

AHT 2021 Calendar of Events

Wednesday, January 27—New Name Call Center Vision Night—learn about how the Call Center operates and how you can contribute to this valuable outreach service.

Sunday, January 31-Sunday, February 7—Super Bowl Prayer Connection—your prayers make a difference, especially during the week leading up to the Super Bowl. Join a team of committed prayer partners who will respond to text messages and specific prayer needs.

Saturday, March 20—Virtual Partner Spotlight | Dreamcatchers Foundation—Join us as we meet the Executive Director and Founder of Dreamcatcher Foundation, Brenda Meyers-Powell. Hear Brenda's story; her vision for the young women she meets; and how you can engage with the ministry.

Friday April 23—Quarterly Partner Check-in—These quarterly Friday Lunch & Learn sessions give us a unique virtual opportunity to check-in with key organizations in the fight against human trafficking. Find out what makes each partner organization tick; what their needs are for 2021; and how you can engage with them in the fight against human exploitation and enslavement.

Friday, May 14—Book Club—There's nothing like discussing an awesome book on an important topic with other like-minded people! Stay tuned for more information on the book selection!

Saturday, June 19—Virtual Partner Spotlight (In Our Backyard)—The book by the same name, *In Our Backyard*, was the foundational spark that started Willow Creek's Anti-Human Trafficking group. Meet Executive Director, Cheryl Csiky, as she shares her journey; the work of In Our Backyard; and how you can get involved in an upcoming Freedom Sticker project in July.

Saturday, July 17—Missing Children Freedom Sticker Project—statistically, most trafficking minors are only safe when alone in a public restroom. Help trafficked individuals find a way out of their circumstances. The Freedom Sticker offers a practical solution that any person any age can do in any neighborhood!

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Saturday, September 18—Virtual Partner Spotlight | Refuge for Women—Although a national organization that provides transitional housing and support to help women out of the sex industry, our local chapter of Refuge for Women offers a safe house and numerous services to help women overcome the trauma of their trafficking experiences. Meet Local Director, Karen Schultz and learn how you make a difference.

Saturday, October 23—Packing Event—Outreach gift bags convey one thing more than anything else...someone cares! Join us as we pack several hundred of these outreach gift bags that are distributed throughout the year by partner organizations when they do work on the streets. Our hope is to have the partners join us in person—New Name, Stop-it, Dreamcatchers Foundation, and Rose of Sharon are among some of the groups who share the gift bags.

Saturday, November 13—Friendsgiving at My Half of the Sky—What is a Friendsgiving? Technically, it is a special term to celebrate the holidays among FRIENDS or other people who are passionate about the things you care about! Join us for this in-person (hopefully) gathering at the My Half of the Sky Café in Wheaton! Meet Executive Director and Founder, Renee Pollino, as she shares her vision for this social enterprise that employs survivors and offers them hope for a future! Also, use this fun gathering to purchase unique gift items that are hand-crafted and procured from organizations across the globe that employ women on the road to a new start.