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University of Texas Fraternity & Students Against Child Trafficking Join Forces to Train Students in Trafficking Prevention

Austin, Texas –The Kappa Alpha Fraternity at the University of Texas, Austin campus, announced today that they are taking a public stand with PACT, Partners Against Child Trafficking, to help stop child sex trafficking. Their first step was to support fellow UTA students with access to the online, interactive, and student-to-student child sex trafficking prevention training which is developed by students and published by PACT.

"As students, we can sometimes be almost brushed to the side when it comes to getting involved in real-world issues. However, at Kappa Alpha, we refuse to be silent spectators to the issue of child sex trafficking and the traumatizing effect it can have on our fellow students. With this partnership between our fraternity and PACT, we are making a public promise to take an active stance in promoting sex trafficking prevention." declared Christopher Herrod, Kappa Alpha President.

"Having worked with PACT and furthering their efforts for the last five years, I am beyond excited to band together my fellow fraternity brothers in joining PACT in the fight against child sex trafficking" stated Callum Harralson, PACT Board Member and Kappa Alpha Fraternity Member. "Not only will our efforts be providing 200 of our fellow students with trafficking prevention training, but we will also be empowering our campus to be safe and protected while providing a critical point of action that any student can take."

"The most crucial step in preventing child sex trafficking is to inform students and empower them by teaching warning signs, risk factors, and safe actions to take in a potential trafficking situation. Our student training teaches this and more, while being built to equip students in a peer-to-peer model that increases receptivity and builds a safe community.", Daniela Herrera, PACT Programs Manager, went on to say. "Having the Kappa Alpha Fraternity join in this mission and purpose is another incredible step towards our mutual social justice mission to end exploitation including eradicating child trafficking." Herrera continued.

"When I came to UT 4 years ago, there were over 100 members of the Texas Sunshines, a group that had 'adopted' PACT as a social justice platform that students could get behind. It is great to work with Daniela as she was one of the co-founders of the UT Sunshines who started on campus supporting PACT in 2017. Our mutual strategy is simple: to get all UTA students to join in this fight." Harralson iterated.

"The statistics here on this campus, as they are with most other college or university campuses, are outrageous with 15 percent of undergraduate women at UT Austin reporting that they had been raped, either through force, threat of force, incapacitation, or other forms of coercion such as lies and verbal pressure. Furthermore, 28 percent of undergraduate women at UT Austin said they were the victims of unwanted sexual touching, and 12 percent experienced attempted rape," Harralson stated, quoting a UT Study released by the UTA President on March 24, 2017. "It is time to take action."

If you would like to join the UTA Kappa Alpha and PACT efforts to provide child sex trafficking prevention training to the students at the University of Texas at Austin, please go to www.pact.city/campaigns to fund this particular project. Let's end child sex trafficking together!

ABOUT:

PACT is a leading authority and advocacy organization that trains our youth on a peer-to-peer basis to detect, defend, and disrupt against the demand in child trafficking. PACT is recognized for its multilingual, culture driven, and interactive educational platform. The Rotary Club to End Human Trafficking (RCEHT) an international club is the education partner to PACT. PACT is a 501(c)3 under EIN #47-4236781.