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## **Arizona League to End Regional Trafficking Supports Rescue and Restore Campaign**

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The Arizona League to End Regional Trafficking (ALERT) is a league representing law enforcement, faith based communities, non-profit organizations, social service agencies, attorneys and concerned citizens. Through education, outreach, and a variety of programs and services, ALERT strives to end the suffering and dehumanization of trafficked persons.

ALERT assists trafficked persons by providing immediate shelter and food for victims and their families, as well as immediate medical attention. ALERT provides assistance in applying for US immigration benefits, or repatriation to the victim's home country, if desired. ALERT further offers mental health counseling and treatment, as well as a bank of on-call translators trained in the issue of trafficking in persons. Through our partners, we also offer long-term assistance finding secure housing and achieving self-sufficiency through employment.

ALERT also offers educational training for community organizations, law enforcement and others regarding the needs of trafficked persons in Arizona, and how those people can respond to trafficking in their communities.

The Arizona League to End Regional Trafficking is proud to support the Department of Health and Human Services' Rescue and Restore Program. It is a welcome addition to the resources available to trafficked persons in Arizona and in the country as a whole.