Chargers safety Darrell Stuckey to donate game check to help fight human trafficking

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No matter what kind of impact <u>Darrell Stuckey</u> makes on the field, he wants to make sure he cultivates a legacy off it.

The <u>Chargers</u> safety, entering his sixth season, has played in 59 career games. His average annual salary is \$1.9 million on his current four-year deal, but this season he'll be donating a game check to a cause he believes in.

<u>According to the San Diego Union-Tribune</u>, Stuckey will donate \$58,823.50 this season to fight human trafficking.

Stuckey quietly donated a game check to this same non-profit, Not For Sale, last season. Its fundraising program is <u>called "Throwdown."</u>

"I'm a very faith-based man," Stuckey, 28, said. "For me, I think that in the beginning, God gave man a few tasks. One of the major tasks is to protect women and children. Protect those who are innocent. I believe that, regardless of the cause, regardless of the circumstance, everyone deserves a chance at life. In saying so, that chance is taken away with trafficking and slavery. Somebody else is dictating their path that's not a parent, that's not a guardian but by force.

"For me, if you could find a way to help or put other people in position to make someone's life better, then obviously it's a start. It won't solve the problem or issue, but it's a start. It's something minute. Obviously, it's easy to throw money at it, but I have no idea where it is or how it starts. It's easier to support others that are putting themselves in position and know more about it to help those people."

According to <u>ENDCrowd</u>, the numbers are staggering. The non-profit fights human trafficking says there are roughly 35.8 million people enslaved in the world which leads to over \$150 billion in revenue.

That's why Stuckey supports Not For Sale, which was founded in 2007, and according to the SDUT, has helped "more than 10,000 vulnerable and exploited people on four continents."

"When you're given a platform to do what you love," Stuckey told the paper, "and you find out what you love to do inspires others, you get another opportunity to get the attention of others because of your affiliation. What are you going to do with it? Are you always going to give them sports, give them football, or will you let them truly get to know you?"