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Initiative

# Grace Farms is the internationally renowned center for Grace Farms Foundation's interdisciplinary humanitarian mission.

Grace Farms Foundation opened Grace Farms in 2015 as a place that would communicate values of grace and peace, excellence, openness, meaning, and new outcomes to advance good in the world. Grace Farms, a publicly available space on 80 acres with an architecturally significant building, was designed to invite people from all different backgrounds for face-to-face conversations, discussions, and investigations. Our work is to convene the public, private, and government sectors to ambitiously accelerate humanitarian outcomes across initiatives of nature, arts, justice, community, and faith. Through interdisciplinary thinking and leadership, our primary stake in the ground is to develop and sustain outcomes that disrupt modern slavery and gender-based violence.

## Impact

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<p>Grace Farms opens as a new kind of public space, featuring <b>SANAA, Aloe Blacc, Paul Taylor American Modern Dance.</b></p> <p>Grace Farms is host site for <b>law enforcement trainings to combat human trafficking</b>, forced labor, gender-based violence and illegal wildlife trade. Highly valued trainings become known and requested</p>	<p>Workshop on human trafficking in conflict with <b>United Nations University</b> impacts first <b>UN Security Council</b> resolution on the issue</p> <p>A groundbreaking method of <b>convening artists</b> for interdisciplinary collaboration is activated through a series called <i>Practicing.</i></p>	<p>Media campaign is developed in partnership with <b>WPP's J. Walter Thompson</b> and Geometry Global to communicate the global issue of contemporary slavery in a new way.</p>	<p>Grace Farms Foundation signs an historic MOU with the <b>country of Georgia</b> to partner on supply chain transparency projects.</p> <p><b>Grace Farms Foundation's CEO and Founder, Sharon Prince,</b> ignites a first-of-its kind initiative to remove the imprint of slavery from the built environment.</p>	<p>Grace Farms Foundation Architecture + Construction Working Group publicly addresses forced labor in <b>building material supply chains</b>, initializing institutional responses in the procurement of construction materials.</p> <p>Grace Farms Foundation signs agreement with <b>Lusaka Agreement Task Force</b>, comprised of seven African countries, to disrupt wildlife trafficking in Africa</p>

## Justice Initiative

We believe that each individual has the inherent right to liberty and that it is incumbent upon each of us to use our will and wherewithal to ensure freedom for all. With Grace Farms as a nexus for convening the public, private, and government sectors, **we develop comprehensive strategies and partnerships designed to disrupt and combat all forms of modern slavery, wildlife crime, and gender-based violence.** Through collaborative and multidisciplinary training, policy, and advocacy, Grace Farms Foundation empowers justice systems at a local, national, and global level.

### Training

The Foundation leverages the expertise of former federal law enforcement agents to **facilitate training engagements focused on improving intelligence-led investigations, victim identification, and the prosecution of criminal perpetrators.** At the behest of national governments, our training model is used at a local, national, and global scale to:

- **Increase collaboration** between law enforcement agencies and national governments
- **Improve methods** of case identification and evidence collection
- **Foster capacity and commitment-building** among key stakeholders **building strategic alliances** between public-private partners, countries, non-governmental organizations, intergovernmental foundations, and donors
- **Enhance intelligence sharing** and inter-agency cooperation

### Policy

We are committed to bringing together global experts to **identify best practices, lessons learned, and recommendations in the promotion of accountability** for violations of international law, and to **reflect on the role that survivors have in the development and delivery of accountability mechanisms** on a global scale.

This work has included the creation of the Grace Farms Foundation Architecture + Construction Working Group (GFF A+CWG), a **first-of-its-kind initiative to illuminate and eradicate modern slavery in the global construction industry**, one of the largest industrial sectors in the world. Using an integrative approach, the GFF A+CWG is exploring ways to bring together data, digital modeling, industrialized construction methods, create standards and contract language, and discover alternative approaches to help identify and eliminate the use of forced labor within the industry's building materials supply chain.

### Advocacy

Our public programming with industry thought leaders and policy experts **helps raise awareness about contemporary slavery, wildlife crime, and gender-based violence.** We leverage our location in New Canaan, CT as a **nexus to connect the public with global thought leaders advancing good in the world.** Our programs have featured Nobel Peace Prize winner Dr. Denis Mukwege, former CIA director and retired General David H. Petraeus, and Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Nicholas Kristof, among other notable contributors.

## Training

2,500

Law enforcement officers trained to combat human trafficking to date

38

Countries represented during international trainings

8

Different training modules customized for each training

### Milestones

#### 2017

- Peer Support Training | Attended by CT State Police and Local Police Departments, Grace Farms
- Haiti Anti-Sex Tourism Training
- Human Trafficking Investigation Training | Attended by CT State Police and Local Police Departments, Grace Farms
- Countering Human Trafficking in the Hotel Industry, Quinnipiac Law School

#### 2018

- Republic of Congo: Counter-Transnational Organized Crime Training (CTOC) | Attended by Representatives from 7 Countries from Asia and Africa
- Haiti Task Force: How to Counter and Successfully Prosecute Human Trafficking
- Thailand: Counter-Transnational Organized Crime Training (CTOC) | Attended by Representatives from 8 Countries
- Tanzania Special Investigation Group Training (SIG) | Attended by Representatives from 2 African Countries
- Quinnipiac University, School of Law: Countering Human Trafficking
- Fairfield County Detective School Training in Human Trafficking Investigation, CT State Police and Local Police Departments
- Peer Support Training, CT State Police and Local Police Departments
- Human Trafficking Investigations Training: 51st Annual Regional Investigation School, Police Department Training | Attended by Representatives from 5 States
- Eliciting Information in Child Exploitation Investigations Seminar, Federal, State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies, Massachusetts

#### 2019

- Zambia Transnational Organized Crime Workshop | Attended by Representatives from 10 African Countries
- End Human Trafficking Summit | Attended by Federal, State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies, as well as NGOs, Atlanta, Georgia
- Counter Trafficking in Persons (C-TIP) Training in Romania | Attended by Representatives from Romania and Moldova
- Homeland Security Training on Dark Web / Cybersecurity | Attended by Federal, State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies, as well as private sector, Grace Farms
- Human and Wildlife Trafficking 101, Stamford, CT High School
- Interdictions and Investigations Training: Port Stakeholder Workshop, Tanzania | Attended by Representatives from 4 African Countries
- Data & Technology Intervention Against Human Trafficking, Malawi
- U.S. Customs Border Protection Symposium | Attended by Federal, State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies, Grace Farms
- TEN-TEN Human Trafficking Response Muni Fellowship Convening, Houston, Texas

## Milestones (cont.)

2020

- National Taskforce Training on Trafficking, Uganda Multi-Agency Workshop | Attended by Representatives from 2 African Countries
- Human Trafficking Symposium Federal | Attended by Federal, State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies, Grace Farms (March)
- Domestic Violence Training | Attended by CT State Police and Local Police Departments, Grace Farms (April)
- Homeland Security Training on Dark Web / Cybersecurity | Attended by Federal, State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies, as well as private sector, Grace Farms (May)
- Combating Forced Labor Training, Malawi (June)
- Voices for Justice | Transforming the Culture of Gender-Based Violence, Grace Farms (June)
- Countering Human Trafficking, Social Service Provider Training, Grace Farms (July)
- Combating Forced Labor Training, Nepal (July)
- National Taskforce Training on Trafficking, Tanzania (Sept/TBD)

## 2019 Highlights

### Zambia Transnational Organized Crime Workshop

February 24 - Feb 28 | Updated Law Enforcement Officers on the **impact of illicit wildlife trade with the aim of enhancing coordination and collaboration in the fight against wildlife trafficking**. This workshop was in collaboration with the European Union Commission, African Union Commission, Lusaka Agreement Task Force, The Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime, Interpol, and the Institute for Security Studies.

### End Human Trafficking Atlanta Summit

March 11 | Participated in a law enforcement panel to **discuss recent successes in the fight against trafficking**. The Summit was hosted by Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport and brought together stakeholders from the aviation industry, NGOs, media, law enforcement, survivors, Georgia's Attorney General and its Human Trafficking Task Force to **review current challenges and advancements in combating trafficking**.

### Romania Trafficking Training

March 27 - 30 | Instructed Romania's National Anti-Trafficking Agency on **identifying signs of trafficking and how to charge abusers with crimes**. At the Southeast European Law Enforcement Center headquarters, trained Moldovan and Romanian law enforcement on **investigative measures and targeting Transnational Organized Crime Syndicates**. Airport and U.S. Embassy employees were also trained to increase the effectiveness of **identifying and preventing trafficking**.

### Homeland Security Training on Dark Web/Cybersecurity

April 18 | Grace Farms Foundation hosted a **private event sponsored by Homeland Security Investigations for local, state, and federal law enforcement**. The Special Agent in Charge of NY HSI, Angel Melendez, and the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York, Geoffrey S. Berman, joined the Symposium's speakers. Over 270 professionals attended from over 42 agencies. **Panelists discussed cyber threats, the dark web, and high technology crimes**.

## 2019 Highlights (cont.)

### Cybersecurity Training with United States Attorney's Office

May 9 | Grace Farms Foundation, the United States Attorney's Office, District of Connecticut, and The Institute of Internal Auditors partnered for a one-day training at Grace Farms. This private event hosted several speakers including an Ethical Hacker, FBI expert, and panel discussions that reviewed the WADA breach and law enforcement's approach to Cybersecurity in its aftermath. Over 180 stakeholders attended.

### Port Stakeholder Workshop

July 2 - 4 | Presented at this three-day workshop in Dar es Salaam focused on deepening the understanding of the impact of wildlife trafficking, identifying opportunities for improvement, and best practices in technology to engender pragmatic means to combat wildlife trafficking. Organizing partners include UNDP, UNODC, TRAFFIC, Wildlife Division of Tanzania's Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism, Tanzania Revenue Authorities, and USAID.

### Data & Technology Interventions Against Human Trafficking

Nov 11 | Grace Farms Foundation, in partnership with Liberty Shared, trained the Malawi Network Against Human Trafficking and its NGO members on **the importance of data collection, retention, and preservation related to Modern Slavery**. This hands-on technology and data training was geared toward caseworkers, outreach staff, and project managers to improve front line data captures.

### U.S. Customs Border Protection Symposium

Nov 21 | Grace Farms Foundation hosted a U.S. Customs & Border Protection training of approximately 250 federal, state, and local law enforcement officers at Grace Farms **to address modern ways of improving investigations and enforcement action against globalized forced labor, trade-based money laundering, the dark web, and using new data platforms for actionable intelligence.**

## Policy

Our programming and advocacy helps support the passage of protective laws. We advocated for the criminal prosecution of online platforms, including Backpage.com, the largest online sex-trafficking platform, and its executives. We advocated for an amendment to the federal Communications Decency Act, that successfully passed on April 1, 2018. A federal grand jury in Arizona indicted Backpage.com and its executives on April 9, 2018.

### Milestones

#### 2017

- United Nations University Convening at Grace Farms
- Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES)

#### 2018

- ID 20/20 Convening: Partnership to Discuss Refugee Protection in the Middle East, Grace Farms
- How to Measure Success in Combating Human Trafficking, Attendees included, Academia, United Nations University, and Financial Sector, Grace Farms
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Country of Georgia for Ethical Supply Chains

#### 2019

- Liberty Shared Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to **collaborate on combating human trafficking and wildlife trafficking**. In particular, this partnership supports the training of law enforcement and NGO teams working on investigating and/or gathering evidence and training to use data and information management systems.
- Lusaka Agreement Task Force Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to **partner in accomplishing mutual goals in wildlife conservation, especially in combating poaching and illegal wildlife trade and safeguarding wildlife resources in Africa**. This collaboration focuses on supporting cooperative law enforcement activities and undertaking capacity building programs at both regional and national levels, particularly to benefit Lusaka Agreement member states.

#### 2020

- Homeland Security Investigations' (HSI) Global Trade Investigations Division I Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
- Malawi Network Against Trafficking (MNAT) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) (June)

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**"By bringing together law enforcement, NGOs, and the private sector to form strategic partnerships, we are forging innovative pathways in advocacy, policy, and training to combat modern day slavery, gender-based violence, and illegal wildlife trade."** - Rod Khattabi, Chief Accountability Officer and Justice Initiative Director



## Advocacy

Our public programming with industry thought leaders and policy experts helps raise awareness about contemporary slavery, wildlife crime, and gender-based violence.

### Milestones 2019

#### Human and Wildlife Trafficking 101

April 24 | Taught a course to 25 Stamford, CT High School Seniors **outlining how to identify the signs of human and wildlife trafficking**, reviewing case studies in an effort to raise awareness and educate the students. **Discussed recent successes combating the transnational organized crime syndicates** that are involved in trafficking and led a Q&A to examine the definition of human and wildlife trafficking.

#### Demand for Ethical Supply Chains | Conscious Consumerism

May 3 | A discussion about **the role that companies and consumers can play in supporting ethical supply chains**. Included a panel featuring Doug Guiley, Senior Vice President of West Elm Global Sourcing and CSR Williams-Sonoma, Inc., Rebecca van Bergen, Founder and Executive Director of U.S.-based non-profit Nest, Krishna Patel, and Pete Spain, Co-founder and COO of eye heart hand, on innovative strategies that can promote transparency in supply chains.

#### Demand for Ethical Supply Chains | What A.I. Can Teach Us About Fairness

May 23 | Harvard researcher and best-selling technology writer, David Weinberger, joined us for a conversation about Artificial Intelligence. Discover the complexities hidden in the seemingly simple idea of fairness and learn **how A.I. can lead us into difficult but necessary discussions about the conflicting values we support and the sort of world we want to build.**

### Demand for Ethical Supply | Blockchain as a Force for Global Good

June 7 | Wharton School professor and author, Kevin Werbach, discussed his book *The Blockchain and the New Architecture of Trust*, an often-misunderstood technology that has the potential to help us overcome the crisis of trust that has engulfed our world. In doing so, **blockchain technology can become a powerful force for social good, enabling open business models that could contribute to transparent supply chains.**

### The Humanitarian Impact of Conflict in the Middle East

June 18 | In partnership with the Institute for the Study of War, over 600 members of the public came to Grace Farms for a discussion on the U.S. involvement in conflict areas. Sharon Prince, CEO and Founder of Grace Farms, and Rod Khattabi, were joined by General David H. Petraeus, Senator Joseph Lieberman (I-CT), Jennifer Cafarella, Director of Research at ISW, and Dr. Kimberly Kagan, ISW president. **The conversation drew parallels between conflict and human trafficking, while addressing the role U.S. intervention can play in such areas as Syria.**

### Preventing Domestic Violence: A Multifaceted Approach

June 21 | A panel, including Rod Khattabi, along with L.Y. Marlow, author and survivor of five generations of domestic abuse; Karen Jarmoc, President and CEO of Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence; and Dr. David Johns of the Yale University School Medicine and Prost Traumatic Stress Center in New Haven discussed **the importance of working collaboratively to prevent intimate partner violence.**

### Ending Violence Against Women | A Conversation with Dr. Denis Mukwege

Sept 21 | 2018 Nobel Peace Prize winner Dr. Denis Mukwege and Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Nicholas Kristof discussed the **urgent need to combat sexual violence against women and girls in conflict zones.** We examined why rape and torture continue to be used as weapons of war in conflicts across the globe, and learn how we can demand justice for survivors and an end to gender-based violence.

### Trust Conference

Nov 11-12 | Participated in the Trust Conference, hosted by Thomson Reuters Foundation in London. The two-day conference **focused on human trafficking and media, providing an opportunity for us to share a boots-on-the-ground perspective** with a largely policy-and media-based crowd.

### Designing for Freedom

Nov 15 | Hosted a panel discussion that **provided an opportunity for the public and industry professionals to learn more about the use of modern slavery in material procurement within the built environment.**

## Grace Farms Foundation Architecture + Construction Working Group

Although human rights advocates have begun to raise awareness of the pervasiveness of forced labor in construction projects around the world, the use of raw and composite materials produced by forced labor in the built environment largely continues with impunity. In this first-of-its-kind initiative, we have brought together over 50 experts and industry leaders across the ecosystem of the built environment to illuminate modern slavery in the architecture and global construction industry, one of the largest industrial sectors in the world. In our distinct interdisciplinary approach, we are working to build awareness and initialize institutional responses, including the development of slave-free specifications and rigorous auditing standards in the procurement of construction materials.

This new working group continues Grace Farms Foundation’s ongoing work to convene public, private, and government sectors and develop comprehensive strategies and partnerships to disrupt and combat all forms of contemporary slavery and gender-based violence through effective training, policy, and advocacy.

### Mission

We aim to eradicate modern slavery from the built environment by convening ecosystem leaders and creating actionable outcomes with systemic impact.

### Goals

- Illuminate the permanent imprint of slavery in the building materials supply chain that has yet to be surfaced within architecture, engineering, design, and construction.
- Create a radical paradigm shift within the built environment.

“It is time to recognize our responsibility, and subsidizing construction projects with forced labor on job sites is only half of the slavery issue. Illuminating forced labor in building material supply chains, that design teams specify, has not yet begun. We must turn our attention to the lagging built environment and eradicate modern slavery’s permanent imprint”

*The Architects Newspaper* - Sharon Prince, CEO and Founder

big  
business

11%

It is one of the largest industrial sectors in the world, accounting for more than 11% of the global GDP. (Verité)

2025

A report from Global Construction Perspective and Oxford Economics predicts that by 2025 it will grow by more than 70% to \$15 trillion globally. (Verité)

The construction industry is one of the largest industrial sectors of the world and the most disaggregated