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Being coerced into a life of constant danger, anxiety, physical abuse, mental exhaustion, is how the victims of human trafficking live daily. Human trafficking is a tragic epidemic that unnoticeably circulates our surrounding communities. The “Backpacks for Freedom” program is being held by the FBI New Haven Citizens Academy Alumni Association, a non-profit 501c3 organization that is separate and apart from the FBI. The community-based outreach event is geared towards bringing awareness and education to the public of this travesty and to help survivors when they need it most.

“Backpacks for Freedom” brings together citizens from communities across Connecticut, to contribute towards backpacks for these victims. Once an individual is rescued by law enforcement, the backpacks provide food, clothing, toiletries, among other essentials that survivors need until more permanent arrangements are made for housing and services. It’s more than clothing and toiletries, it’s a way to show we care.

Victims and survivors are members of our society, they are our neighbors, classmates, someone’s mother or sister, or brother. Victim’s need our help. A simple donation of money or daily essentials towards a rescue bag can help begin the healing process and show that there are individuals that truly care.

Other donations can be made through our GoFundMe Page:

https://www.gofundme.com/f/backpacks-for-freedom?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet