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Holly Austin Smith grew up in southern New Jersey. She had beautiful golden-blonde hair, dewy blue eyes and a strong head on her shoulders.

She liked to run around in her size-five sneakers. She liked talking on her cellphone. And she liked hanging out at the shopping mall.

She was only fourteen years old when a man approached her at the shopping mall. He asked

for her phone number. Holly thought, “What could be the harm?”

He started to call her late at night. He said all the right things. He gained Holly’s trust.

It wasn’t long before he manipulated her. Took her. And forced her into prostitution.

Holly is not the only one. Every 10 minutes, a woman or child is trafficked into the United States for forced labor.¹ Each year, at least 100,000 to 300,000 children in America are

¹<https://www.dosomething.org/facts/11-facts-about-human-trafficking>

victims of sex trafficking.² Every year, 1 million children are exploited by the sex trade industry around the world.³

Every day, Love146 fights to bring these numbers down to zero.

This December will mark the 150th year since the ratification of the 13th Amendment, which formally abolished slavery in the United States.

But slavery still persists today. It just looks very different today than it did hundreds of years ago.

²http://www.cnn.com/2009/OPINION/11/25/carr.human.trafficking/index.html?eref=ib_us

³<http://www.cicatelli.org/titlex/downloadable/human%20trafficking%20statistics.pdf>

We may no longer have slave masters. But instead, we have pimps.

We may no longer have black slaves working our cotton fields. But we have sex slaves on our streets.

We may no longer separate seats on our buses. But we separate ourselves from the larger issue going on in our streets. We disassociate ourselves from the sex trafficking going on before our very eyes.

Slavery is still around. But it shouldn't be.

We need to look this problem in the eye and say,
“This is wrong. And we will not stand for this.”

Love146 fights against sex trafficking.

Love 146 advocates to pass laws that recognize
commercial sexual exploitation as a serious
crime.

Love 146 pushes to enforce laws so sex
traffickers can be held accountable for their
actions.

Love 146 creates rehabilitation centers for victims to let girls like Holly know they are priceless. So they won't let someone else put a price tag on them.

People were created to be loved. Things were created to be used. But somewhere along the way, the world got it backwards. Today, things are loved. People are used.

Love 146 wants to remind little girls like Holly she isn't something to be used. That she is not

just another number of just another tragic
statistic. Love 146 wants to let girls like Holly
know she is meant to be loved.

But Love 146 can't do it alone. We want you to
join the movement. Donate to support our cause
and fight alongside us to help girls like Holly,
today.

Slavery is a bitter part of our history. Let's make
sure it's not part of our future.