

FEEL INSPIRED

THE FIGHT AGAINST TRAFFICKING



Each year, thousands of men, women, and children are trafficked, in their own countries and abroad.

Trafficking is a global issue, and the United Nations recognizes this crisis every year on July 30 with the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons. Heartland Alliance continues to raise awareness of this abuse and works to end the crisis.

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STANDING TOGETHER

On July 16, Heartland Alliance hosted our third annual event, *Standing Together: A Conversation About Equity*. Although this

year's virtual format was different from years' past, the speakers and their contributions to this vital conversation about criminal justice and permanent punishments were just as powerful as ever.

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COVID-19 RECOVERY IN CHICAGO

With support from Heartland Alliance, the City of Chicago's COVID-19 Recovery Task Force releases a report highlighting policy recommendations on how to curb the impact of this crisis on Chicago communities.

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ANTI-RACISM

How can we support anti-racism in Chicago? The city has a vast network of organizations, including Heartland Alliance, already doing the work of dismantling our dangerously biased systems. Read more via Inside Hook.

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FIGHTING GUN VIOLENCE

Eddie Bocanegra co-authored an op-ed about how READI offers hope for young men who are most likely to be involved in gun violence. Via the Chicago Tribune.

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COVID'S IMPACT ON REFUGEES AND IMMIGRANTS

Psychology Today interviews the Marjorie Kovler Center's Tarik Endale about telehealth resources for trauma and torture survivors who are also disproportionately impacted by COVID-19

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READI CHICAGO

The Tribune Editorial Board echoes sentiments about how READI Chicago's efforts to stem gun violence by addressing mental health and employment needs of young men are examples of what is working.

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IMMIGRANTS' RIGHTS

The National Immigrant Justice Center won a major court victory on behalf of immigrants who arrive in the U.S. as youth. The ruling will prevent ICE from detaining youth who turn 18 before obtaining legal status. Via Law 360.

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MENTAL HEALTH

Dr. Brandi Jackson, a former psychiatrist at our Englewood Health Center, talks about how the COVID-19 pandemic has been an especially difficult time for mental health in the Black community she serves. Via the Chicago Tribune.

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PERMANENT PUNISHMENTS

The newly released report on Illinois poverty, released annually by Heartland Alliance's research and policy division, found nearly 1,200 laws that punish people for having a criminal record, often indefinitely. Via Patch.

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LOOK INSIDE



LILI NIKOLOVA: FIGHTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN NIGERIA

As the Project Director for the Counter-Human Trafficking program in Northeast Nigeria, Lili Nikolova draws upon her

background in law enforcement with a focus on building partnerships and providing support to victims.

international experience with capacity building, outreach, advocacy, mediation, and trauma-informed care to help individuals and communities heal and seek justice.

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HOW YOU CAN HELP

The COVID-19 public health crisis is disproportionately affecting the people that Heartland Alliance serves.

Help us continue to ensure the safety and well-being of our participants and frontline staff.

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RECEIVE FACE MASK WITH DONATION

COVID-19 has led to unprecedented demands for our services, a shortage of supplies and resources, as well as critical needs for our participant-facing staff.

When you give \$20 or more, you can receive a Heartland Alliance branded face mask.

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GREETING CARD DRIVE

The stay at home order has resulted in many of our senior participants in single occupancy housing feeling isolated from their loved ones.

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