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Persons Against the Crime of Trafficking in Humans
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Media Advisory

End Slavery Day 2012 focuses on engaging and educating youth– “Speak Out”!

OTTAWA, Ontario, November 26, 2012 – PACT-Ottawa (Persons Against the Crime of Trafficking in Humans) is educating and engaging youth on the issue of human trafficking

Date: Sunday, December 2, 2012

Time: 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm (door open at 5:30)

Place: Bronson Centre - Mac Hall, 211 Bronson Avenue

The United Nations estimates that between one and four million people are trafficked each year. Among these trafficked people are children sold into slavery and forced into involuntary labour or sexual exploitation.

December 2 is the UN-designated International Day for the Abolition of Slavery. It commemorates the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade. Since 2008, PACT-Ottawa (Persons Against the Crime of Trafficking in Humans) has been marking December 2 as **End Slavery Day** – a day to raise awareness about modern-day slavery and the steps Canadians can take to stop it.

This year marks the 5th annual event, with a focus on educating and engaging youth on the issue of human trafficking. **“SPEAK OUT: Youth Against Slavery”** will feature Sunny Marriner as the Keynote Speaker, a variety of educational and interactive stations represented by local law enforcement representatives, various service providers and local MPP Yasir Naqvi. Some of the activity booth topics include Human Trafficking 101 – Myths and Facts, Human Trafficking and Social Media, and “Take Action”. The event will also include live entertainment; the Holy Trinity High School Jazz Ensemble and local musician Sarah Dalby are amongst performers.

PACT-Ottawa is a registered non-profit organization committed to entrenching the protection of trafficked persons in Canadian law, and to securing the essential services that trafficked persons require to take back control of their bodies and their lives. Our organization’s mission is to network with other groups to prevent the trafficking of persons and to increase the protection of those who have been trafficked.

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