



**Catawba County Extension and Community Association  
to Host Presentation on Human Trafficking**

Human trafficking is a type of modern-day slavery that happens all over our country, including in North Carolina. Victims of human trafficking are exploited and sold for sex and labor. According to the Department of Homeland Security, human trafficking generates billions of dollars in profits per year and “is second only to drug trafficking as the most profitable form of transnational crime.”

North Carolina ranks high among states with human trafficking. Charlotte is one of the major areas where human traffickers operate. Human traffickers set up shop wherever they can lure victims, regardless of the size of a city or town.

The Catawba County Extension and Community Association will host a special presentation on human trafficking and what is being done to rescue victims from this form of modern day slavery. Karen Birkedal will present the program. Karen has worked against human trafficking in Wisconsin and North Carolina since 2001. She is affiliated with Parents Arise and Adults Saving Children.

The event is on Monday, March 21, 2016 from 1:30 - 2:15 p.m. at the Catawba County Cooperative Extension Center, 1175 S. Brady Avenue, Newton, N.C. There is no charge but please call 828-465-8240 to register by Friday, March 18, 2016.

Certificates of Participation will be available for individuals who need them for professional development purposes.