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The Future Group's Sevey-Rattan Freedom Award

People have many reasons for trying to stop the traffic and commercial sexual exploitation of people around the world. Whether it comes from our life experiences, love for our family or friends, empathy, faith or religious convictions, commitment to basic human freedoms, or something deep inside us that we cannot quite explain, there is growing number of people taking action to combat this modern-day slave trade.

The Future Group's "Sevey-Rattan Freedom Award" is named after two young Cambodian child victims of human trafficking that inspired our inaugural deployment team. These children became close friends that supported each other in the Phnom Penh recovery centre that they were taken after they were rescued from the country's brothels. Through their struggle of recovery together, they represent the innocent faces of human trafficking. They are also a testament to why The Future Group continues its efforts to combat human trafficking and commercial child sexual exploitation.

Fostering positive change is not an easy task, but many individuals commit themselves to ensuring something be done to assist those victims of human trafficking. Their contributions come in many forms, but nevertheless, such efforts must be recognized. As such, The Future Group has proudly established the Sevey-Rattan Freedom Award. This award will recognize one individual and one group each year that have committed great efforts and passion, as well as having supported change in regards to:

1. Preventing human trafficking;
2. Protecting of trafficking victims including rescue, rehabilitation and, when appropriate, repatriation and reintegration; or,
3. Assisting in prosecution of traffickers and commercial sex-users.

The Future Group is a leading Canadian non-partisan, non-governmental organization founded in 2000 that specializes in combating human trafficking and has worked with victims in Southeast Asia, West Africa and Latin America.

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