

# RAPHA

INTERNATIONAL

## 2022 ANNUAL REPORT





The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1:9

2022 was an exciting year of growth for Rapha International in many ways which will be reflected throughout the pages of this annual report. Organizationally, Rapha continued to make unremitting efforts to identify and implement better practices in holistic quality programming for the children and families we serve and to expand efforts toward intentional staff care initiatives for those who serve them.

Facility expansion efforts have begun in Thailand with construction of a high security campus for survivors who have open court cases. Rapha purchased a building in Joplin, Missouri, which will serve as our US headquarters and an expanded Hope and Healing Center. This new facility will provide the opportunity to serve more U.S. survivors with critical trauma-focused therapy treatment.

Rapha International places a high value on partnership. The coordination of efforts is the only way to sustainably and effectively combat the trafficking, exploitation, and abuse of children. In addition to fostering collaboration with many vetted organizations, our teams in the US, Haiti, Cambodia, and Thailand continue to deepen and expand important relationships with governments where Rapha has been invited and permitted to operate. In 2022, collaboration with local social services and law enforcement sectors were broadened within those countries of service. In addition, and with the return of unrestricted travel opportunities, Rapha's teams were able to have more engagement with our faithful church and individual partners. We look forward to that continued momentum into 2023 and beyond.

Rapha's staff remained committed and undaunted in a year where Rapha experienced complex and unprecedented challenges. As inflation ballooned globally, some of Rapha's partners had to make the difficult decision to scale back or end their financial giving. Concurrently, the cost of food, fuel, and everything else continued to rise, impacting the current and future budget. Although our staff have found innovative and resourceful ways to cope with tightening budgets, Rapha is in need—perhaps now more than ever—of committed and consistent financial support.

With the exponential growth of online sexual exploitation, our team in Thailand is working closely with our partners at TICAC (Thailand Internet Crimes Against Children) to care for children

upon rescue and to prosecute as many cases as possible. In 2022, the Rapha legal team in Thailand prosecuted 64 successful cases on behalf of the children we serve! When I asked Rapha's lead attorney in Thailand, Po, what he would like for our partners to know, he said, "Tell them that our work is difficult and dangerous, but that we are committed to serving each girl."

In 2022, Port-Au-Prince and its surrounding areas continued to fall to gang control as the sociopolitical context further deteriorated. As food and fuel became scarce and murders and kidnappings increased, Rapha's team in Haiti continued to commute through the violent streets in their relentless commitment to serve and love the girls in their care. Rapha also expanded trauma-focused services in order to reach devastated communities where women and girls have been affected by extreme gender-based violence administered by ruthless gangs that use "rape as an act of war," according to UN reports. Due to the courage of Rapha's team in Haiti, much important data has been collected and is being used to bring attention to this issue at the macro level (for more information, see page 10.)

The light shines especially bright in the darkness, and Rapha's team members are light bearers in the darkness of violence, oppression, and exploitation. This is represented well by Edgard, one of Rapha's security guards in Haiti. On an exceptionally terrifying day in Haiti, an armed conflict raged over several hours between a gang and local police very near our facility. The sound of constant gunfire and screaming filled the air. As the police were actively engaged in the chaos of the battle, they could not be called for backup protection. Edgard was not on duty that day, however, when he learned of the battle raging in the streets surrounding our facility, he left the safety of his home and began to make his way through the violent streets to provide backup for our security guards who were on duty. When Edgard called them to say he was on his way, they pleaded with him to turn around and go home. There was only one way for him to get to Rapha's facility—he would have to go straight through the conflict zone. Edgard persisted, and when he came to the area of greatest conflict, he took off his shirt so that everyone could see that he was unarmed. He put his arms over his head and walked through the battle zone as he repeatedly yelled, "Don't shoot! I'm unarmed!"

Miraculously, Edgard made it to Rapha's facility and the guards on duty were shocked when they heard him yelling from the other side of the gate that he had arrived. Throughout the night, they stood together in protection over Rapha's staff and girls against the threat of an imminent gang invasion.

Edgard's story is an excellent picture of how Rapha team members serve, love, and protect the children of Rapha every single day, even when the cost may be great. Thank you for being part of this team, making it possible for Rapha to run to the darkest places, shining the light of healing, hope, and freedom.



With Gratitude,

*Stephanie G. Freed*

**STEPHANIE GARMAN FREED**

CEO AND CO-FOUNDER





## THE HARD WORK OF HEALING

2022 has been a year of focusing on the excellence of quality in trauma therapy services for the girls in our care in the form of specific training to equip our counselors and social workers with integral trauma informed tools. We continue to encourage and assist in funding higher levels of education for our counselors than is required by the countries in which we serve. **Our belief is that the survivors we serve deserve the best we can possibly offer them and continuing education of our overseas staff is the best way to reach this goal.**

In addition to Trust-Based Relational Intervention, our staff is being guided in Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral techniques that cater specifically to young people and teens who have experienced severe trauma. Rapha's work is associated with the trauma of trafficking, but there are often layers beneath the event of trafficking that paved the way to that experience. **Most of the survivors we serve have suffered severe neglect, physical and emotional abuse, and betrayal by adults in their lives they should have been able to trust.** Many have also endured ongoing traumas like a lack of food, safety, and shelter. Taking into account these layers of trauma that were the foundation for their eventual trafficking changes the approach we take with our residents.

Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) is an approach to therapy that is based on attachment and sensory processing. **Children who have experienced complex trauma need to rebuild their ability to trust others and to make strong connections.** TBRI is an evidence-based technique that uses principles of Empowerment, Connection, and Correction to help children build healthy relationships and communicate about their needs. Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT) is a technique used to address an array of emotional and behavioral difficulties that are associated with trauma in children. TF-CBT teaches children to modify distorted beliefs about themselves and to challenge invasive feelings of guilt and fear, resolving trauma symptoms and laying the foundation for healing and hope.



**ANGIE BROWER, MSW, LCSW**  
SURVIVOR CARE DIRECTOR



Bonia came to us at age 12. By then she had spent three years bouncing between extended family members after her mother abandoned her following her father's death. At one point, Bonia's mother had tied her to her bed at age 9 and told her that she was going to poison Bonia and herself because their lives no longer mattered. Bonia lay in her bed for hours, only to be discovered later by a neighbor. Her mother had packed her things and fled. In each family member's home, **Bonia was seen as a burden, blamed for her mother's actions, and ultimately trafficked by her uncle.** By the time she came to Rapha, she had completely shut down and barely spoke. Her counselor spent months building trust with this little girl who didn't believe anyone loved her or wanted to help. She told her counselor later that she awakened each morning, expecting to be sent away again.

When you believe you are not worth helping, it is impossible to find the motivation to do the hard work of healing. Bonia first had to be taught that she was valued. The toxic foundation upon which her view-of-self had been built had to be dismantled before the work of her trafficking trauma could even be approached. Having a therapist who understands the complex layers of trauma that reside underneath an obvious trauma, like the ones that bring them to Rapha, is vital in unraveling the deep-reaching connections that can keep a person tethered to ways of thinking that will prevent them from living the life they were meant to live. **At Rapha, we believe that life looks like one of freedom, both physically and emotionally, and trauma focused therapy is a necessary part of that.** Thank you for partnering with us to continue to lead girls to freedom in this way!



Staff and girls heading to class in Siem Reap, Cambodia.



# CAMBODIA

At Rapha International one of our core values is holistic care. We value each individual who comes through our doors and we are strategic about implementing programs that improve the health and well-being of the whole person—physical, mental and spiritual. These intentional efforts target our team of local staff as well as the children in our care.

While the work we do at Rapha is holy and meaningful, we are aware that it is also extremely challenging and burdensome on our hearts. Statistics show that professions dealing in mental health and social services experience some of the highest levels of burnout.

We make it a priority to care well for our staff, not only because we value them and we want to keep them on the Rapha team, but also there is a direct correlation between the well-being of our staff and the quality of care our children receive – and we strive for the best.

It is an honor for us each year to hold an award ceremony with everyone dressed in beautiful traditional Cambodian clothing to mark five, ten, and fifteen years of service with Rapha. In 2022, certificates and gifts were awarded to seventeen team members to celebrate and thank them for their sacrificial love and hard work on behalf of the children served by Rapha.

When given the opportunity to share testimony of their experience working at Rapha, several were happy to share.

Sok Kimsoeun, a community worker from Kids Club (five year recipient), shared how she fell in love with the work and the organization, and more importantly, as a Christian, she values that Rapha’s work takes a Christ-centered approach to child protection.

With the medal of honor for ten years of service around his neck, Mon Sarith proudly shared that he never wants to leave Rapha. Among the many things Sarith acknowledged, he commented specifically on how the organization cares for each staff member.

Sieng Sophin (fifteen year recipient) graciously thanked God as she reminisced about her journey at Rapha. From her humble beginnings as a Caregiver, she later became a Counselor and currently serves as the Campus Pastor who leads and cares for the staff and children through spiritual development programming.

While Rapha continues to invest in the development and care of our local team members, the staff with full hearts are about the business of serving our girls with “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.” (Galatians 5:22-23)

On behalf of Rapha Cambodia we want to express our deepest gratitude for our generous community of partners who give sacrificially to make it possible for us to provide holistic care to our staff and children for years to come.

## THEARA SATH

COUNTRY DIRECTOR - CAMBODIA

## JENNI SNYDER

ACTING DIRECTOR - SIEM REAP



# THE KEYS TO FREEDOM

Rapha provides intensive, specialized services to child survivors of human trafficking, exploitation, and abuse.

Staff celebrating Rapha’s team in Cambodia.



- Safety & Basic Care
- Counseling & Medical Care
- Education & Training
- Social Work & Legal Advocacy

The final key is you!



## THAILAND

As we look back over 2022, we are so grateful for all the ways that the Lord has blessed the work of Rapha International. We are thankful for each survivor's journey of healing, and for the wisdom granted to each staff member as they cope with the obstacles and challenges of trauma-focused care. **And we thank YOU for making this work possible through your financial partnership.**

The programs of Rapha International Thailand are constantly growing. Year 2022 again has broken records in all these areas:

- Number of survivors referred to Rapha
- Number of successful prosecutions of traffickers and abusers
- Milestones for survivors in education and vocational training
- Family assessment visits made by Rapha social workers
- Counseling hours provided to girls by Rapha counselors
- Successful reintegrations of girls into their families and communities
- Collaborations with all the relevant departments of the government

As we continue to break records in our service to young survivors, it is clear that the expansion of the program is necessary. We would like to extend special thanks to the Tim Tebow Foundation (TTF) for understanding the need for this expansion and their partnership in the ongoing construction of the TTF Protection Center. Praise the Lord!

Sira is a young woman who experienced safety—for the first time in a long time—at Rapha Thailand. Sira was trafficked as an adolescent and escaped when she was fifteen years old. When she was referred to Rapha, it took her months to actually believe that she was safe and loved.

When she first came to Rapha International, Sira felt cornered and alone. She did not believe anyone had her best interest at heart and made sure they all knew she “wasn’t going to fall for their kindness.” Instead, she was going to fight them. She had always looked out for herself and that wasn’t going to change. She wasn’t prepared for anyone to fight alongside her, but that is what she got.

Her counselors and social workers said that once she accepted the truth of the fact that her trafficker could not take her away from the protection of the Survivor Care Campus, her demeanor began to change. She ate lunch with the other girls. She participated in art, music, and free time. She committed herself to school because now she could actually believe there was a point to it. She even smiled.

Not long ago, she was asked to share her experience with some new girls at Rapha. Sira told them how scared she had been when she first came. **She told them that she hadn’t trusted anyone when she first arrived at Rapha, and how sure she had been that her trafficker would find her and make her pay.** Eyes all around the room focused on her. She was speaking their language.

“You are safe here. I promise you that. I didn’t believe it either, but I was. And I am. I can finally sleep at night. I see a future for myself that I never imagined was possible. You can have that too. You just have to choose to believe me a little bit. The people here will prove the rest to you.” She paused and seemed to connect with each survivor in the room and then repeated, “You are safe.”

We always remember how blessed we are to walk alongside you in caring for these children in their healing journey!



**TASANEE SIRIPHONG**  
COUNTRY DIRECTOR - THAILAND

*You are safe.*



Rapha Thailand is one of only two facilities licensed by the Thai Government to house underaged survivors of trafficking. That license represents Rapha's deep dedication to the coordinated effort to combat trafficking in Thailand. Strengthening local systems and safety nets to protect children is a foundational part of Rapha's work and history.



## HAITI

Organized criminal activities in Haiti's most vulnerable communities have sent shock waves across the whole nation. Prolonged political instability and gang violence, often linked to corrupt state actors and members of the private sector, have contributed to widespread insecurity, economic struggle, and erosion of positive social norms. In the midst of rampant human rights violations, food insecurity, violence, and corruption, living conditions have been rapidly deteriorating for all Haitians.

While gang control of many Haitian cities has increased, the capacity of law enforcement agencies to respond has weakened. During the third quarter of 2022, we witnessed one of the worst fuel crises in Haiti in living memory. Organized crime groups took control of access roads leading to the country's two main fuel storage facilities for weeks, stalling ground transportation of all kinds and disrupting public and private operations, including hospitals and humanitarian assistance to vulnerable groups.

The race among gangs for control of territory has fueled armed conflicts in many of Haiti's vulnerable communities. In recent years, organized criminal activities have become more lucrative with the increase in kidnapping for ransom, trafficking of weapons, and carjacking, prompting men and boys from underserved communities to join organized criminal groups to engage in these illicit activities. In their efforts to subjugate communities, members of armed groups terrorize residents and abuse women and girls, using sexual violence as a weapon. For several years, this trend has continued to undermine decades of progress achieved in advancing women's rights in Haiti.

The proliferation of armed gangs and subsequent conflicts have fueled internal displacements on a massive scale, leaving populations in dangerous living situations and extreme economic vulnerability. Children and their families are jammed into overcrowded classrooms and other buildings used for shelters. Pregnant women and newborn babies languish in inhumane conditions, and men and women lament the fate of their livelihoods that they were forced to leave behind while fleeing the violence.

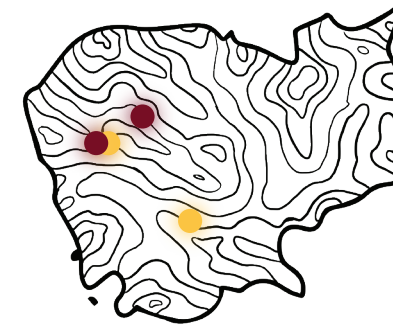
While all Haitian citizens feel the weight of organized criminal activities daily, women and girls often endure the brunt of abuse as they are disproportionately targeted for sexual violence by members of armed gangs. Survivors often lack the support they need to cope with the trauma, both mental and physical, and the economic hardship of displacement and social isolation.

Women and girls face unimaginable obstacles in Haiti. They include sexual trauma, physical abuse, loss of loved ones and livelihoods, and most importantly, loss of freedom. Rapha's efforts coupled with the financial support of UN Women and UNICEF have reached women, girls, and families in hard to access communities. Rapha has provided critical residential care to survivors and their children. Services such as mental health and medical care, economic empowerment and relocation, and community violence prevention have reached 1,020 women and girls and many community actors in the religious, educational, and social sector. The perspective for 2023 is to facilitate access to psychosocial services to thousands more women and girls and double our efforts to prevent and combat gender-based violence.



**GERSON NOZEA**  
COUNTRY DIRECTOR - HAITI

## CAMBODIA



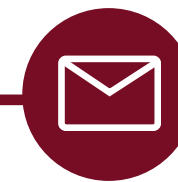
## THAILAND



## HAITI



- SURVIVOR CARE PROGRAM
- PREVENTION PROGRAM



## CONNECT WITH RAPHA

Do you like what you see in this report? Rapha shares similar stories and updates regularly via email and social media! We want to make sure that people like you who support Rapha's work—and those who may in the future—see the impact we are making together.

If you don't see our emails or social media posts, first check that you are subscribed to our email and that you follow us on social media. You can subscribe to Rapha's email list at rapha.org.

If you're already subscribed and following, check to see if the emails are going to your "promotions" or "spam" folders and make sure you "favorite" our social media channels.

Finally, share with your family and friends! Encourage others to get plugged into Rapha's communication so that they can learn more about our critical mission.

## JOSH GREGOR

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR





# PREVENTION: HOPE CAN ALWAYS BE FOUND

Truly, 2022 was a year of transition, growth, and reimagining for Rapha's Prevention program. We've expanded our view of prevention with the knowledge that children are safest when they live in *strong families* and *well resourced communities*.

Rapha's vision is continuing to grow in order to include more programs and projects that will impact children, families, neighborhoods, and communities. We are pressing forward and continuing to identify better practices as we support important community level work that will bring true sustainability and lasting safety. Rapha's Prevention program is built on four goals for the vulnerable children and families we serve:

### To protect children by decreasing vulnerability to trafficking and abuse.

Access to resources—like education, food support, and medical care—decrease a child's vulnerability to trafficking and abuse. Every child enrolled in the Prevention program at Rapha is provided with uniforms and supplies necessary to attend school. Rice is regularly distributed to families involved in the program, to decrease food insecurity.

Through partnerships with local providers, children enrolled in the Prevention program are provided with access to medical care as needed for illnesses, injuries, or chronic conditions. This relieves the financial burden and eliminates other barriers to medical care experienced by vulnerable families.

### To preserve intact families by providing access to resources and support.

Rapha works to keep families together and prevent the institutionalization of children in vulnerable communities. Rapha's Community Workers assess the family's circumstances and connect them to outside resources to assist with housing, health care, safe employment, and other needs. Rapha staff provide social and emotional support to families, and help them build a social network that promotes resilience.

### To promote safety, education, and well-being for children by addressing unique community needs.

In every community where Rapha operates a Prevention program, we work to address community-wide and system level needs that impact children. In Mae Sot, Thailand, for example, ensuring access to education for children has been a top priority, especially after the closure of private schools at the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic. Rapha's staff in Mae Sot have enrolled over 100 migrant children in Thai schools in the last year. Rapha has established partnerships with private foundations and other organizations serving in Thailand to distribute food and medical supplies to refugees living in the Mae Sot area.

### To create opportunities for children and families to hear the Gospel.

Rapha International's Prevention program is mobilized by Christian Community Workers who are highly motivated to promote the mission of Rapha. Each week, children are invited to take part in activities at Rapha's Kids Club community centers where they have the opportunity to build relationships with the Christian staff.

When communities lack resources and experience systemic challenges, all of the community's children suffer. Rapha is relentlessly focused on increasing community ownership and empowering families to break out of the cycle of generational poverty and pursue new economic opportunities. When communities come together to prevent and combat the sexual exploitation of children, real change—sustainable change—takes place. Children thrive and families thrive! Not only that, children get to live their best lives alongside siblings, cousins, and friends, in the God-given model of family and community.

Hope can always be found. We need you now more than ever. Become a Prevention Partner to join Rapha in creating sustainable change and freedom for children. Visit [rapha.org/prevention](https://rapha.org/prevention) to learn more.



Family Services



Community Services



**PATTY FANCHER**  
PREVENTION DIRECTOR





## A WORD ABOUT FINANCIAL INTEGRITY

At Rapha International we are committed to financial accountability and transparency. Our team cares deeply about pursuing this mission with excellence.

Rapha has earned the highest status by Candid (previously Guidestar) as a Platinum Participant in addition to receiving accreditation from the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability. Every year we undergo months of detailed audits from independent auditors reviewing financials from our global operations, then we consolidate all this information into transparent reports for you, our supporters.

You can find more than 300 pages of financial and programmatic information available directly on our website at [rapha.org/financials](https://rapha.org/financials). 2022 reports are subject to independent audit, which will be made available at [rapha.org/financials](https://rapha.org/financials) once finalized.



**TRAVIS BUCHAN**  
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER



## DREAMS COMING TO LIFE

In 2022, many of Rapha's long-term dreams began to come to life.

In the summer of 2022, the Tim Tebow Foundation launched a fundraising campaign to build a Protection Center at Rapha's Survivor Care Campus in Thailand. The TTF Protection Center will serve the most vulnerable children in our care—children with active court cases and potential for dangerous retaliation. A facility dedicated to these high-risk cases strengthens Rapha's relationship with the Thai government and police force, further securing Rapha's place on the multidisciplinary team that is combatting trafficking and sexual abuse in Thailand.

Despite enormous challenges, the doTERRA Campus for Survivor Care in Haiti will be completed in early 2023, more than tripling the number of children Rapha has the capacity to serve in residential care in Haiti. As Rapha adapts to the unique needs of vulnerable children in Haiti, the campus will be a beacon of hope and safety for the communities of Port-au-Prince.

Rapha has taken an important step in expanding our impact for survivors in the United States. We are in an active campaign to raise the funds towards the purchase and renovation of a facility to pilot an expanded Hope and Healing Center, which provides essential trauma therapy services to survivors in the US. Trauma therapy is scarce in Southwest Missouri—and many places in the United States—and Rapha is dedicated to meeting the most critical needs of survivors of domestic trafficking and sexual abuse. Our vision is to pilot the program in Joplin, MO—where Rapha is headquartered—and then expand to other communities to offer services to more survivors. The new facility in Joplin will also house Rapha's international headquarters and a state-of-the-art training facility.

We are so grateful for all of the support that has made these projects possible.

As this exciting physical growth takes place, Rapha's most critical need is for individuals, families, and churches to come alongside and partner in order to provide quality care for more child survivors. In fact, the more steps we take to increase our impact, the more we rely upon those faithful partners. New facilities in Thailand, Haiti, and the United States will become safe havens and valuable resources for children only when they are staffed with compassionate professionals trained to serve children with complex trauma.

Monthly financial partnership is absolutely essential to Rapha's work. Your monthly support pays the salaries of the housemothers, counselors, social workers, teachers, and many others who do the day-to-day work of taking care of the children we serve. Monthly support provides food and clothing, school books and supplies, bedding and teddy bears. It ensures that our girls attend doctor's appointments and court hearings. Monthly support keeps lights on, fuel in vehicles, and appliances in working order. Without your reliable and faithful partnership, Rapha would be unable to provide critical services for child survivors.

It takes all of us coming together to do the work of Rapha. In addition to our dedicated professional staff—now over 250 worldwide—supporters, partners, advocates, and encouragers are all essential to Rapha's mission.

Come alongside Rapha to care for vulnerable children. Visit [rapha.org/partner](https://rapha.org/partner) today!



**ARYN TANKSLEY, MPA**  
DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS AND DEVELOPMENT

*In 2022, many of Rapha's long-term dreams began to come to life.*



## INVESTING IN FREEDOM

I have the privilege of visiting many of our partner churches, families, and individuals. After sharing about Rapha's work, people sometimes say things to me like, "I am so thankful for what you do—thank you for doing this work." I am quick to note what is really the case: the hardest work, and some of the most wildly transformative work done in the whole world, is done by our staff in the trenches—our counselors, social workers, housemothers, attorneys, security guards, mechanics, educators, administrators, nurses, and more—in Cambodia, Thailand, Haiti, and now here in the US as well.

In Cambodia, our staff continues to shepherd the burden and blessing of being our first laboratory for many of our convictions, and the programs and initiatives through which those convictions are expressed. Some of our staff in Cambodia have served with us since the very beginning, in 2003. Their experience and knowledge, forged in the fires of their love for Jesus, is inestimable. Our Cambodian staff continues to take excellent work and only refine it towards more excellence, every day.

This year our staff in Thailand has expanded significantly, while maintaining and even deepening a staff culture that depends wholly on Jesus for strength, wisdom, and provision every day. They are a formidable group, and they give me great heart and hope about Rapha's future, in Thailand and beyond.

In Haiti, our staff face some of the most harrowing conditions that anyone in the world is facing. Every life has been touched by threats, theft, kidnapping, and murder by gangs who control the regions of Port Au Prince. Families of our staff have been devastated by earthquakes and tropical storms. Daily passage to work is fraught. As surely as these things are the case, our staff remains driven by the love of Jesus to care for Rapha's girls in Haiti. Their dedication is heroic, and the creativity and urgency of their work in the hardest of circumstances boggles the mind.

In the US, we are taking everything that we together have learned alongside our team members in Cambodia, Thailand, and Haiti, and contextualizing it for survivors through Rapha's Hope and Healing Center, in Joplin, Missouri. Our staff in the Hope and Healing Center are taking those best practices we've learned, and using them to love and serve US survivors. They are our latest pioneers, and we are thankful for their hearts and their brilliance.

This is the staff you put in play when you partner with Rapha. I can think of no stocks, bonds, or real estate providing as world-changing a return on investment as these people are. Please keep investing in them as they do their work, and in Rapha, that we might together share in this fruit, now and forever.



**DAVID PETERS, MA, JD**

GENERAL COUNSEL/CPO

*Their dedication  
is heroic.*

Team Members in Siem Reap, Cambodia.



## FREEDOM FOREVER

Did you know that you can also give in a way that ensures your dollars keep on giving for years to come? When you give to Rapha International's Freedom Forever Fund, you're giving to an endowed fund that we hope to grow into an asset that will supply Rapha's operational needs in perpetuity. When our operational needs are met, it allows us to look to where we need to go and serve next. If you want your giving to underwrite Rapha's future and ensure more children are served in more places, the Freedom Forever Fund is a great way to give.

Another way to support Rapha in the years to come is to include us in your will. Including Rapha in your will is a once-and-for-all statement about who you are to the generations that will come after you, and will provide love, hope, and healing for the children Rapha serves. You don't have to be wealthy for legacy gifts to matter—your gift, whether relatively large or small, will inspire hope and help build lives of sustainable freedom.



## RAPHA HOPE AND HEALING CENTER

Rapha's Hope and Healing Center exists to serve survivors of trauma in the United States, especially children who have been displaced from their families because of abuse and neglect. Children and youth in foster care have experienced disproportionately high rates of trauma, most often caregiver related trauma like abuse, violence, neglect, and exploitation. Marginalized people experience special barriers to accessing mental health services, and complex problems and particularly negative outcomes when they do not receive treatment.

Children's responses to trauma are generally marked by intense emotional, psychological, and behavioral difficulties. Acknowledgement of the prevalence and impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences, or ACE's, has been growing in academic and clinical settings in recent years. In the decades since the original ACE's study, researchers have drawn the same conclusion: Childhood trauma leads to poor mental and physical health, risky behaviors, and even early death. Childhood trauma interrupts developing immune, neurological, and cognitive systems, often causing permanent damage. Children with complex trauma left untreated are more likely than other children to experience obesity, diabetes, pulmonary disease, smoking, heavy alcohol use, cancer, heart disease, autoimmune disorders, liver disease, respiratory disease, sexual risk taking, mental ill health, drug use, and interpersonal and self-directed violence.

Mental health problems, especially when untreated, often continue from childhood to adulthood. A disproportionate number of former foster children have diagnosable mental health disorders as adults, struggle with education, encounter barriers to employment, and abuse drugs and/or alcohol. These outcomes are tragic for the individuals impacted and create significant burdens for the health care, welfare, and community-based mental health systems.

Rapha International addresses this problem in the United States at the Hope and Healing Center by creating new opportunities for mental health treatment for those who have experienced trauma. The pilot location is at Rapha's headquarters in Joplin, Missouri, and our vision is to expand this service to many other communities across the country. At the Rapha Hope and Healing Center licensed therapists also work with community partners to increase access to treatment, caregiver involvement, and continuity of care.



### EXPANSION PROJECT

Since 2020, Rapha has been serving survivors of exploitation and abuse in the United States at the Hope and Healing Center, located at Rapha's headquarters in Joplin, MO. The Hope and Healing Center is a pilot program, providing services that are scarce for trauma survivors all over the US.

Due to the demand for services, it is time to expand! In 2022 Rapha purchased a new facility that will house an expanded Hope and Healing Center, a state-of-the-art training facility, and Rapha's international headquarters. Renovations will begin in August of 2023!

We are 80% of the way to achieving our goal to complete this project debt free. To be a part of this next exciting chapter for Rapha, visit [rapha.org/next-chapter](http://rapha.org/next-chapter).

Construction and renovation are beginning soon!





# MISSION

Rapha exists to end the trafficking and sexual abuse of children—one child, one family, and one community at a time.



## CORE VALUES *We are*

### *Passionate:*

God's heart for the oppressed drives our relentless pursuit of healing, hope, and freedom for each child we serve.

### *Welcoming:*

We love and serve the children in our care regardless of differences in culture, faith, ethnicity, or worldview.

### *Humble:*

We are honest about our successes and failures, celebrating wins and learning from losses.

### *Servant-Minded:*

We follow Christ's example of servant leadership by serving those in need and empowering others to do the same.

### *Holistic:*

We are committed to the uniqueness of each person we serve and to addressing the whole person- physically, spiritually, and emotionally.

### *Strategic:*

We pursue excellence through research, education, and planning, yet remain flexible in response to changing circumstances.



# VISION

For all children to live in sustainable freedom within safe communities.





## FUNDRAISING DISCLOSURE

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Our mission is to to end the trafficking and sexual abuse of children—one child, one family, and one community at a time.

