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**Human Trafficking Talk at the New Braunfels Public Library**

**New Braunfels, TX** – Dottie Laster, a nationally known expert on human trafficking, will give a talk on modern slavery and civil rights on Thursday, January 29th at 7:00 p.m. at the New Braunfels Public Library. The talk, entitled “What Would Frederick Douglass Do?” will address slavery - in the 19<sup>th</sup>-century and today, how it flourishes, and what can be done about it.

The presentation is based on the life work of Frederick Douglass (1818-1895), an escaped slave and a leader of the abolitionist movement who is also Laster’s historical mentor. Reminding the audience of the obstacles that Douglass overcame, along with his accomplishments, she sheds light on the condition of slavery, then and now. She will share her vision with the audience and not only encourage involvement, but demonstrate ways that everyone can contribute their talents to the ongoing struggle.

“Dottie Laster is on the front lines of awareness, education, and training,” said Library Director Gretchen Pruett. “Her experience with such organizations as the Bernardo Kohler Center, as well as the U. S. Department of Justice, qualifies her to work with law enforcement agencies and organizations across the country to get the message to the public that human trafficking is one of the fastest growing crimes affecting every country, even the United States.”

Ms. Laster has served as technical advisor and/or producer for television and movie projects for ABC, CBS, MSNBC, and others. During her career, she has been directly and indirectly responsible for the rescue and service of over 200 victims of trafficking in the United States.

For more information about the program, please contact Alix Samuels at 830-221-4316.

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