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DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR REFUGEE AND IMMIGRANT CHILDREN PARTICIPATES IN PRESS CONFERENCE CONVENED BY CONGRESSWOMAN SHEILA JACKSON LEE

The National Center for Refugee & Immigrant Children helps children who are victims of human trafficking, abuse, abandonment, and persecution



Washington, D.C. (6/25/08) - Tricia Swartz, director of the National Center for Refugee & Immigrant Children will speak at a press conference convened by Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee at the Cannon House Office Building Terrace at 10:30am. The Congresswoman will introduce Statelessness Legislation which seeks to reduce the risk of human trafficking.

Thousands of children each year flee horrible home country conditions seeking protection in other countries, including the United States. Traveling without parents, these children are particularly vulnerable to human trafficking. Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery where victims are subjected to force, fraud, or coercion, for the purpose of sexual exploitation or forced labor.

The largest program of its type in the country, the National Center for Refugee & Immigrant Children helps these vulnerable children in the United States by providing them access to a generous network of pro bono lawyers and healthcare providers. The program is funded by Actress Angelina Jolie, and numerous law firms and foundations. The National Center for Refugee & Immigrant Children is a program of the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants.

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