



## Supports



As January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, SITE has renewed its commitment to support ECPAT-USA by using its channels of communication and events to inform and educate members, suppliers and customers about this critical issue of identifying and stopping human trafficking and encouraging their support for ECPAT's work around the globe.

SITE Texas, in addition to supporting SITE with annual contributions to its ECPAT initiative, has just initiated support of **The Refuge for DMST™** (Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking), by providing event attendees with the opportunity to donate to The Refuge in 2019. The Refuge for DMST has developed The Refuge Ranch, a long-term, residential, therapeutic community for 48 girls, minors through age 19, who have been rescued from sex traffickers. The Refuge Ranch is the largest long-term, live-in rehabilitation facility for child survivors of sex trafficking in the United States.

Why The Refuge Ranch is Needed:

- Child sex trafficking is the fastest growing crime in the world.
- In the U.S. there was an 846% increase in reported child sex trafficking cases from 2010 to 2015.
- There are currently 79,000 young adults and minors being sex trafficked in Texas.
- Texas has the second most reported number of child sex trafficking cases in the U.S.
- There are less than 600 beds available nationwide for child sex trafficking survivors, but we have over 13,000 animal shelters.
- Prior to the opening of The Refuge Ranch, Texas only had 24 beds available for child survivors' long term recovery from trauma.

SITE Texas supports The Refuge and SITE in their efforts to eliminate human trafficking.

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SITE Texas provides premier educational and networking events across the state year-round. The network of SITE Texas 100+ members brings best-in-class solutions, insights and global connections to maximize the business impact of motivational experiences regardless of industry, region or culture. SITE International, with over 2,300 members globally, serves as the source of expertise, knowledge and personal connections that fosters professional growth and helps build the value of extraordinary motivational experiences worldwide.

Visit us on the web at [www.sitetexas.org](http://www.sitetexas.org), and join us for our [SITE Texas - Incentive Travel Trends: Past, Present & Future 2019](#) event in Arlington on Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>.