

Hays High DECA Human Trafficking Project

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According to DoSomething.org, there are nearly 20-30 million people in the world today who are slaves to human trafficking. Human trafficking is defined as modern-day slavery and involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain some type of labor. Through our Public Relations Project, our goal is to raise awareness that human trafficking is rampant and could happen or is already happening in our community.

Our project, *Break the Chains*, is comprised of an awareness week at Hays High School January 8-12, 2018, to raise awareness of this issue. A speaker from ICT SOS, an anti-trafficking organization in Wichita, Kansas, will be traveling to Hays High on Monday, January 8th, to inform our student body and staff of the facts and dangers of human trafficking. As a fundraiser for anti-trafficking organizations, students will be able to purchase a piece of duct tape starting on Monday, January 8, and ending on Thursday, January 11, that will be used to duct tape Mr. Martin Straub, Hays High Principal, or Hays Police Chief, Don Scheibler, to the gym wall during an assembly that will be held on Friday, January 12th. Throughout the week, there will be posters hung throughout the school that states statistics and facts about human trafficking. Human trafficking occurs in every country, and our project aims to raise awareness to this issue.

We have created a public service announcement video regarding human trafficking that is available to view on the Hays High Indians website (www.hayshighindians.com).

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