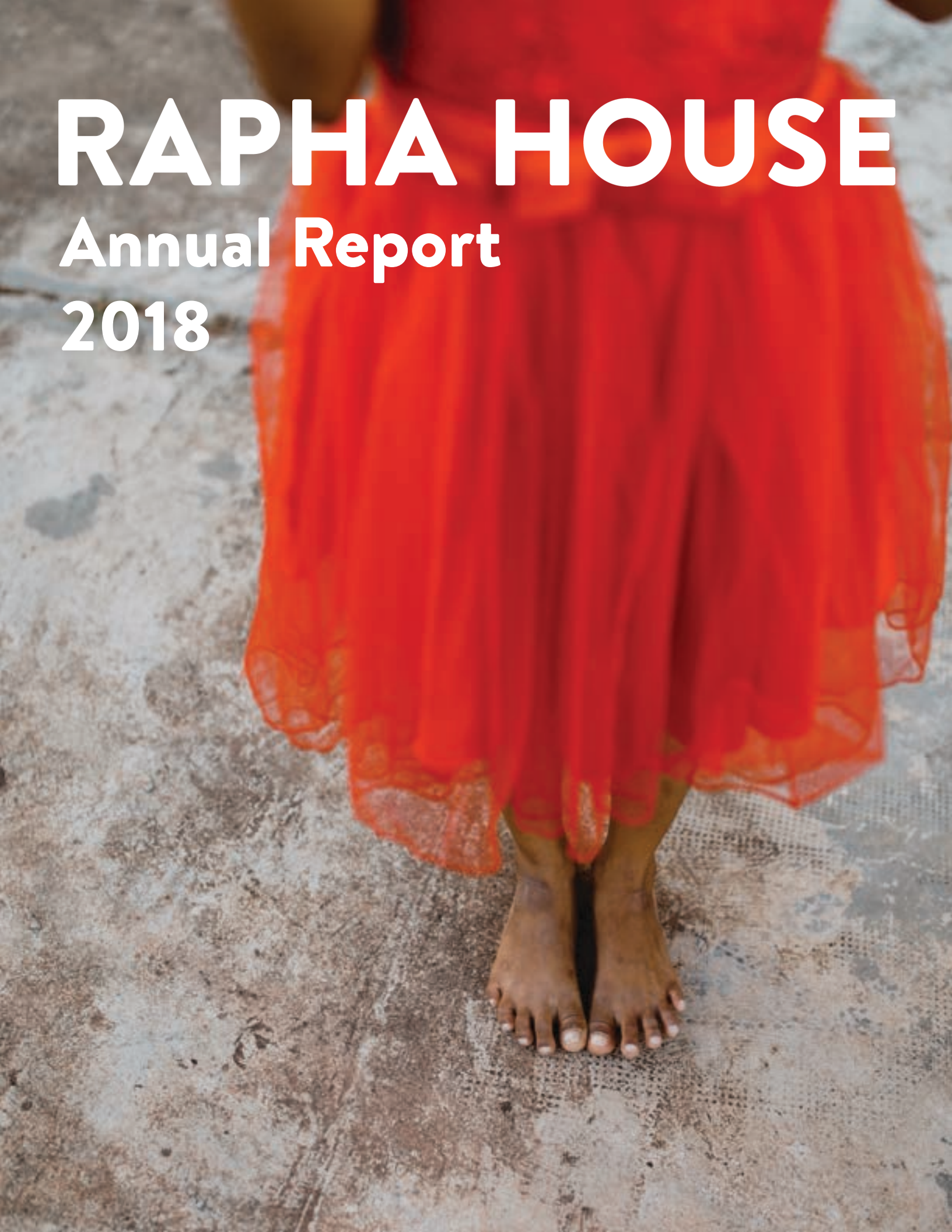


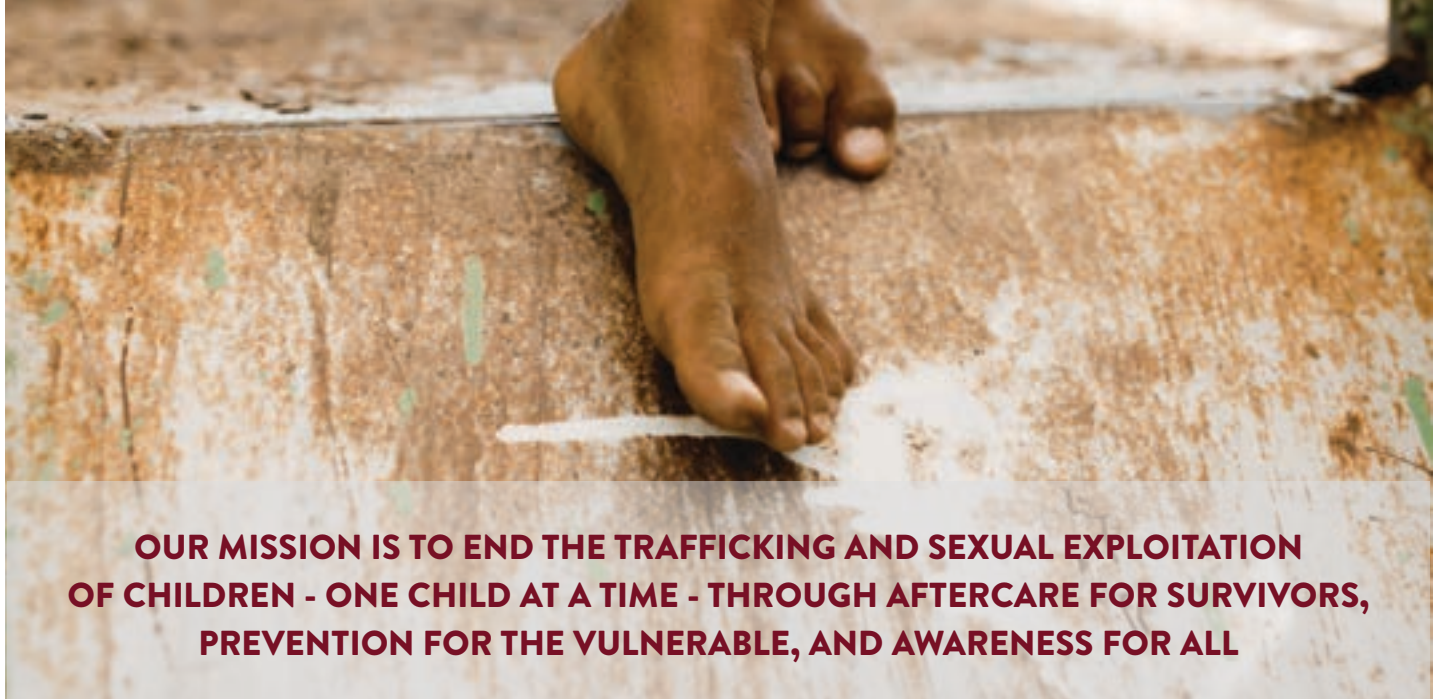
# RAPHA HOUSE

Annual Report

2018







**OUR MISSION IS TO END THE TRAFFICKING AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN - ONE CHILD AT A TIME - THROUGH AFTERCARE FOR SURVIVORS, PREVENTION FOR THE VULNERABLE, AND AWARENESS FOR ALL**

## **DEAR FRIENDS**

Rapha House International ended 2018 in celebration at our headquarters in Joplin, Missouri, where we hosted a gala in honor of our 15th birthday! We spent the evening reflecting over the past 15 years, and all the amazing ways that the Lord has expanded the efforts of Rapha House on behalf of His children.

Along with celebration and gratitude for what has been accomplished, our international leadership team began an intensive strategic planning process at the end of the year to honor the responsibility of employing stability and best standards in caring for the children with whom we have been entrusted.

Friends, the great strides that Rapha House International has made over the past 15 years in combating child trafficking and sexual exploitation is testament to your faithfulness in standing beside us and allowing us to perform this critical work. The Rapha story is your story. Each story of a girl who was once trapped in slavery, and who experiences healing, hope, and freedom in our aftercare programs is a story you made possible.

With you at our side, Rapha House International looks forward to the next 15 years with great anticipation. Together we will end the trafficking and sexual exploitation of children- one child at a time.

With Gratitude-



*Stephanie S. Freed*

**STEPHANIE GARMAN FREED**  
Co-Founder & CEO



## AFTERCARE

2018 marked a year of many “firsts” for us, including our first annual International Directors’ Meeting at our Headquarters in Joplin, Missouri. The directors from our four safe houses spent two tiring but productive days discussing best practices for client services policies and procedures, staff-care, and self-care. They collectively brainstormed solutions for various challenges of providing quality care to the girls we serve at Rapha House. They also provided much-needed encouragement to one another, which we at Rapha believe to be of monumental importance in this fight for sustained freedom. The health of our staff directly impacts the health of our programs and the girls with whom we work. We are committed to providing ongoing opportunities for our International Directors to continue collaborating and supporting one another.

Average Clients in  
Residential Care

**121**

Medical Visits

**1,259**

Hours of  
Care Provided

**1,059,230**

Counseling Visits

**3,106**



Another “first” in 2018 was Rapha House International’s partnership with Joplin’s local child advocacy center, Children’s Center. We joined forces with their Community Outreach and Development Coordinator to offer training to church leaders on the importance and implementation of Child Protective Policies. We started with a couple of presentations at the International Conference on Missions at the end of 2018 and then presented an expanded version to over 100 local church leaders at Missouri Southern State University in early 2019. We hope to continue developing this training tool for the benefit of the local church, as well as our international partners.

We are excited for other projects we are in the midst of developing and polishing, including a new group therapy workbook and training on new assessment tools; we look forward to reporting on them in the next annual report. As Maya Angelou once said, “Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better.” Our goal is to continually learn and grow so we can continually do better by the girls entrusted to our care.



**ROBIN BLAIR, PHD**  
Aftercare Director

## **CAMBODIA**

At Rapha House Cambodia the hidden gems are often the very staff we are blessed to serve and work alongside. Our staff works tirelessly to love, support, teach, and empower the girls and children in our care. We currently employ over 120 staff in Cambodia, who have effortlessly become our brothers and sisters- our family. The very name of Rapha House means house of healing, and that is exactly what we aspire to be. When we envision a home, it is made up of mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, grandparents, crazy uncles, eccentric aunts, cousins, etc. At Rapha House, many of our girls do not have families like this that extend love, care, and protection. Our girls are blessed to be receiving care and a place to call home with people who would have initially been considered strangers, but who are now their adopted family. Ephesians chapter 1 verses 5 & 6 says, "In love, he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves." It is humbling to consider that Christ chose us to be adopted into His family, just as our staff has chosen to join us in raising up this next generation in a way that empowers them for sustainable freedom.

We are thankful for churches like Prairie Grove Christian Church who have adopted our staff at Rapha House Cambodia in an effort to refresh, uplift, empower, care for, and encourage them through staff retreats and continued prayers. This year we enjoyed a time of retreat with our staff as we considered what it means to love well. Our retreat logo had arrows pointing up, down, and out. We reflected on the importance of lifting up our love, lives, and praise to God, receiving His love, and extending that love to others. This is the very picture of loving well in the presence of God, and of how our staff extends love to the children in our care.

Our staff is the backbone of our programming. We could not fully function without each member of our family. Please continue to pray for their faith, unity, growth, strength, and wisdom. We are thankful for each and every member of our family as they are the ones working tirelessly and behind the scenes to raise up this next generation.

### **HANNAH**

Country Director - Cambodia



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## THAILAND

In 2018, Rapha House Thailand was given a great honor as we were one of only two aftercare programs for underage survivors in the entire country to be awarded a new licensure by the government. This registration is noted in the most recent Trafficking in Persons Report, which is provided each year by the US State Department:

“The government registered three NGO shelters during the reporting period that were able to provide services to victims under government authority, although it did not provide these shelters with additional funding to support their operations.”

As a Child Welfare Protection Center registered with the Department of Social Development and Human Security, our top priority is to protect survivors as their cases are prosecuted while providing them with restorative services including counseling, education, and social work. This honor comes with many additional responsibilities for our staff as they must frequently travel to Bangkok and other faraway regions for training as well as opportunities to train other organizations in this critical work. Rapha House is honored to stand beside the Thai government in their efforts to combat trafficking and exploitation.

It is vitally important to prepare the girls we serve for a life of sustainable freedom. Education and vocational training, along with life skills training is critical. This past school year, two of the girls in our aftercare program graduated from high school. While graduations are always a thing worth celebrating, this is an extra special victory for our girls who must overcome so much!







## **CHIANG MAI - SAA PAPER**

Thanks to a generous gift from East 91st Street Christian Church in Indianapolis, Indiana, we were able to begin a new vocational training program involving “saa paper”. Saa is the name for the paper made from the bark of a local mulberry tree. Mulberry trees naturally shed their bark once a year, just after the rainy season. The bark can be pulled off easily and from this bark, sheets of Saa paper are made. Saa paper is renowned for its strength and versatility and various types of traditional products can be created from it. The Rapha girls have enjoyed learning the artistic process of creating sheets of paper and products, making gift bags and tissue paper, among other products. Saa paper is all-natural and environmentally friendly, as many plastic products can be replaced with all-natural Saa paper products. This is an exciting small business opportunity which some of the Rapha girls will choose to implement in their own communities!

Although the work of Rapha House International is very difficult, it is worth all our efforts, as we believe each of the girls we serve is close to the heart of God. Thank you all so much for supporting us and empowering us to run this quality program for underage survivors!

### **TASANEE**

Thailand Director

# HAITI

2018 was a busy year for us in Haiti! We added several new staff members to our team, increasing our ability to provide high-quality care for the girls we serve.

We completed the purchase of land for the construction of a new safe house campus, and are looking forward to having a permanent Rapha House Haiti location after six years in a rented facility.

We worked in collaboration with the Haitian government and other organizations on various child protection and trafficking prevention projects. We were able to take our staff to the beach for a much-needed 2-day staff retreat, and the girls to summer camp, where they enjoyed swimming in the ocean, games and water balloon fights, movies under the stars, making s'mores, and countless games of soccer.

As directors, Gerson and I had the privilege of traveling to Thailand and Cambodia for a time of collaboration and encouragement with our fellow Rapha House International directors.

We formed a new partnership with an organization that specializes in income generation projects so that we can better address the underlying economic issues that contribute to the vulnerability of the girls we work with and their families.

Three babies, who had been born at the safe house, and their young mothers were reintegrated with family members, and one new baby was born a few months after his mom was placed with us.

We continued to provide high-quality care to the girls in the safe house, including medical care, counseling services, specialized education, cultural activities, life skills training, and recreational activities.

Our social workers continued their task of locating the families of each girl placed with us and laying the foundation for successful family reunifications, which is our hope and goal for each of these girls.

We encountered many challenges in our work in 2018, but we were also encouraged by the ways we saw God at work, from the personal growth of the girls in our care to the progress made in child protection efforts in the country as a whole. We are grateful to all of the supporters who help make this ministry possible!

## HEATHER

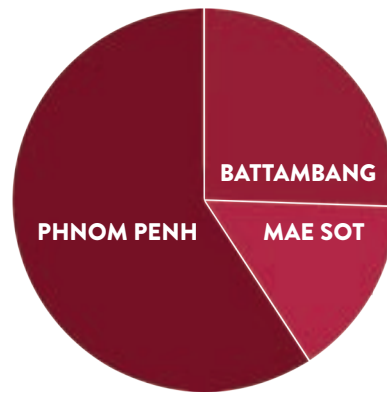
Director of Client Services - Haiti





## KIDS CLUB SPONSORSHIPS BY LOCATION

<b>BATTAMBANG</b>	<b>214</b>
<b>MAE SOT</b>	<b>128</b>
<b>PHNOM PENH</b>	<b>496</b>



## PREVENTION - KIDS CLUB

Kids Club serves as the prevention arm of Rapha House International. Our programs are intentionally located in impoverished and vulnerable communities where children are likely to be victimized by predators. We have Kids Club programs in Phnom Penh and Battambang, Cambodia, and in Mae Sot, Thailand.

By sponsoring a Kids Club child for \$40 a month, you make it possible for an at-risk boy or girl to receive a much-needed education, which gives them the opportunity to have a better life and break the cycle of generational poverty. What truly makes this program unique from other child sponsorships is that each child is assigned a social worker who works closely with their family to provide empowerment and child protection. In addition, Kids Club sponsorships provide medical care, nourishing rice for the family, and a safe facility for children to play, learn, and encounter the love of Jesus Christ. It is a tangible way to make a life-changing difference for a child and also become an advocate to help bring an end to modern-day slavery.

**“For He will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help. He will take pity on the weak and the needy and save the needy from death. He will rescue them from oppression and violence, for precious is their blood in His sight.” – Psalm 72:12-14**

In response to God’s call to care for the poor and oppressed, Kids Club gives hope to the hopeless. We are a testimony of God’s goodness. We are God’s plan. We are called to bring hope and light into a dark world.



**PAT FANCHER**  
Prevention Director

**838 SPONSORED CHILDREN | 1,206 FAMILY MEMBERS IMPACTED**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION: [RAPHAHOUSE.ORG/KIDSCLUB](https://raphahouse.org/kidsclub)**

## KEY METRICS

### Rapha House International provides Aftercare Programs in 3 International Countries



#### Because of Partners Like You:

- We are currently operating 4 Aftercare Campuses
- We are operating 3 Kids Clubs programs for at risk children
  - 838 total kids sponsored
- We employ a staff of over 200 | Less than 10% working in the U.S.

## Keys to Freedom Safe House Partnership

**SAFETY & BASIC CARE** - Foundational needs such as shelter, food, clothing and security

**COUNSELING & MEDICAL** - Healing for wounded hearts and bodies

**EDUCATION & TRAINING** - Personalized education and vocational training plans

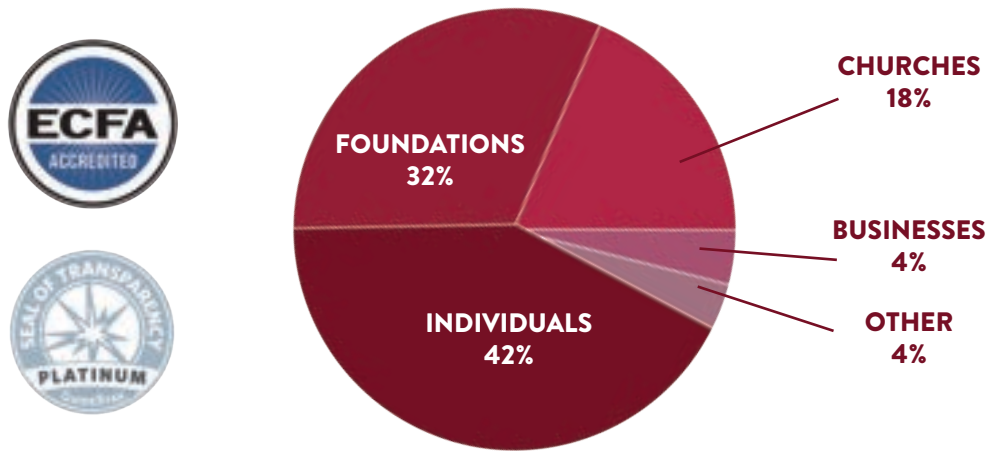
**SOCIAL WORK & LEGAL ADVOCACY** - Community social work and the pursuit of justice

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# FINANCIALS

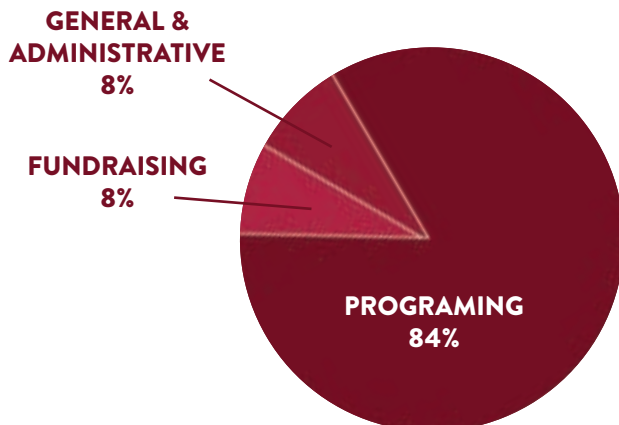
Rapha House is committed to fiscal responsibility and transparency. We are 100% reliant on our generous supporters and are 100% dedicated to rescuing and supporting victims of trafficking and sexual exploitation. We are a GuideStar Platinum Participant and we are accredited by the Evangelical Council for the Financial Accountability. Detailed financial statements, annual reports, and independent auditor reports are available at [raphahouse.org/financials](http://raphahouse.org/financials)

## 2018 Funding Sources (\$4,295,551)

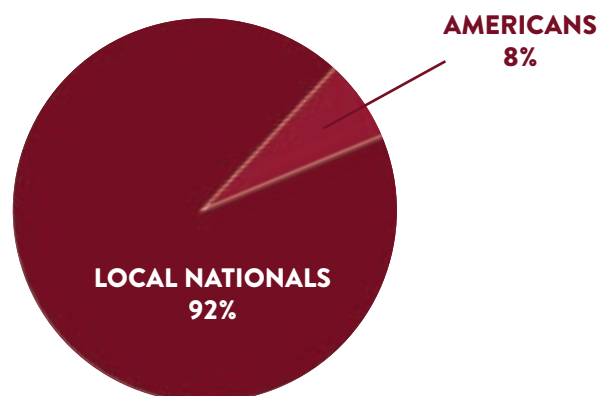


We believe in empowering local staff who speak the heart-language of our clients. In fact, American Staff and Americans working abroad make up less than 10% of our worldwide team.

## 2018 Expenses (\$3,081,115)



## Worldwide Team by Nationality



2018 Net Assets at Year End which is \$5,392,128



## INDIVIDUAL PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Lainie and Lalaine are two students who, over the years, felt a stirring from the Lord to do more for the kingdom, but they were unsure of what that “more” looked like. Three years ago at summer camp, they learned about Rapha House and human trafficking. They began to see how fighting human trafficking was the direction the Lord was leading them. However, as high schoolers, they questioned whether they could actually make a difference.

“At the time, we were just two fourteen-year-old girls from a small town. How were we going to use our passion and knowledge to make a difference, to be heard, and to be taken seriously? So, we began to think of ways we could combine our drive to no longer have a lukewarm faith and our new passion for Rapha House to spread awareness about human trafficking and to make it a topic that no one could ignore.”

Being involved in FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America), these girls have had the opportunity to speak on the topic of human trafficking and present to large audiences around their community and the state. They were even invited to the Missouri state capital to present to many legislators on the issue. Lainie and Lalaine have won contests at the regional and state level for their presentation, including a \$10,000 grant that they chose to donate entirely to Rapha House. Their example shows how anyone who is willing can use their God-given abilities and the platform available to them to fight for something bigger than themselves. They are freedom fighters. We are so thankful for the support and passion of these girls and all that they have done for the children of Rapha House!



## CORPORATE PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Rapha House is grateful to count N2GIVES as one of our corporate partners. N2GIVES is the giving program of N2 Publishing, and they believe in “helping those who are best at helping others.” This is their philosophy:

“Nonprofits need money to do their work. N2 generates money as a result of our work. This is the perfect partnership; a synergy that leads to real change. To fight human trafficking, it takes people who are willing to go and people who are willing to send. Everyone can play a part, and our role for now is clear: We will seek out and support nonprofits that are run by people who have big hearts and business minds. We will send as many as possible into areas where human trafficking is ignored.”



**Thank you N2 for standing beside Rapha House in the fight against human trafficking!**

## CHURCH PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Rapha House International is grateful for the years of support and partnership of Christ’s Church of the Valley, Phoenix, AZ! This church family has a passion for combating trafficking and sexual exploitation. They not only support the international work of Rapha House, but were instrumental in birthing a safe house program called Streetlight for underage survivors in Phoenix!

Several teams from CCV have made the long trip to Cambodia to serve in the work of Rapha House and have partnered with us specifically to offer life changing retreats for the Rapha girls.

Thank you, CCV, for your love and support over the years! We are thankful that you are part of this team, combating for children both internationally as well as on the homefront!







## AWARENESS

With approximately 200 international staff, our impact is global. In Haiti, Cambodia and Thailand our team of social workers visits families and local communities to educate about the trafficking and exploitation risks that their own children face. In Southwest Missouri we are members of the SWMO Coalition which is working within the greater SWMO area to increase public awareness through community collaboration and education. Commissioned by the Missouri Supreme Court, our staff has been invited to facilitate human trafficking trainings for law enforcement for continued education hours. We also travel throughout the United States speaking to churches, civic organizations, and small groups.

## FUNDRAISING DISCLOSURE

A copy of the latest financial report, registration filed by this organization, and a description of our programs and activities may be obtained by contacting us at: PO Box 1569, Joplin, MO 64802, 417-621-0373. Rapha House International, Inc. was formed in Missouri. You may view a full copy of our state disclosures at [raphahouse.org/state-disclosures](http://raphahouse.org/state-disclosures)

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## Together we will fight for freedom.

Thank you for all your generosity.  
We would not be able to do this work without your support,  
and only together can we fight this injustice.

**Support our mission by giving at [raphahouse.org/donate](https://raphahouse.org/donate)**

Each gift is one step closer to complete and sustainable freedom.

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**RAPHA HOUSE INTERNATIONAL** is a public benefit 501c3 nonprofit committed to ending the trafficking and sexual exploitation of children. Founded in 2003, Rapha House continues to rescue and rehabilitate children, while bringing them to lasting freedom. Love, Rescue, Heal is more than a slogan to us. It's a way of life at Rapha House.

Our mission is to end the trafficking and sexual exploitation of children - one child at a time - through aftercare for survivors, prevention for the vulnerable, and awareness for all.

