



HAPPY
2020
NEW YEAR

FROM AMARA LEGAL CENTER

Our Vision For 2020 Includes You!

We want to start off 2020 with gratitude! As the [Amara Legal Center](#) continues to serve those whose rights have been violated while they were involved in the commercial sex industry in the DMV, our community of supporters continues to grow and support our mission. In 2019, we were able to continue to serve clients in DC, Maryland, and Virginia, speak at over thirty events, and grow our team to include a dedicated Virginia attorney. We also had the opportunity to partner with amazing organizations like [Becky's Fund](#), with whom we hosted an event to discuss the connection between domestic violence and sex trafficking. Because of you, we are able to keep working to make a difference in hundreds of lives in 2020 and beyond.

We Appreciate All of Your Support!

We are so happy to announce that we exceeded our fundraising goal for the No Show Ball! We raised...drum roll please...



OVER
\$30,000

In 2020, we will be able to go beyond what grants provide for our clients. In Maryland and Virginia,

we'll be able to provide transportation to clients who cannot get to court and we'll be able to continue providing expungements, vacatur, and criminal defense representation. Your gift, no matter the amount, helps us provide meals, burner phones, diapers to a community that is often overlooked and mistreated by both our legal system and society.

Thank you for sharing our message about the No Show Ball across the internet, through texts to friends, and conversations with co-workers. Your support means everything to our team, our clients, and our mission to impact and improve the lives of communities in the DC Metropolitan area.

Thank you!



A Global Crisis

According to the DC Office of the Attorney General, "Human trafficking is the second largest and fastest growing criminal industry in the world, second only to drug trafficking."

This month, we join hundreds of organizations to raise awareness of the growing need for a global conversation about the reality of human trafficking. It isn't just something that happens in other countries. It happens right here in the United States and in our neighborhoods. In 2018, The National Human Trafficking Hotline received 165 cases in Maryland, 198 cases in Virginia, and 84 cases in DC of human trafficking cases reported (<https://humantraffickinghotline.org/states>).

So in 2020, let's all work together to make a change in this industry. If you or someone you know is at risk, please call the National Human Trafficking Hotline: at 1-888-373-

7888 or Text "Help" to 233733 (BeFree).

Human Trafficking Facts
Source: Polaris Project

There's an estimated **40.3 million** victims of human trafficking globally.

\$99 Billion

It's estimated that **\$99 billion** of the industry's **\$155 billion** profit comes from commercial sex.
Source: ILO.org

The infographic features a dark blue background with a world map silhouette. It includes a pie chart showing a segment labeled '\$99 Billion'.

Emergency Client Needs

In addition to legal services, many of our clients have short-term, emergency needs. Since they are not legal services, these important client needs -- including baby formula, groceries, child care, and transportation costs -- are not typically covered by our grant funding. We rely

heavily on sources of unrestricted funding, such as donations and general operating support, to ensure our clients' emergency needs are met.

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