

# Holiday Gift Guide | 2018



Did you know there are an estimated 24.9 million victims of forced labor or labor trafficking worldwide?

Most victims are women and children.

Garments, coffee, cocoa and bricks are a few major products created using child and forced labor.

Your purchases matter.

Let us help!



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# Education

## Why Should I care about Labor Trafficking?

Before shopping consciously, we must recognize the reason for doing so. Most things we buy are sourced from exploited people. This is a form of human trafficking.

## What is human trafficking?

Human trafficking is the second largest criminal enterprise in the world. There are roughly 40.3 million victims of human trafficking. An estimated 24 million men, women, and children are victims of forced labor, trapped in jobs in which they are coerced or deceived into and which they cannot leave. It is difficult to verify any estimates because many cases go unreported.



## How does it happen?

Forced labor through coercion, deceptive recruitment, and smuggling or kidnapping can all be used for manipulation. Traffickers confiscate most or all of the victims earnings to make the victims dependent on the controller for transportation or housing. Violence, sexual assault, sexual harassment, pressure tactics, and abandonment in unfamiliar cities are common.

## It doesn't happen here in America, does it?

Labor trafficking is very much present in America. Ohio is fourth in the nation for reported tips to the National Human Trafficking Hotline, managed by the Polaris Project. Victims of labor trafficking can be found in agriculture and factories as well as the hospitality and food service industries.

## Why is this happening?

A low perceived risk by traffickers in communities who are unaware of the issue, high profits from consumer demand for cheaply made goods, and a lack of care for the poor or exploited can all contribute to the exploitation of children and adults.

# How you can help

## Learn

Visit the resources page on our website at [shehasaname.org/resources](http://shehasaname.org/resources) for some of our favorite sources in teaching others about labor trafficking. Watch documentaries such as *The True Cost* and *Food Chains*.

## Consume Consciously

Shop ethically, sustainably, and organically. By asking questions about how our products are made, consumers have the power to reduce the demand and help stop human trafficking, in particular labor trafficking.

This guide is a great place to start! Google can be a good guide too -- keep an eye out for brands who are transparent about who makes their products and what their goods are made of. Look for companies that are a part of the Workers Rights Consortium or Social Accountability International. The graphic below describes the mindset we should have when shopping.



## Advocate

Talk about this information with your community. Be mindful of potential trafficking cases and report suspicious behavior to the National Human Trafficking Hotline 1-888-373-7888

# The Guide

Here are a few of our favorite local organizations who create thoughtfully sourced products that bring hope

## 1. Eleventh Candle Co.

Eleventh Candle Co. handcrafts amazing candles in Columbus, OH. They employ survivors of human trafficking and give hope to communities. You can find their products online or in several locations across Columbus.

[eleventhcandleco.com](http://eleventhcandleco.com)



## 2. Roosevelt Coffee Roasters

Roosevelt Coffee Roasters is a part of a nonprofit organization located in Columbus, OH. Not only do they roast ethically sourced beans, but they give a portion of their profits to many local and global initiatives.

<http://roosevelt.coffee>



### 3. Cause Cookies from Freedom a la Cart

Freedom a la Cart is a local catering company who employs survivors of human trafficking. This holiday season, order a box of their delicious Cause Cookies to bring to your holiday party. Order at [freedomalacart.org](http://freedomalacart.org).



### 4. Women Crafting Change

WCC is an economic development program that applies fair trade and artisan cooperative strategies to empower local women through the arts. You can find their handmade ornaments, coasters, and bracelets at Global Gallery coffee shop and Global Gifts.





### 5. Ethiopian Tewahedo Services Social Services (ETSS)

ETSS is a community based 501(c)(3) organization that helps new arrivals from all countries establish roots and gain self-sufficiency in Columbus.

Their t-shirts are perfect for any activist!

[www.ethiotss.org](http://www.ethiotss.org)



### 6. Girl Set Free

Girl Set Free uses fashion and design to empower survivors of human trafficking so they can be given freedom, independence and the chance at a better story.

Founded in Ohio, consumers can purchase their handbags and clothing online.

[girlsetfree.org](http://girlsetfree.org)





### 7. Nuts for Ohio

Go Bucks! Show your Buckeye pride by purchasing a locally made Buckeye bead product from Nuts for Ohio. A portion of profits benefit

She Has A Name! Visit their Etsy site to purchase.

[www.etsy.com/shop/officialnutsforohio](https://www.etsy.com/shop/officialnutsforohio)



### 8. Valiente Goods

Valiente Goods aims to support developing communities by offering them sustainable working opportunities. They provide artisans with constant work and buy their products directly from them in a way that is ethical and responsible.

Valiente Goods is located in Clintonville.



### 9. The Black Lens

The Black Lens is a dark literary thriller by Christopher Stollar, exposing the underbelly of sex trafficking in rural America. A portion of book profits go to local anti-trafficking initiatives. A great gift for the reader in your family, purchase at the Book Loft in German Village.



### 10. The Ville Crochet

The Ville Crochet is a locally owned small-business owned by Ally Carmichael. All of Ally's handmade crochet-wear is made in Columbus, Ohio and gives back to She Has A Name. Find her online!

[www.etsy.com/shop/TheVilleCrochet](http://www.etsy.com/shop/TheVilleCrochet)



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restored into society and thriving in community.

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