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Hello my name is Christopher Cardenas-Avila. I am 12 years old and currently in grade 7. I go to St Cecilia catholic school. I have been a committee member of Free-Them since 2010. I believe people in the city of Toronto should know the dangers of human trafficking and how it's affecting our community today. I think if they know they will not only have the knowledge but can prepare themselves and be self-aware that these things are really happening. Why shouldn't everyone learn? If they don't know of these dangers in their community they won't be ready in a real life scenario to help themselves and their community members

What if this happened to someone you cared about? Would you want to help them?

Girls as young as me are being lured and trafficked in our country because they don't know better and don't know how they can get help. As a boy this may not target me completely but boys need to learn to spread the message that hurting and buying humans is not right.

I also think if we aren't taught then we will never get the chance to learn we know this is happening overseas but how many people in our country believe that its happening here. When I spoke to my class about this one day some kids were still skeptical. They said "Canada is a free country" but I explained to them on how many cases that my mom and free-them helped fund. I also had to explain this to my teacher because she couldn't believe it.

Why tell the citizens of Toronto that there is a murderer on the loose? It's so we could be aware.

If we are aware about those sorts of things I think we deserve to be aware about human trafficking. What damage can be done? All this is doing is making us more aware that the world we live in today isn't perfect like the movies. This however is good though because the more people aware the more people who are willing to help stop this huge problem.

It should be mandatory for all city workers, public workers, guardians and parents of kids to be given some information or course to go over safety rules and things to be aware off. The city of Toronto has the power to use media influence to make changes. Stuff that goes on media spreads like a virus. A silly video like gangam style has over a billion views on YouTube. Why can't the city of Toronto make a video about human trafficking and play it on tv to reach out to the masses. We can make this go viral.

Before I leave I would like to end with a quote by Edmund burke

The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.