

January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness Month

By Rep. Joe Emrick

BETHLEHEM - Human trafficking is one of the fastest growing crimes in the nation, and sadly, Pennsylvania ranks 10th among states for the most reported cases.

It is a crime that harms adults and children of all ages and demographics. Through force, fraud and coercion, traffickers push their victims into demeaning forms of abuse, including domestic servitude and commercial sexual exploitation. These crimes often remain hidden because victims are reluctant to seek help for a variety of reasons, including language barriers, fear of traffickers and law enforcement, and lack of trust.

To help educate the public about the crime and prevent more people from becoming victims, January has been designated National Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness Month.

If you are a victim of human trafficking in need of help, or you suspect that someone else is a victim:

- Call 911 if you are in immediate danger.
- Call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline at 1-888-373-7888.
- Text HELP or INFO to BeFree (233733) to reach the National Human Trafficking Resource Center.



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Free Shredder Event

Help to protect your identity by safely disposing of sensitive documents at my **FREE** paper shredding event, which will feature the services of Pro Shred of Paoli.

**Saturday, April 13
10 a.m. to noon**

**Blue Valley Farm Show
707 American Bangor Road
Bangor, PA 18013**

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For more information, contact Director of Human Resources
Shawn McGovern at 610-530-5510 or mcgoverns@cetronia.org.

Totts Gap Arts Institute (TGAI) is now accepting grant proposals from organizations presenting arts programming in the 10 municipalities of the Slate Belt region.

Founded in 2006, the mission of TGAI is to nurture artists of all ages, and to awaken the excitement, passion, and possibility of the fine and performing arts by supporting classes, helping to showcase talent, and supporting events that will infuse our community and the region with a love and respect for the creative process.

Grants will be awarded to qualifying organizations for programs that provide educational opportunities, or support cultural events, such as performances.

Granted programs can be for any age group, and are open to any federally-designated (501)(c)(3) non-profit organization that agrees to follow the grant requirements and stipulations.

Individuals seeking to present programs are advised to seek a partner organization to host the event.

Program requirements:

- Program must be open to any resident of the Slate Belt.
- Program must comply with TGAI's mission and values of inclusiveness and accessibility.
- Program must be hosted in an ADA complaint facility.
- Classes will have no fee.
- Performances will have reduced rates available for students and seniors.
- Preference will be given to group activities over serving individuals.
- Programs will not promote any religious or political agenda.
- Program staff, performers, etc. do not need to be residents of the Slate Belt, but the event must take place in the community.

Grant value: up to \$5,000. To apply, follow the link below, and email the completed application to arts@tottsgap.org.

<http://tottsgap.com/apply-for-funding>