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### **OCJS Awarded Rescue & Restore Regional Program Grant**

*A total of \$440,000 will be awarded to three coalitions in the state over three years*

(COLUMBUS) – Today, the Ohio Department of Public Safety’s (ODPS) Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) announced funding for three local coalitions in the fight against human trafficking.

“We are thrilled to have been awarded this competitive grant to combat trafficking,” said Elizabeth Ranade-Janis, OCJS anti-trafficking coordinator. “This funding will strengthen and empower our state’s awareness efforts and anti-trafficking coalitions, and help us provide more victims with needed services. We are proud to partner with the coalitions in their efforts.”

OCJS will serve as the fiscal and monitoring agent for the grant, in partnership with three coalitions: Toledo Area Ministries, representing the Lucas County Anti-Trafficking Coalition; Salvation Army of Central Ohio, representing the Central Ohio Rescue and Restore Coalition; and Salvation Army of Greater Cincinnati, representing End Slavery Cincinnati.

“The Lucas County Human Trafficking Coalition is grateful to be a part of this joint effort”, said Mary A. Jay, Lucas County Human Trafficking Coalition Co-chair. “Our coalition consists of hard-working volunteers who are committed to fighting human trafficking and having a Regional Coalition Coordinator will help us better identify and serve victims of sex and labor trafficking.”

The grant will fund three part-time regional coordinators based in these agencies to build local capacity to identify foreign born and underserved victims of trafficking, trainings for key groups such as law enforcement and social service providers and will also fund translation of public awareness materials into additional languages identified as needed in these regions.

“The Salvation Army in Central Ohio and the members of the Central Ohio coalition are honored to be part of this collaborative project” said Michelle Hannan, The Salvation Army’s Director of Professional and Community Services. “This grant will increase our ability to identify and serve some of Ohio’s most vulnerable and under-identified victims.”

The grant is from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) and is a three-year award of \$146,690 per year.

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. OCJS administers the 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.

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