



JANUARY IS

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

### WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

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### WHAT CAN YOU DO ABOUT IT?

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  - 2  Join a TAC team and create your donation page.
  - 3  Share your story with family and friends!
-   +  All funds raised will be forwarded to local and international organizations engaged in the fight against human trafficking.

More teams will be added throughout 2017. For more information contact Rev. Diane McGehee at [dmcgehee@txcumc.org](mailto:dmcgehee@txcumc.org) or Ana Robles at [arobles@txcumc.org](mailto:arobles@txcumc.org)



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