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**ANTI-HUMAN  
TRAFFICKING  
AWARENESS  
WEEK**

Lehigh Valley Anti-Trafficking Awareness week is a seven-day awareness campaign, held during the first week of November. The campaign provides an opportunity to raise awareness of human trafficking and modern slavery, and encourage government, local authorities, companies, charities, and individuals to do what they can to address the problem.

The Lehigh Valley Anti-Trafficking coalition is comprised of several social justice organizations dedicated to fighting the fight on the front lines. The coalition includes Aspire to Autonomy, Bethlehem Rotary, Bloom Bangor, Crime Victims Council, Lehigh Valley Health Network - Street Medicine, Marsy's Law, Truth For Women and VAST (Valley Against Sex Trafficking).

## OUR MISSION

The mission of Lehigh Valley Anti-Trafficking Awareness week is to abolish human trafficking in our community by building a united front to educate and equip our community to take action.

## OUR WHY

What is Human Trafficking?

The United Nations provides a definition of human trafficking which can be broken down into three essential elements:

- ★ The acquisition of a person;
- ★ By means of deception or coercion;
- ★ For the purpose of exploitation;

Human trafficking, or modern-day slavery - at its core - is the control and exploitation of vulnerable individuals for a profit.

People are exploited in all manner of ways, such as sexual exploitation, forced labor, domestic servitude, forced criminal activity, sham marriages, and organ removal.

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