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Justice
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 day slavery and gender-based violence.

Impact

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<p>Grace Farms opens as a new kind of public space, featuring SANAA, Aloe Blacc, Paul Taylor American Modern Dance.</p> <p>Grace Farms is host site for law enforcement trainings to combat human trafficking, 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 United Nations University impacts first UN Security Council resolution on the issue</p> <p>A groundbreaking method of convening artists for inter-disciplinary collaboration is activated through a series called <i>Practicing.</i></p>	<p>Media campaign is developed in partnership with WPP's J. Walter Thompson 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 country of Georgia to partner on supply chain transparency projects.</p> <p>Grace Farms Foundation's CEO and Founder, Sharon Prince, 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 building material supply chains, initializing institutional responses in the procurement of construction materials.</p> <p>Grace Farms Foundation signs agreement with Lusaka Agreement Task Force, comprised of seven African countries, to disrupt wildlife trafficking in Africa</p>

Justice Initiative | Training

2,500

Law enforcement officers trained to combat human trafficking to date

8

Countries where trainings have taken place

8

Different training modules customized for each training

Justice Initiative trainings seek to **improve intelligence-led investigations, help with victim identification, and grow trust across law enforcement agencies, with the aim of increasing the effectiveness of human and wildlife trafficking cases.** To accomplish this, the Foundation leverages the expertise of active and retired law enforcement agents to facilitate training engagements locally and around the world.

Milestones

2017

- Regional Police Peer Support Training
- Haiti Anti-Sex Tourism Training
- Regional Police Training
- Quinnipiac Law School Trainings

2018

- Republic of Congo Counter Transnational Organized Crime Training (CTOC), 7 Countries from Asia and Africa
- Haiti Task Force: How to Counter and Successfully Prosecute Human Trafficking
- Thailand Counter Transnational Organized Crime Training, 8 Countries
- Tanzania Special Investigation Group Training (SIG), 2 countries from Africa
- Quinnipiac University, School of Law: Countering Human Trafficking
- Fairfield County Detective School Training
- Regional Policy Trauma Training
- 51st Annual Regional Investigation School, Newport, RI
- Eliciting Information in Child Exploitation Investigations Seminar, Massachusetts

2019

- Zambia Transnational Organized Crime Workshop, 10 countries from Africa
- End Human Trafficking Summit, Atlanta, Georgia
- Counter Trafficking in Persons (C-TIP) Training, 2 countries: Romania and Moldova
- Homeland Security Training on Dark Web / Cybersecurity
- Human and Wildlife Trafficking 101
- Tanzania Port Stakeholder Workshop, 4 countries from Africa
- Data & Technology Intervention Against Human Trafficking, Malawi
- US Customs Border Protection Symposium

2020 YTD

- Uganda Multi-Agency Workshop, 2 countries from Africa
- Homeland Security Modern Slavery Symposium
- Haiti Human Trafficking Virtual Training

Justice Initiative | 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+CWC), 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+CWC 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.

Milestones

2017

- United Nations University Convening at Grace Farms

2018

- ID 20/20 Convening
- How to Measure the Success in combating Human Trafficking
- MOU with Country of Georgia for Ethical Supply Chains

2019

- Liberty Shared 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 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 YTD

- Homeland Security Investigations' (HSI) Global Trade Investigations Division I MOU

"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

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.

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

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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



Justice Initiative | Advocacy

Our public programming with industry thought leaders and policy experts **helps raise awareness about contemporary slavery, environmental crimes, 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.

Public Programming (2019 - 2020 YTD)

Human and Wildlife Trafficking 101

April 24, 2019 | 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 combatting the transnational organized crime syndicates** that are involved in trafficking and led a Q&A to examine the definition of human and wildlife trafficking.

The Humanitarian Impact of Conflict in the Middle East

June 18, 2019 | 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, 2019 | 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.

Trust Conference

Nov 11-12, 2019 | 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, 2019 | 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.**

Safe at Home | Prevention of Violence Against Women

June 18, 2020 | Hosted live zoom webinar exploring the **importance of cross-sector collaboration in the prevention of domestic violence.** Panelists representing GFF, CCADV, the Department of Justice, and UN Women reflected on resources and best practices to ensure continuity of support for victims during a pandemic and measures to better prepare communities in the future.