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OCJS to Award $31,141 to Salvation Army

What: The Ohio Department of Public Safety's Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) will award $31,141 to the Salvation Army in Edward R. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program funding to provide comprehensive services for victims of human trafficking in calendar year 2014.

Who: John Born, Director, Ohio Department of Public Safety
Karhlton Moore, Executive Director, Office of Criminal Justice Services
Elizabeth Ranade Janis, Anti-Trafficking Coordinator
Major Larry Ashcraft, Divisional Commander, Salvation Army
Erin Meyer, Anti-Human Trafficking Program Coordinator, Salvation Army/End Slavery Cincinnati
Luke Blocher, Director of National Strategic Initiatives, National Underground Railroad Freedom Center

Where: National Underground Railroad Freedom Center
50 East Freedom Way
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
***Note: Due to lane closures, please park media vehicles on Rosa Parks Blvd.**

When: Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2014
2:00 p.m.

Why: In March 2012, Gov. Kasich signed an Executive Order creating the Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force, charging the group with marshaling state resources to put a stop to human trafficking. In its recommendations made to the governor, the Task Force cited a lack of public knowledge as the most significant barrier to combating human trafficking and determined that an education campaign would be critical to the effort. OCJS administers the Edward R. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program, which allows local and state governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on the needs and conditions of the jurisdictions.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE Ohio