

VICTIMS' STORIES

Person A
(19, female, 1st year
university student)

Person T
(13, male, 2nd year middle
school student)

One day, Person A was walking around Shibuya station when someone asked her, "Do you want to become a model?" Since he was very persistent, she decided to listen to what he had to say and followed him to an office. There, she had her student ID photocopied and a photo taken of her naked upper body. She was asked to sign a contract and desperately tried to refuse, but couldn't because she was surrounded by 10 adults. She was locked in a room and wasn't allowed to go home until she signed the contract. A few days later, they told her, "You got the job." In the four years since, Person A has been forced to appear in about 120 pornography videos.



Person T was sexually molested by a man who his brother in high school introduced him to. He felt disgusted and scared, but could not say that he hated it. That man was a member of an organization involved in child prostitution and produced and sold child pornography. It was found out later that he was videotaping the act of molesting Person T and selling it online. A report was made by a third party to Lighthouse, and the police intervened. Three people, including the man, were arrested, and Person T was able to escape from his situation.



*For privacy reasons, we have generalized these stories from past cases that we have received.

Hotline

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(Monday-Friday 10 am to 7 pm)

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LINE: LH214 (Name Lighthouse)

Hotline App "ne-ne": <https://s.lhj.jp/>



BLUE HEART

In February 2015, Lighthouse published a manga named 'Blue Heart' in the hope of protecting youth from the serious issue of the commodification of children's sex in Japan.

By informing youth of the real danger of being trafficked within Japan, Lighthouse hopes to raise awareness to this issue and at the same time educate the youth in being conscious of such occurrences around them.



The stories featured in Blue Heart are based on real life accounts of victims. Guidance on where to seek help is detailed in Blue Heart.

While we believe that these materials are important to protect children, we hope to realize a society which we do not need to educate the children to protect themselves from adults who will exploit them.



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Towards A World Without Slavery

WHO WE ARE OUR MISSION



Founder & President: Shihoko Fujiwara

Founded in 2004, Lighthouse (previously known as Polaris Project Japan) is committed to fight for the elimination of human trafficking. We are one of the few organizations that support victims of human trafficking in Japan.



Human trafficking is not a problem of the past.
It is not a problem that only exists overseas.
It is a problem in Japan too.

It can happen to your family, friends, neighbors.
It is not restricted to a certain age.
It is not restricted to a certain gender.

Anyone can be a victim of human trafficking.

There are slaves in Japan today.

WHAT WE DO

1. SUPPORTING VICTIMS

We provide direct support and consultation services to victims via toll-free multilingual hotline and emails. Since 2005, the year Lighthouse started its hotline, we have provided more than 4,000 consultations and direct support to more than 320 people.

2. TRAINING AND LECTURES

We train lawyers, government officials, immigration authorities, police officers, social workers, and teachers who have direct contact with potential victims. More than 29,000 people have taken our seminars and those participants have been able to identify victims and report to us.

3. RAISING AWARENESS

To protect from becoming a victim, we launch campaigns and projects that would enable more people to be aware of the issue. For example in 2015, we published a manga called "Blue Heart" in the hope of protecting children and youth from the commodification of sex in Japan.

4. ADVOCATING FOR POLICY

We believe that without any comprehensive anti-trafficking provisions, the problem of human trafficking will never be eliminated. Therefore, we are committed to lobbying the Japanese government to change the current legal system so that more victims of human trafficking can be recognized and can receive support.

SUPPORT US

Our fight for a society without human trafficking is made possible by generous donations from people like you. Any donations are very much appreciated.

1

Join the AKARI PROJECT
& become a monthly donor



A monthly gift of 1000 yen or more enables us to conduct awareness campaigns and seminars, manage our human trafficking hotline, push for better implementations of laws and policies in Japan, and so much more.

2

Make a one-time donation
by bank transfer



We can interview
one client through
our hotline

We can offer one client
a safe place to stay
for one night

We can cover the
initial legal fee for
one client in need

One-time donations are also greatly appreciated. It is with everyone's generosity in contributing to this cause that will strengthen the solidarity in fighting against this issue.

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