218 million children the right to freedom.  
  
 Do you know how much it feels for a child younger than we are to work from dawn to dusk without having the right to be free and the right to go back to their families? Probably not. Many of these children are forced to be child labourers that go through conditions like slavery, bonded labour, and poverty. These children never got to experience the feeling of just being a child. Children that are living all around the world are forced to do something they don’t want to do. *We need to make a difference by stopping child labour and giving all the children the right to freedom and the choice to do what they want to do.*  
  
 “Globally 218 million children are child labourers” (Free the Children- Child Labour) all of these 218 million children are forced into slavery and bonded labour. In the novel *Iqbal* the children in Hussain Khan’s carpet factory are forced to work like slaves and work from dawn to dusk. Children are taken away from their families to pay off their families debt, but in the novel the debt was never paid off:“The debt is never erased.... It doesn’t matter how good you are” (D’Adamo,20). These children have been beaten, maltreat, not feed, and have been turned into slaves and child labourers. “Change will not come overnight” (Fighting Slavery Today). We need to give these 218 million children the best chance of success.   
  
 Children and their families should “have the right to the best healthcare possible, safe water to drink, nutritious food, a clean and safe environment” (Children’s Rights). One of the number one reasons why child labour occurs is because of poverty where children are being bought and sold from their families. Just like Maria from the novel *Iqbal* by Francesco D’Adamo, whose dad was a teacher that could not pay off his debt because he did not have any money, so he had to sell his one and only daughter (D’Adamo). Also Iqbal’s family who did not have any money to pay for his brothers medical care. Children work as young as five just to earn money to keep their families safe, healthy and have a better future.“Ending poverty and increasing access to education are therefore crucial tools to fight against ending child labour” (Free the Children - Child Labour).  
  
 Freedom is one concepts of giving a child gain back their smile. Kids are taken away from their families that do not even get to experience what freedom feels like. Those children who have been taken away from their loved ones at such a young age never got the chance to know the feeling of being happy, the chance to laugh, and just being themselves. Just like Iqbal and all the other children in Hussain Khan’s factory that got taken away from their loved ones, but at the end they got the chance to be free and gain back their freedom. They got the chance to go back to their families and live a better life.We want these children to grow up to experience what life gave them and just being free. We will one day make a difference if we stop slavery, stop poverty and give all the children the right to freedom. “Our greatest natural resource in the minds of our children” -(Walt Disney).   
  
  
  We NEED to end slavery and poverty so that we will finally free all the child labourers and give them all a better future. Even though we live countries away we can still help on making a difference by getting the word out to everyone. If we end poverty families all around the world wouldn’t have a hard time paying off debts and would not have to give up their own children and let their own child work at such a young age and turned into slaves just to earn money or pay off the family’s debt. We need to give these children a better life and grow up with the freedom they have. So get involved and show people that WE can make a difference and change these children’s lives.