

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **End Slavery Day 2012 focuses on engaging and educating youth in our community about human trafficking**

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.

*End Slavery Day 2012 "SPEAK OUT: Youth Against Slavery"* will feature a keynote speaker, various educational and interactive stations represented by law enforcement and various service providers, which participants are encouraged to complete for a chance to win a prize. The event will also include live performances reflecting the theme of the event.

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. More information about PACT can be found on our website: <http://www.pact-ottawa.org/>.

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#### **Event Details:**

**Bronson Centre - Mac Hall, 211 Bronson Avenue**

**Sunday, December 2, from 5:30-8:30 pm**