

LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW TO STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING!



Please join **Zonta Club of Laramie** on **Tuesday, September 19th**, from **6-7:30 pm** at the **First Interstate Bank, Basement Meeting Room**, at the corner of 3rd and Ivinson for an informative talk from **Diana Laws, a leader in NECCAT** on **Human Trafficking**. Everyone is welcome! Refreshments will be provided.

Diana Laws, of the **Zonta Club of Greeley**, was the driving force in getting the North East Colorado Coalition Against Trafficking (**NECCAT**) off the ground. **NECCAT was founded by a group of committed members of the Zonta Club-Greeley chapter in January of 2015.** The Greeley Zonta Club recognized that there were already several organizations addressing a variety of women’s issues. But, Zonta believed it could address a gap by **elevating the issue of human trafficking and its intersection with violence against women in their local community.**

In less than two years of operation, 26 agencies—including area law enforcement and social service agencies—have joined the group. NECCAT sees its role as a convener of key stakeholders who have the experience and expertise to respond to cases of human trafficking. NECCAT also serves as a central repository for education and resources in the area. The group receives multiple requests for training on human trafficking and is able to enlist members to carry out education and outreach events based on their areas of specialization. Likewise, NECCAT has partnered with Zonta to raise funds to support human trafficking survivors. It has dedicated a portion of those funds to make survivor kits that include such things as basic toiletries and handmade socks. The kits benefit survivors immediately and support local law enforcement in their efforts to build rapport and a sense of safety among those they identify as potential trafficking victims. Please see more information at NECCAT.ORG

Zonta Stands against Human Trafficking and this biennium one of our international service projects is “Creating Sustainable Foundations for Addressing Human Trafficking and Unsafe Migration of Women and Girls in Nepal”

Human trafficking is a global issue known all over the world today, and it is something that we cannot accept as Zontians. It is a crime that exploits women, children and men for numerous purposes. The International Labour Organization estimates that 21 million people worldwide are victims of forced labor and human trafficking for labor and sexual exploitation.

In 2010, the UN General Assembly adopted the Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons, urging governments to take coordinated and consistent measures to defeat trafficking. In 2013, Member States adopted resolution [A/RES/68/192](#) and designated 30 July as the World Day against Trafficking in Persons. This resolution declared that such a day was necessary to “raise awareness of the situation of victims of human trafficking and for the promotion and protection of their rights.”

Zonta International stands behind this effort through a new project we are supporting this biennium in partnership with UN Women, Creating Sustainable Foundations for Addressing Human Trafficking and Unsafe Migration of Women and Girls in Nepal.

Nepal has been a country of origin for labor migration and human trafficking for years. However, since the 2015 earthquakes that devastated the region, women in Nepal now face a heightened risk of trafficking. With Nepal’s government committed to combating trafficking, UN Women is implementing a legislative and policy framework to address the connection between migration and trafficking, while equipping women at risk with livelihood skills, opportunities for economic empowerment, and psychosocial counseling.