

My name is Karen Herbert, I am an abolitionist working in the movement against modern day slavery. I am in support of the Proposed Bill 5666 . I worked for Not For Sale as the Connecticut Co-director for three years. NFS is a part of the Community Abolitionist Network (CAN) of "Not For Sale Fund" which is a California Non-Profit Corporation organized in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3). Not For Sale Campaign is a program of 'Not for Sale Fund # 501(c) (3) Number: 20-5659783. The Community Abolitionist Network is a grassroots campaign comprised of volunteer abolitionist leaders and community activists that brings the "Not For Sale" mission to all aspects of the community by working with students, business owners, and people of faith, government officials, law enforcement, civic organizations and the media. That mission is to end slavery and human trafficking in our lifetime. Currently there are over two dozen CAN's in 17 states in the U.S. and 5 countries speaking out and creating change.

Most people in our State and our Country, do not even know that modern day slavery also known as human trafficking, exists right here in our communities. It is on our streets, on our campuses and in our homes through the internet. Each day our lives are likely touched by some form of slavery. The fabric for the clothes we wear, our shoes, our gold, materials in our cell phones, our coffee, our chocolate, possibly the vegetables we eat, etc. There are so many ways in which we the consumers have become unwitting partners supporting slavery around the world.

The volunteers at Not For Sale Connecticut have worked very hard over the years. We have been able to accomplish the following:

- Holding a forum on Human Trafficking at a local faith community with nationally known advocate and trafficking victim, Theresa Flores along with the Victims Services Advocate for the FBI.
- We have held a Freedom Walk in the town of Farmington. Re-tracing the steps of the historical abolitionist while teaching people about modern day slavery.
- We have spoken at public libraries showing the DVD "The Dark Side of Chocolate" and discussing slave / child labor.
- We have spoken to hundreds of students at various high schools around the state including but not limited to: Bristol Central High School, Shepaug Regional High School, Miss Porter's School, Avon High School, Hall High School West Hartford, and Conard High School West Hartford.
- We have spoken to civic groups such as the Rotary Club of Avon / Canton.
- We have spoken to college and university Campus Ministry Leaders.
- Faith groups such as the Office of Catholic Social Justice Ministry and have participated in the latest of Bishop Rosazza's Social Justice Conference held at St. Paul's High School.
- We participated in the Office of Catholic Social Justice Ministry's annual dinner and the SJM Office at Yale announced it had chosen Not For Sale as the focus of their 2012 projects.

- We have presented at Salons at Stowe, hosted by the Harriett Beecher Stowe Center and have a collaborative partnership with HBSC.
- We have spoken to hundreds of teenagers in faith communities and Confirmation classes.
- We have been guests on "The Talk of Connecticut" WDRC-AM with Brad Davis
- We have been frequent guests on the Mary Jones Show on WDRC-AM.
- We have appeared several times on the public access television "Beyond Violence" on NUTMEG TV.
- We held a "Think Tank" in July 2011; drawing in people from all walks of life to discuss human trafficking.
- Our volunteers have contacted and "tattooed" thousands of participants at the 2011 Soul Fest Concert in New Hampshire with "Not For Sale" tattoos.
- We spoke to 2500 teens and youth group leaders from the stage at the Arch Diocese of Hartford "2011 Youth Spectacular" and tattooed hundreds of them.
- Several of us participated in the Not For Sale Global Forum on Human Trafficking in Sunnyvale California October 2011.
- We have participated and presented at various events held by "Women of Change" group at the University of Hartford -Calendar of Change Presentation, Movie Screening of 'Not My Life' and our own NFS presentation.
- Opened our first Free2Create Event in collaboration with Provenance Center, Operation 21st Century, Connecticut Humanities Council and Custom House Maritime Museum. Our volunteers and collaborators held several powerful days/nights of Art, Photography, Live Body Art, Jazz Music and Poetry. The event was held at the Provenance Center in New London CT.

Each year more diverse and talented people such as you are drawn to the abolitionist movement. Whether as an individual or as apart of an organization, it is critical for our government officials to make the changes in this important mission.

We look forward to witnessing the Proposed Bill 5666 pass.

Sincerely,

Karen Herbert

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