utilize their passions, engage in hands-on creation, and contribute alongside others while transforming an outdoor space into a place of rest and renewal.

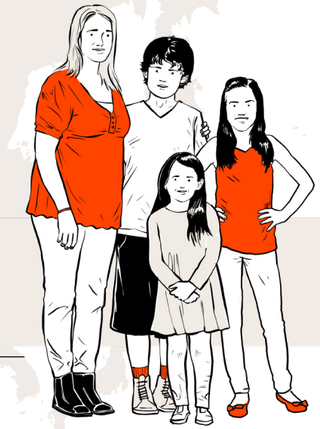


Milestone Moments in South Africa

Five survivors graduated from A21 Life Programs, gaining valuable skills toward independence. One survivor transitioned from an A21 apartment into her own home after independently saving for the deposit and furnishings. She proudly showcased her achievement to her caseworker. Each accomplishment represents a significant step in reclaiming freedom and deserves celebration.

Justice Served: Child Trafficker Imprisoned in Cambodia

A group of child survivors received justice as their trafficker was convicted and imprisoned. Additionally, the perpetrator was ordered to compensate each survivor. A21 provided individualized Aftercare services to each child survivor, including legal representation throughout the process. The team continues supporting these brave minors on their restoration journey.





Creativity Brings Healing to Survivors in Cambodia

Survivors participated in art therapy workshops at the Freedom Center in Cambodia, learning to paint as a way to process trauma and difficult emotions. The sessions provided a therapeutic outlet and reminded survivors that creativity can be a powerful tool for managing overwhelm and finding peace. Through artistic expression, survivors discovered new pathways to healing and hope.

Together, we're building a future where every person is free.

Together, we'll launch targeted global campaigns and education initiatives to decrease vulnerability to human trafficking.

We're focused on expanding our Freedom Centers and Child Advocacy Centers to provide greater survivor support.

Our goal is to scale our hotline network and frontline partnerships, accelerating victim identification and assistance.

We will strengthen partnerships with governments, law enforcement, and NGOs to increase trafficking prosecutions.

WHAT'S AHEAD

The impact of 2025 is already building as we expand our monthly Freedom Sponsor program—the lifeblood of our organization that provides the stability and confidence to push our mission to the next level. This community of monthly givers receive exclusive access to our team and special events while enabling us to put the efforts highlighted above into meaningful action. Your consistent support ensures we can drive these critical initiatives forward.

Become a Freedom Sponsor and help make lasting freedom possible for survivors of human trafficking.

Scan the QR code above to explore ways to give—whether it's a one-time donation, monthly support, shopping the Freedom Catalog, or donating stock.



RESOURCES

One of the most powerful tools we have in the fight against human trafficking is education. When people understand what trafficking is, what it looks like, and how to respond, real change becomes possible.

That's why we've developed a full suite of free educational resources—designed to equip everyday people with potentially life-saving information.



Explore the full library at:

A21.org/Resources

THANK YOU

Behind every milestone in our fight against human trafficking stands a global community of unwavering supporters. Your commitment drives every awareness campaign and prevention resource, every hotline call answered and victim recovery operation, and every survivor's journey to independence.

In classrooms, communities, and courtrooms worldwide, your partnership fuels our mission. Thank you for standing with us in this fight. Together, we've proven that transformation is possible. And we won't stop until all are free.



We are driven by a radical hope that the cycle of human trafficking can be broken

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