

# EDUCATION IN ECUADOR

A COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

The ASEA Advancing Life Foundation is into its second year of constructing a vocational center in Ecuador, partnering with CHOICE Humanitarian. The precisely planned project will take a few more years to complete, an indication of how immense and meaningful this undertaking is.

“It’s a way to maximize community involvement and give our partners time to teach the vital leadership skills that will not only make this school effective, but keep it going,” explained Advancing Life Chair KimMarie Larsen.

Expeditioners in June and July 2018 worked on the first classroom building of the complex. Once complete, the first wave of students will learn construction. Their numbers will increase the local management and labor force working to complete the structure, further engaging the community.

Sustainability is the mantra. ASEA Founder Tyler Norton is working closely with CHOICE on a three-year strategic plan with a complete analysis on the buildout. The long-term plan is for the Inta-Cara Advancing Life Center to be a place where many can be educated for years to come.

If you would like to be a part of the ASEA Advancing Life Foundation’s ongoing efforts, please visit [ADVANCINGLIFE.ORG](http://ADVANCINGLIFE.ORG).

100% of your donations go directly to supporting the initiatives of the foundation.



Thanks to the efforts of organizations like Operation Underground Railroad, the sex trafficking industry’s secret weapon—secrecy itself—is finally being exposed. Anti-trafficking efforts are garnering attention from governments and law enforcement agencies all over the world and standing as a warning to traffickers. Even average citizens, who years ago may have been unaware of the realities of modern-day slavery, are tuning in and taking action to fight and prevent this evil in their own backyards.



# HUMAN TRAFFICKING UNCOVERED

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## ABOLITIONIST MVPs

ASEA associates participated in an awareness campaign during this year’s Super Bowl, using the hashtag #AbolitionistMVP to spread the word about the increase in trafficking during major events. They also posted flyers in their communities displaying a hotline that victims seeking help can call. The hotline, provided by Polaris, a powerful anti-trafficking organization, received 8,759 reports of human trafficking in 2017—a 13% increase over the previous year.



## NEW LEGISLATION

In March 2018, the U.S. Senate passed the Stop Enabling Sex Traffickers Act (SESTA), a legislative victory in the fight against human trafficking. The bill updates the Communications Decency Act (CDA) to help hold websites accountable when they knowingly facilitate sex trafficking.



## THE MISSIONS CONTINUE

The Advancing Life Foundation sponsored a successful O.U.R. mission to Peru in December, resulting in 10 rescues and three arrests. O.U.R.’s aftercare director, Jessica Mass reported that the parents of those rescued are now working to protect their daughters from future exploitation and are raising awareness among their friends.

In a statement to Advancing Life, Mass said, “Without your donation and partnering with us, this impact would not have happened. Thank you so much for standing with us to help victims live in freedom and parents be empowered.”

A second Advancing Life sponsored O.U.R. mission to Central America in April resulted in another 10 rescues. The Foundation will soon fund the training of two police dogs that will be assigned to a sex-trafficking task force.



- ASEA’S ABOLITIONIST MVPs**
- Tammi Gates
  - Sylvie Gatez Wilmot
  - Read Knox
  - Paul Taira
  - Brittany Love
  - Jennie Thomas
  - Terri Malmed
  - Winnie Wong
  - Nisse Norberg