

Reading for a Better Future

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My Gold Award aims to address this issue:

When women are forced into sex trafficking, they are often taken at the age of 12-15. This means that they are not able to receive a complete education and sometimes are unable to read at the reading level they would normally be at. This can prevent them from integrating back in to society and living their life. I will supply books that can help teach them life skills, are lower reading levels, and help add to their education.

The reasons I selected my issue are:

- Women being educated has always been important to me because without it they are on unequal footing.
- I love to read and do so regularly and I hope to share my love for reading with them.
- Sex trafficking is prevalent in the Dayton Area due to the intersection of two major highways.
- I hope to help integrate victims back into society so that they can live their life as they choose.

The root cause of my issue is:

Sex trafficking and how it keeps the women from receiving a complete education. A lack of education stops them from integrating back into society after they escape sex trafficking. The absence of an education can keep them in the dark about how unfair their conditions are and force them to rely on those that sell them.

I will address the root cause by:

I will offer the opportunity to practice reading and learn life skills to help them become educated and escape the frequent repeating cycle of sex trafficking.

My target audience is:

Victims of sex trafficking

The skills, knowledge, and/or attitudes my target audience will gain are:

- Education
- Reading comprehension
- Life skills

I will know that my audience has gained the desired skills/knowledge because:

They are able to receive a high school/college education, they do not fall back into the cycle of sex trafficking, they develop a love for reading, and/or they are able to start living a normal life.