ve the last several years, you may have heard us say this phrase, or seen it written on the walls of our office: “It is not the injustice that drives us; it is the magnitude of hope.” In everything we do we’re holding a tension. On one hand, there are more slaves in the world today than ever before. On the other hand, there are fewer slaves per capita than ever before. That means that there are far more people who oppose slavery than ever before in history. We are at a turning point in the story of humanity. This is the first time that we have nearly universal laws around the world declaring slavery illegal. The world agrees that slavery is a violation of our inherent human dignity. And while those laws are too often neglected or unenforced, they give us a strong foundation on which to build a world without slavery.

In 2019, we continued to advance that fight—working toward a world without slavery. This past year was truly incredible for the Rescue:Freedom community, but we’ve come to realize that there are no “easy years” in this work. The ground we take is always hard fought. We love that you are not afraid of that fight. A few words that come to mind to describe our community are: committed, passionate, and hopeful. On difficult days when the odds seemed stacked against us, your faith and courage have spurred us on. When we say we couldn’t do this without you, we mean it in every sense.

This annual report represents so much. These pages, stories, images, and numbers represent astonishing life change. They represent profound sacrifice and generosity. They represent a community of abolitionists united in the fight against slavery. They represent our shared belief that there is always hope.

Take a moment to celebrate your role in making all of this possible. Rescue:Freedom exists because of this community. I hope this report inspires you and encourages you. We’re in this together—and together, anything is possible. There’s a quote attributed to St Francis of Assisi that says “Start by doing what is necessary; then do what is possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.” That’s the journey we are on together. Like St. Francis, we believe that God’s heart is for the marginalized and the oppressed. And we believe that as we do what is necessary and what is possible, it won’t be long until we are doing what previous generations thought to be impossible.

Thank you for believing with us!
173,066 SURVIVORS, VICTIMS, AND AT-RISK INDIVIDUALS
impacted through restoration, prevention, outreach, and intervention programs in 2019

107 DIFFERENT PROGRAMS
holistically and strategically fighting slavery in 19 countries

$3,338,567 RAISED
through 4,006 abolitionists
We exist to empower the rescue and restoration of those in sexual slavery and to prevent exploitation.

Here’s how:

**We work locally and globally.**

Traffickers work in neighborhoods and across country borders. So we do too. We find the best community-based organizations and invite them into our global network of partners. These global connections allow local organizations to fight slavery like never before.

**100% of your donations went directly to ending slavery in 2019.**

Our operating costs were generously covered by private donors so that when you give, you know exactly where your money goes.

**We are the generation that will end slavery, and there’s room for everyone in this movement.**

Every day, we see people just like you use their passion for justice to end slavery one life at a time.
Local Partners are the global team working to rescue, restore, empower, and protect people impacted by slavery. Every Local Partner has a unique approach, customized for their context. By working together, Local Partners and Rescue:Freedom become more effective agents of change. Being a part of Rescue:Freedom’s global network allows Local Partners to extend their reach across borders and oceans. We partner with organizations that can demonstrate unwavering commitment to the mission, programmatic effectiveness, alignment with our core values, financial accountability, and an expert level understanding of slavery.

We offered 107 programs across 19 countries.

402 Global Team Members: Local Partners and staff working together to end slavery.

26 Local Partners in 19 Countries.
We served people from 36 countries, as well as individuals who are stateless and not recognized by any government.
When a person escapes or exits commercial sexual exploitation and joins restorative services after being identified as a trafficking victim, experiencing sexual abuse or exploitation, or is a child of a woman who is brought into a restoration home.

Outreach is a coordinated effort to connect with those who are actively being exploited to build rapport, offer resources, education, support, and a pathway to a new life of freedom.

On average, over 12 people rescued per week.

657 PEOPLE RESCUED
478 adults and 179 children

CONNECTED WITH 11,843
individuals through our outreach programs.

On average, over 12 people rescued per week.
These programs provide services that promote healing and transformation for those who are no longer involved in commercial sexual exploitation or have been removed from vulnerable and high-risk situations.

1,314 ADULTS AND CHILDREN WERE SERVED THROUGH RESTORATION PROGRAMS IN 2019.

ADULTS: 891  MINORS: 423

YOUR DONATIONS SUPPORTED 40 RESIDENTIAL RESTORATION HOMES.

These spaces provide a safe living environment, counseling, education opportunities, and community.

RESTORATION HOMES SERVED PEOPLE FROM 6 YEARS OLD TO 60 YEARS OLD.

Our Local Partner in Thailand moved into a brand new building and WELCOMED EIGHT YOUNG SURVIVORS INTO THEIR CARE.

"Finley has had a really hard year as she is still attempting to testify in her court cases. She has some mental delays and is at a second-grade level academically. But she has grown in learning the alphabet, learning some necessary social behavior boundaries, and even becoming more confident in telling her story for the court cases. To see her smile and laugh and learn to love herself has been the greatest joy. She is a beautiful girl and we are so pleased she can see beauty in herself!" - Local Partner in Eswatini

"I now love myself and understand who I am. I see myself as beautiful." - Finley, age 14
VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Vocational training programs focus on the development of skills and knowledge that assist survivors in succeeding within a particular industry or trade. This gives them the ability to support themselves financially without exploitation.

FROM THE FIELD

"We are celebrating the near completion of our baking/teaching kitchen. Home baking is a new and very popular concept here (currently all baked goods are commercially made). Baking skills open an entirely viable option for alternative employment for survivors. Because of Rescue:Freedom, we have a "dough sheeter" (a serious dough machine for making butterflies, Neapolitans, croissants, and more). It is a commercial machine and a must-know tool for anyone to be hired in the baking industry. It is an incredible addition to our baking school!" - Local Partner in Thailand

780 PEOPLE RECEIVED VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

373 PEOPLE SECURED JOBS THROUGH THEIR VOCATIONAL TRAINING.
Education is crucial for reducing vulnerability for people who haven’t been exploited, and for providing a path forward for people who have experienced exploitation. Making education possible can look like providing uniforms and school supplies to running our own schools and providing scholarships.

In Nepal, we provided scholarships for 300 children to attend school. Many families prioritize sending their sons to school, which leaves girls highly vulnerable to traffickers. By removing financial barriers to education, we are protecting the most vulnerable.
PREVENTION EDUCATION
Educating youth, young adults, or specific adult populations at high-risk of exploitation on topics that reduce their vulnerability to human trafficking. Topics may include how to recognize a potential trafficker, identify victimization, violence against girls, or deterrence of future buyers.

156,588 AT-RISK INDIVIDUALS EDUCATED
about the signs of trafficking and how to protect themselves.

OVER HALF A MILLION AT-RISK INDIVIDUALS EDUCATED
about the signs of trafficking and how to protect themselves from 2017 through 2019.

PREVENTION PROGRAMS
Prevention programs focus on breaking cycles and addressing the systemic and root issues that increase vulnerabilities to trafficking (specifically designed for youth, young adults, or families in vulnerable circumstances). These programs are for people who have not been trafficked but are at-risk or vulnerable to trafficking and exploitation due to environmental or social factors.

2,113 PEOPLE SERVED THROUGH PREVENTION PROGRAMS.

100 girls were added to our prevention program in Cambodia this year. This program works with girls who are at risk of exploitation because of their socio-economic status and family circumstances. This program ensures girls can get to school with the supplies they need, and involves them in after-school programs that develop their leadership skills and helps them plan for their future.
PUBLIC AWARENESS
Educating the general public on basic human trafficking knowledge with the goal to raise awareness in order to prevent exploitation, as well as improve identification and response as a community. 66,930 people reached through public awareness campaigns.

SPECIALIZED TRAINING
These trainings are specialized presentations for professionals that interact with victims with the overall goal of equipping them to identify and respond to victims in the workplace and in their communities. 7,510 professionals received training in 2019.

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY
Any work related to law and/or policy changes that address the issue of human trafficking directly or through related issues such as domestic violence, child welfare, and social services. In 2019, we had 12 Local Partners participating in Legislative Advocacy.

The U.S. State Department included our recommendations in their annual Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Report. The TIP Report is America’s most important diplomatic tool to fight slavery globally.

“This means that there is a valid, official need for our programs and we can now use that in order to approach the Romanian government in addressing human trafficking, in a more systemized way.” - LOCAL PARTNER, ROMANIA
Every day, we are inspired by your generosity, passion, and determination to see slavery come to an end. Together we are making the impossible, possible.

**GIVING TUESDAY**
We set a goal of raising $50,000 with a $50,000 match. You DOUBLED our goal and we raised $151,267 on Giving Tuesday, despite our website being down for 3 hours. We were blown away by your generosity.

**EVENTS**
We celebrated freedom, shared stories and raised funds in 3 cities this year: Seattle, Los Angeles, and Nashville. Together we raised $806,142, more than we have ever raised before.

**FREEDOM FIGHTERS**
Freedom Fighters across the country wowed us with their creativity and commitment to raising funds for freedom. In 2019, we had 237 Freedom Fighters in 33 states. Together they raised $565,064. Since 2013, Freedom Fighters have raised over $1.5 million.

**TEAM FREEDOM**
Team Freedom supports anti-slavery efforts month after month. Their consistent giving fuels the movement to end slavery in our lifetime. In 2019, 265 Team Freedom members raised $234,604.87.

**THE CIRCLE**
The Circle, a generous group of supporters, funded all of our operational costs, allowing 100% of public donations to go directly to ending slavery.

**BUSINESSES AND CHURCHES**
We’re grateful for every single organization that partnered with us in 2019. Thank you for raising funds and awareness and rallying your members, employees, and customers for freedom.
In 2019, 100% of public donations went to ending slavery. We want you to know exactly where your money is going, so all of our operational costs have been covered by private donors. This way, you can be confident that every dollar you give goes to setting people free.

“We know that every dollar given represents a sacrifice someone made to make a difference in this fight for justice. So we treat every dollar with great care, stretching it as far as it will go to make the greatest difference that it possibly can. We voluntarily work with multiple accrediting agencies, and an auditor that specializes in non-profits, because we want to continue to raise our already high standards every year. We expect all of our Partners, programs and teammates to deliver the greatest impact they can possibly generate in neighborhoods and districts most prone to exploiting the vulnerable. And we do it because of a deep commitment to earn and keep the trust of every donor.”

- Del Chittim, COO

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“AM I NOT A WOMAN & A SISTER”
ABOLITIONIST TOKEN

“In 1837 the American Anti-Slavery Society began producing copper tokens featuring a kneeling slave with the legend “AM I NOT A WOMAN & A SISTER”. Based on an earlier design of a chained and kneeling slave used for the seal of the Society for the Abolition of the Slave Trade, founded in England in 1787, this version substitutes a woman for the customary enslaved man. The appearance of the female icon in Britain and the United States symbolized not only a growing awareness of the special vicissitudes that women suffered under slavery as victims of sexual exploitation but also recognition of the prominent role that women were playing in the antislavery movement.” - New York Historical Society

AN EXACT REPLICA
Together, we are ending slavery.

Every donation is an investment in freedom.

Go to www.rescuefreedom.org/donate and help end human trafficking.
We’re In This Together