## CHILD LABOR PAMPHLET, PASS OUT AT EXHIBITION

### What is Child Labor?

The International Labor Organization defines child labor as, "Work that deprives children of their childhood, their potential and their dignity, and that is harmful to their physical and mental development."

#### Examples:

- Agriculture (60%)
- Manufacturing (14 million)
- Mining/Quarrying
- Domestic Service
- Hotels/Restaurants/Retail
- Worst Forms
  - Sale/Trafficking
  - Prostitution
  - Debt Bondage
  - Serfdom
  - Forced Labor

### Why is it so bad?

- Children are forced to work for up to 17 hours a day for sometimes less than a dollar, or nothing at all.
- It can be physically dangerous. For example, bone deformation, burns, damage to liver & kidneys, lost limbs, lacerations and even death. Workers rarely receive compensations for their injuries.
- It can cause mental disorders such as anxiety, depression, trauma, and other conditions that could last their entire life.
- Children suffer emotional and physical abuse and/or neglect, as well as sometimes sexual abuse.
- It robs children of necessary cognitive and social skills, as well as a fulfilling education leaving them unable to progress any further.

#### How can you stop it?

- Educate yourself, then others!

   a. Awareness is the first step to change.
- 2. Stick it to the man!
  - a. Don't be afraid to ask
    where products came
    from, show companies
    that people prefer
    humane.
- 3. Don't support it/ try your best!
  - a. Buy from ethical



companies, trade, thrift, or make it yourself :) Look



or make it yourself :) Loo for those labels!

- 4. Write letters, make a presentation, or use your voice in any way you can!
  - a. The best way to stop child labor is with education, regulation, and enforcement, but in order to get any of these, we have to speak out!

#### Did You Know?

- 168 million children worldwide are child laborers
- That's 1 in every 8 children
- 60% of child labor is in agriculture. That means
   60% of child laborers spend their days, <u>working to feed</u> <u>you.</u>
- Hazardous work is defined as, "Work which, by it's nature or the circumstances in which it is carried out, is likely to harm the health, safety or morals of children." There are 115 million children (5-17) that are involved in hazardous work.

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168 million children, struggling to survive.

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