

Anti-trafficking Awareness | Missing Children Outreach*



IN OUR BACKYARD Anti-trafficking and Missing Children Outreach Event

Saturday, January 29, 2022 09:00 AM - 11:30 AM PST

The Center of Hope

9550 Crenshaw Blvd, Inglewood, CA 90305, USA

IN OUR BACKYARD Links Arms Across America in the Fight Against Human Trafficking. The 13th Annual Linking Freedom In Our Backyard is a one-day public awareness and outreach event in which every member of the Los Angeles/Inglewood community is invited to participate and make a tactile difference as the 2022 Super Bowl Host City. For the past twelve years, city hosts link arms to "do something" that empowers the community, survivors, and local nonprofits in the fight against human

9:00 am - 11:00 am: Join local experts for a Community Specific Human Trafficking 101 training.

Immediately after the training, volunteers will be assigned routes to visit local convenience stores where they distribute provided materials, Freedom Stickers, and missing children booklets so store employees can keep an eye out and report any missing children and others who may be trafficked to operation efforts.

This training is recommended for ages 10+. (Those between ages 10-17, need to be accompanied by a parent/adult.)

Please visit our [website](#) to register for this free event!



SUPER BOWL AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Statements have been made that the Super Bowl is the largest human trafficking event. Some have also asserted that sex trafficking does not increase surrounding the Super Bowl. These are both myths. Human trafficking happens 365 days a year in every zip code in the United States and does and does increase surrounding large events. We do know the party atmosphere surrounding any large event such as a concert, convention, or sporting competition can lead to an increase in the purchase of adults and even children for sex. Traffickers may bring victims from out of town to satisfy the increase in demand from sex buyers. They also capitalize on the energy generated by the event to lure unsuspecting event-goers as new victims.

In connection with our year-round trafficking efforts, IN OUR BACKYARD (IOB) works to eradicate sex trafficking surrounding the Super Bowl through partnerships with top enforcement, non-profits and government agencies in host cities across America.

IN OUR BACKYARD is a national leader with more than a decade of dedication to the fight against sex and labor trafficking. IOB links arms in the fight against human trafficking by empowering communities to prevent this atrocity and creating access to freedom for victims of human trafficking (HT). Exposed to the devastating realities of HT, IOB Founder Nita Belles was driven to take action to stop the exploitation of children, women, and men. Her book, *In Our Backyard: Human Trafficking in America and What You Can Do to Stop It*, has been acclaimed as the primer on human trafficking in America. For more information, go to www.inourbackyard.org

"The Super Bowl doesn't increase sex trafficking, sex buyers increase sex trafficking."

-Nita Belles