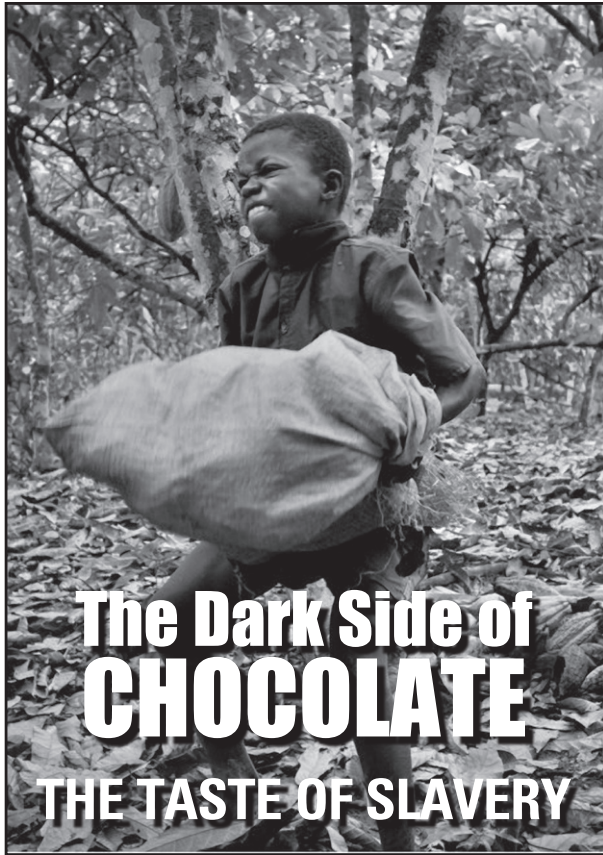


Oak Park Coalition for Truth & Justice presents:

FREE FILM SERIES

Cosponsored by the Oak Park Public Library and Oak Park Friends
Veterans Room, Oak Park Main Library, 834 Lake Street, Oak Park



Sunday, February 27, 2011, 2pm

The Dark Side of CHOCOLATE

Child labor and human
trafficking in the cocoa industry

The truth behind the chocolate is anything but sweet. On the Ivory Coast of Africa, the origin of nearly half of the world's cocoa, hundreds of thousands of children work or are enslaved on cocoa farms. These children are often at risk of injury from machetes and exposure to harmful pesticides. Although they may work 80 to 100 hours per week, children working on cocoa farms frequently make little or no money and are regularly beaten, starved, and exhausted.

The "Dark Side of Chocolate," a film by Miki Mistrati and U. Roberto Romano, examines the ongoing use of child labor and human trafficking in the cocoa industry, with revealing interviews with officials, producers and representatives of the chocolate industry and well as graphic footage of the cocoa plantations and working conditions.

Although these companies, including many well-known brands, have publicly condemned and expressed outrage at the use of child slavery, they admit their ongoing purchase of Ivory Coast cocoa. In 2001, following an avalanche of negative publicity, the major chocolate companies agreed to a voluntary protocol to eliminate child labor on West African farms, but is it working?

Presentation and discussion:

Following the showing there will be a presentation by Nancy Jones, Executive Director of Chicago Fair Trade, and Q & A and open discussion

Light refreshments are served.

March, 2010. 47 min.

<http://www.thedarksideofchocolate.org>

SAVE THE DATES: The Tillman Story on March 27, 2011 and Inside Job on May 1, 2011



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We are people who care deeply about our country. We urge our fellow citizens to be true to American ideals of freedom, justice, and democracy. Everyone is invited to our general meetings on the second Thursdays of the month at 7 pm, at the Oak Park Main Library, second floor book discussion room.

Information, events and resources:

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