

# RAPHA

I N T E R N A T I O N A L

**2019** ANNUAL  
REPORT



# A TIME FOR EVERY ACTIVITY

Dear Friends,

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2 says, “*For everything there is a season, and a time for every activity under heaven... a time to plant and a time to uproot.*” **With a commitment to honor our vision and mission and to drive this critical work forward with strength and momentum, 2019 marked a season of strategic planning for Rapha International.** This was an intentional time of shining a light into each corner of our programming and asking the challenging questions of what needed improvement, what was working well, and what might need to be uprooted. **One of the discoveries of our strategic planning process was that it was time to uproot the word “House” from our name and rebrand as Rapha International.** We released our rebranding announcement in November of 2019 and were blessed by an outpouring of support by our partners across all sectors. You can learn more about this strategic rebrand here- [rapha.org/latest-impact/rapha-international](https://rapha.org/latest-impact/rapha-international)

By the end of 2019, we were already seeing great momentum with many of our strategic plan objectives. Additionally, funding was secured specifically to begin new initiatives that were born out of the planning process. For example -

- The Freedom Forever Endowment was birthed by faithful partners who desire the work of Rapha International to continue to serve not only this generation of child survivors but future generations as well.
- Financing was secured for a transformative new documentary that will illuminate and challenge donors concerning systemic child exploitation in Haiti to be released in 2021.
- A transitional home was launched in Cambodia for older girls who are ready to leave our aftercare program, but for whom it is unsafe to return to their own communities.
- A new social work endeavor was funded, which will help us battle against institutional exploitation of children by bringing crucial training and child protection efforts to Haitian children’s homes.

Rapha International’s partnership with government and civil society agencies was enhanced in every country where we are working in 2019, resulting in the incredible articles provided by our international directors in this report.

**With increased opportunities to engage with government child protection units and with local law enforcement, we are able to exponentially reach more children with life-saving services.**

2019 was a season of planning and growth for Rapha International. As we prepare this annual report for release, we find ourselves in a challenging season- alongside each of you. Ecclesiastes 3:5 says, “*...there is a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing.*” This verse certainly describes a key challenge and discouragement that many of us are facing through the COVID-19 pandemic. We hope that this report will be an encouragement in this present season, and a celebration of what we have accomplished and will continue to accomplish together.

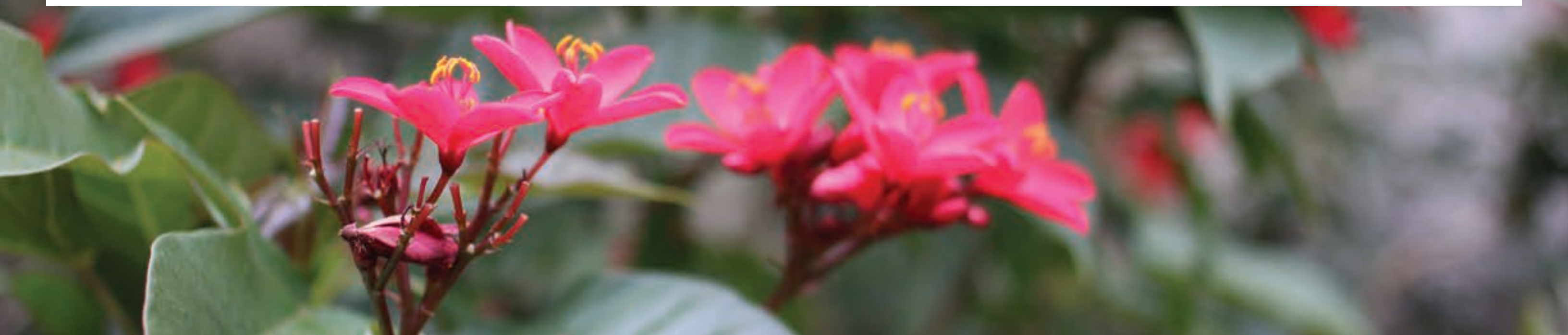
**Friends, you make the critical work of Rapha International possible, and we need your help to keep our momentum strong now more than ever before. Together, we will end the trafficking and sexual exploitation of children— one child at a time.**

With Gratitude,



*Stephanie G. Freed*

**STEPHANIE GARMAN FREED**  
CEO AND CO-FOUNDER





MEDICAL VISITS

1,164

HOURS OF CARE PROVIDED

1,152,670

COUNSELING VISITS

3,189



## AFTERCARE PROGRAM LAUNCHES CULTURE OF CARE AND MORE TRAUMA-INFORMED TRAININGS

**We aim to create a culture of healing and compassion within our aftercare campuses at Rapha International.**

We know that every girl we serve and every staff member with whom we serve is made in the image of God. We honor that image by providing the highest standard of care, which includes equipping our staff to do the hard work of rehabilitation. **In 2019 all staff members across our four campuses received training on Trauma Informed Care, which explained the basics of trauma's impact on the brain and behaviors.** The goal of having a Trauma-Informed organization is to give everyone greater understanding of the dynamics of trauma so we do not inadvertently re-traumatize the girls entrusted into our care. **The Client Services staff received additional training on the Assessment of Survivor Outcomes (created and validated by the International Justice Mission).** This assessment will be a useful tool throughout a survivor's time at Rapha International and will be especially helpful in determining their reintegration readiness. As our ultimate goal is to see survivors living in sustained freedom, it is vital that we set them up for success when they leave our program. Thus, we want to conduct a thorough assessment of their internal and external resources to determine any vulnerability that might exist.

**In an effort to extend this culture of healing and compassion stateside, we hosted an International Directors' Meeting in conjunction with the International Conference of Missions in November.** This was a fruitful week of strategic planning, encouragement, and networking. Rapha International sponsored the "Creating Trauma Informed Ministry Culture" track of workshops at ICOM, which included a presentation of the Culture of Care, the program that evolved from last year's partnership with Children's Center. This program is a combination of expert training and consultation designed to assist churches in promoting safety for children and supporting survivors of trauma. It includes a full-day, three-part training, a policy review, and two phone consultations. We know there is a strong correlation between childhood trauma and re-traumatization at a later age, including sex trafficking. **While we continue combatting the traumatic effects of sex-trafficking around the world, we are also committed to halting the progression of trauma in our own country.**

Like many of you, 2020 has brought unexpected challenges to our aftercare program, as well as inspiring and creative responses. **I look forward to sharing how our talented and hard-working staff members have risen to these challenges. Until then, stay safe, stay healthy, and let us know if we can partner with you in helping foster a culture of healing and compassion in your church.**



**ROBIN BLAIR, PHD**  
AFTERCARE DIRECTOR

**CULTURE  
OF CARE**

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## RAPHA CAMBODIA STRENGTHENS LOCAL LEADERSHIP

**“We believe in empowering local staff” is a common phrase heard around Rapha International and is essential in our commitment to build sustainable programs.** This value was reflected during our most significant development of 2019, which was the finalization of our registration with the Cambodian government as a local organization. In transferring our status from an International NGO to a local NGO, this deeper partnership with local government communicates our intention to develop a long-term sustainable ministry that will thrive into the next generation and beyond.

Bringing this intention into reality requires an even greater investment in empowering our local staff. In 2019 we took steps to continue our staff care and capacity building efforts. This work we are called to is tough and not for the faint of heart. **We are working to develop stronger staff care initiatives that become a regular part of our rhythms to preserve the well-being of our staff and prevent potential burn-out. We also want to take every opportunity for our local staff to train and develop job skills so they can reach their full potential.** We are so thankful our team is eager to learn, grow and serve our girls with joyful hearts.

**All of this investment in organizational development and staff care is for the purpose of providing the very best care and services possible for each child that God entrusts to us.** What an honor it is to act as the hands and feet of Jesus in providing love, healing and empowerment to each of these children who are so precious to Him. We are grateful to partner with all of you in this Kingdom work God has called us to.

### THEARA

COUNTRY DIRECTOR - CAMBODIA

**OUR PLEDGE:  
RAPHA INTERNATIONAL HELPS YOU  
COMBAT CHILD SLAVERY AND  
SEXUAL EXPLOITATION THROUGH  
HEALING, HOPE, AND FREEDOM.**



## CAMBODIA

From the moment she walks through our doors we start planning for her exit. She walks in with her chin down; she walks out with her head held high and a bounce in her step. **She brings with her a heart heavy with pain and shame; she leaves with a heart filled with love and hope.**

**At Rapha International, our aftercare program is designed to love the girls well, to foster healing, and to empower them with skills to walk with hope and confidence into the next chapter of their lives.** Within the first days of arrival, each girl meets with a team of staff who help her determine the major goals during her time with us. While in our aftercare program, social workers also assist survivors regularly in setting short-term goals to promote growth and development for optimal success.

On paper this process looks neat and tidy, but in practice it's a messy mountain of hard work for survivors and staff. Yet, when we reach our destination, there is a breathtaking view to behold. We look back and celebrate all that has been accomplished. We look around and see a future filled with possibility. She looks at the path ahead and sees another mountain to climb, but she steps forward with a sense of purpose and confidence gained from what she has accomplished so far.

**Our vision is to see all children living in sustainable freedom within safe communities.** Upon reintegration, some of the girls we serve are continuing their education with plans to finish high school and go on to college to pursue a career. Some are pursuing further vocational training and working toward job placement. Others choose to work blue collar type jobs in their home areas. Rapha social workers follow up with each survivor until we feel confident that she is living a safe and stable life.

## JENNI

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR - CAMBODIA



## RAPHA THAILAND PARTNERS WITH THE ROYAL THAI POLICE AND THAI SOCIAL SERVICES

2019 was another great year in serving underage survivors for Rapha International in Thailand. As we noted in the 2018 annual report, we were awarded a new license in Thailand as an approved *Child Protection Center* which allows law enforcement to rescue survivors and bring them directly to our gates. There are only a few non-governmental organizations honored with this licensure and our staff members are leading in implementing new standards developed by Thailand's social services department to improve anti-trafficking efforts in the country.

Over the past two years, our legal team has successfully helped prosecute court cases for seven of the girls we serve. **Twenty-one convicted persons are collectively serving more than 305 years in prison for the trafficking and sexual exploitation of minors due to the efforts of the Rapha legal team working alongside law enforcement and social services in Thailand!** These convictions send a powerful message to communities and would-be-perpetrators that there are great consequences for those who exploit and abuse children.

At Rapha International, we believe in partnering across multiple sectors. **In 2019, we worked harder than ever before to gain partnerships with other organizations facilitating anti-trafficking work in Thailand, as well as with the Royal Thai Police.** These collaborative efforts have led to a new contract, signed at the beginning of 2020, which allows our social workers to assist with police-led raids and rescue efforts in order to bring immediate care to survivors. In the first quarter of 2020 our social workers were involved with a major human trafficking raid in the south of Thailand where more than 35 Cambodian nationals were rescued—17 of those survivors being minors. **Rapha International is proud of the Royal Thai Police's work and the Royal Thai Government for their commitment to combat trafficking within their borders, and we are grateful to stand with them in their efforts.**

We are blessed and honored to continue to serve the Lord as we love and protect these children who are close to His heart.

## TASANEE

COUNTRY DIRECTOR - THAILAND





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## **RAPHA HAITI WELCOMES NEW LIFE AND A NEW REPORTING PORTAL IN THE MIDST OF POLITICAL UNREST**

**Although there was much to celebrate for Rapha Haiti during 2019, this year was marked by extreme political and social unrest for the country, which brought great challenges to our work.** Our staff faced the threat and sometimes reality of violence en route to and from work each day. Social work efforts on behalf of the girls we serve and their families became more difficult in light of danger on the roads and fuel shortages.

**While it has been historically common for us to have young mothers deliver babies while they are with us, we cared for six babies born to girls in our aftercare program in 2019.** This brought about an influx of cribs, diapers, and extra nannies to help take care of babies while their mothers continued their own journeys of emotional healing and education. A baby conceived in trauma can make the road to healing an even more complicated one, but we remain committed to walking alongside each of these girls as they move forward.

Throughout 2019, Rapha International worked to form strategic partnerships with the Internet Watch Foundation, the Haitian government through the National Committee against Trafficking in Persons (CNLTP), and the Brigade for the Protection of Minors (BPM). Through these massive collaborative efforts, the first portal for reporting and dealing with online child sexual abuse images was officially launched in Haiti on May 6, 2020. This critical reporting mechanism makes it possible for Haitian citizens to be empowered to take action, and it protects children and their futures. **Haiti has gained ground in combating trafficking and sexual exploitation through this endeavor, and Rapha International is grateful to have played an instrumental role in making this possible.**

**Construction of our new aftercare campus forged ahead, although the physical challenges caused by political unrest greatly slowed the process.** We hope to announce the completion of this campus in late 2020. This high security campus will provide a beautiful place of protection and restoration as children find hope and healing.

On behalf of the staff of Rapha International Haiti, we are grateful for our financial partners who make it possible to provide life-saving services for the precious child survivors we serve. **Together, we are changing the future for children, their families, and their communities.**



### **HEATHER**

DIRECTOR OF CHILD PROTECTION - HAITI





## KIDS CLUB SPONSORSHIPS BY LOCATION

BATTAMBANG	195
MAE SOT	141
PHNOM PENH	512

## PREVENTION PROGRAM CELEBRATES SPONSORS

*“And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me.” - Matthew 18:5*

As we reflect back on 2019, I am instilled with a sense of awe and gratitude to our Kids Club sponsors who provide financial gifts to help maintain and operate Kids Club programming in Phnom Penh and Battambang, Cambodia, and in Mae Sot, Thailand.

**As the prevention arm of Rapha International, Kids Club manages programs in impoverished and vulnerable neighborhoods where children are most at-risk to be victimized by perpetrators.**

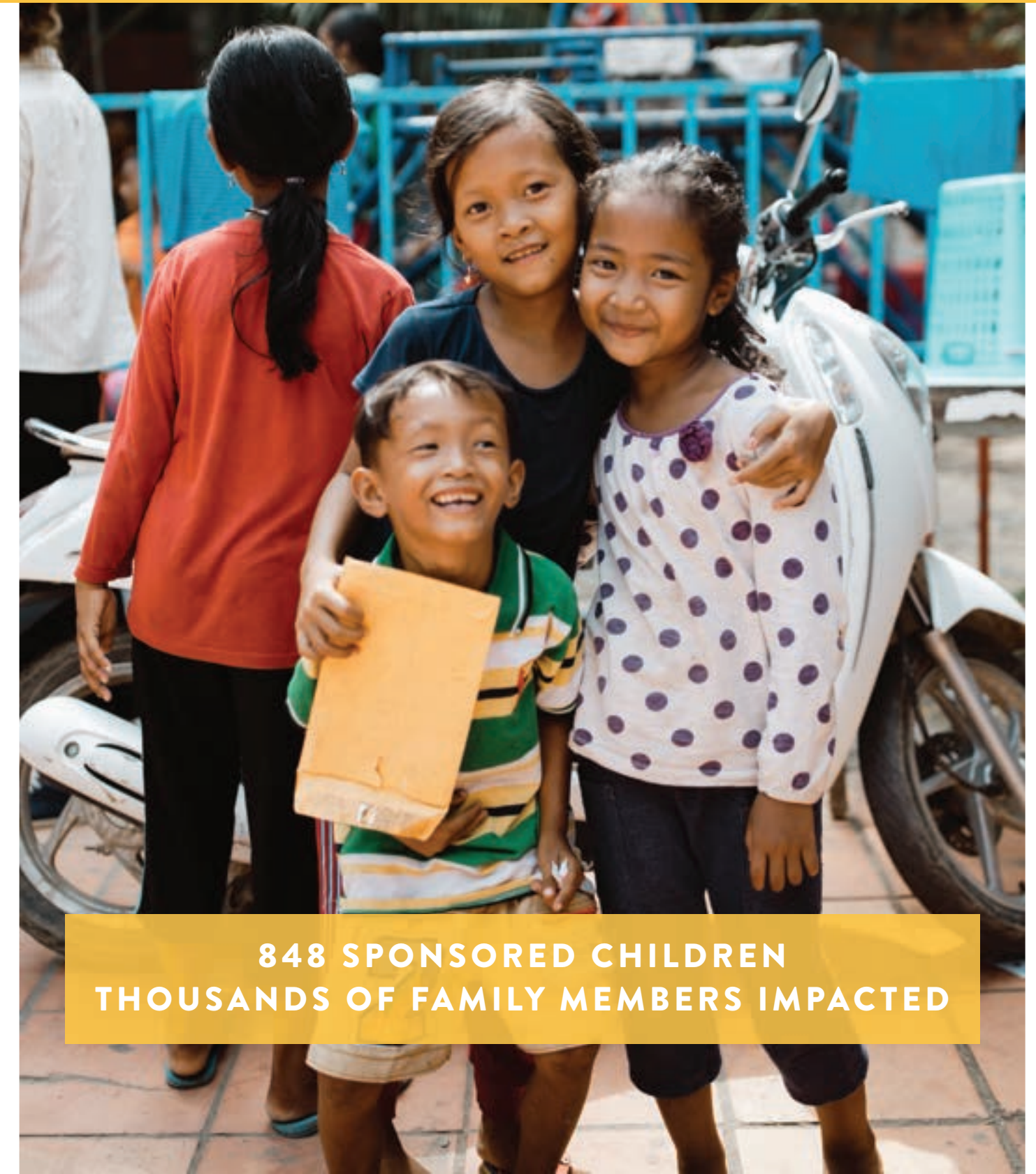
Your sponsorship of \$40 a month positively impacts the long-term development of a boy or girl and makes it possible for them to receive a valuable education and the opportunity for a better future. **What truly sets Kids Club apart from other organizations is that each child is assigned a social worker who purposefully works with their family to provide tools of empowerment and child protection.** Additionally, Kids Club sponsorships provide much-needed healthcare, rice for the family, and a safe environment for children to play, learn, and experience the love of Jesus. As a sponsor, you have a tangible way to make an eternal difference in the life of a boy or girl. **Simultaneously, you become a freedom fighter and advocate to help bring justice and hope to those who are most vulnerable.**

In closing, we are all feeling the weight of COVID-19, and know a lot of financial strain has been placed on our supporters. Please know that we are forever grateful for your faithfulness. You are bringing hope and light into the life of a child.



**PATTY FANCHER**  
PREVENTION DIRECTOR

[RAPHA.ORG/KIDSCLUB](https://RAPHA.ORG/KIDSCLUB)



**848 SPONSORED CHILDREN  
THOUSANDS OF FAMILY MEMBERS IMPACTED**



## A WORD ABOUT FINANCIAL INTEGRITY

At Rapha International we are committed to fiscal integrity, accountability, and transparency. Our global financial team has decades of experience in managing nonprofit finances, and we care deeply about doing this work with excellence.

Rapha International has earned the highest status as a Guidestar 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 who review financials across our seven program locations, as well as our US headquarters. Finally, 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](http://rapha.org/financials).

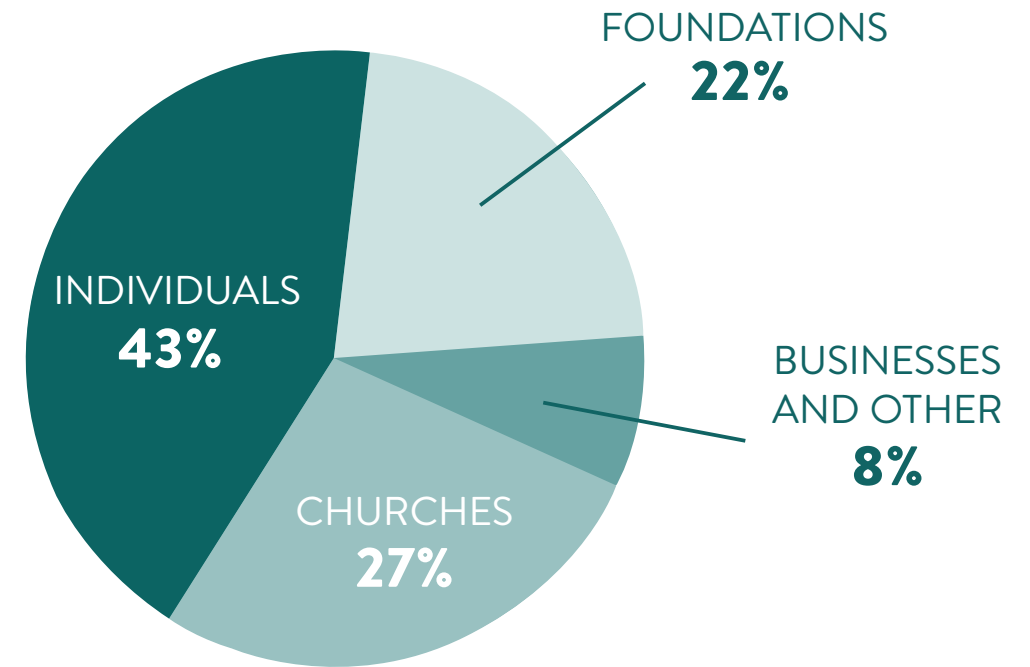
Thank you for entrusting Rapha International with your support as we continue on a mission to end the trafficking and sexual exploitation of children.



**TRAVIS BUCHAN**  
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

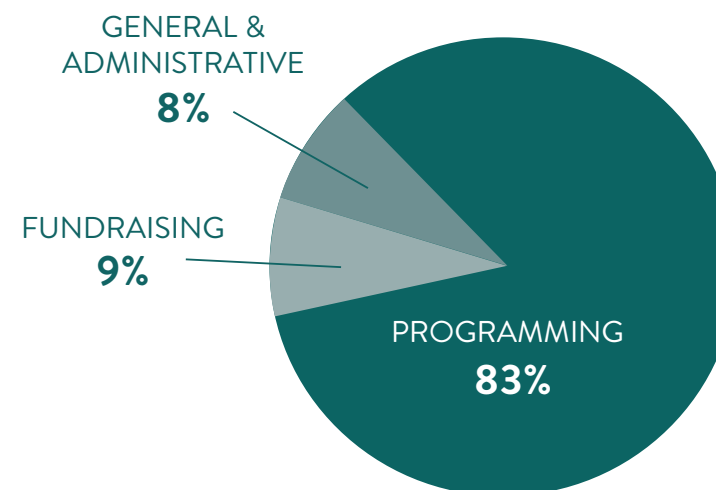


## 2019 FUNDING SOURCES \$3,809,438

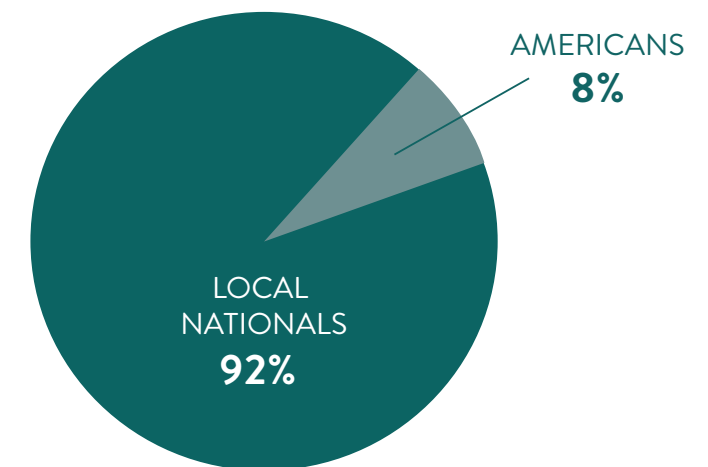


We believe in empowering local staff who speak the heart-language of our clients. In fact, American Staff and Americans working abroad make up less than 10% of our worldwide team.

## 2019 EXPENSES \$3,333,609



## WORLDWIDE TEAM BY NATIONALITY





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

## **RAPHA INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS WITH FREEWILL**

Rapha International is excited to announce a partnership with FreeWill.com. This partnership accomplishes two things: **first, it empowers Rapha to give back to its partners by providing you with free estate planning services, so you can make or update important documents like a will, power of attorney, or advance health care directive— for free.** Cost can be a barrier to people getting estate planning documents up and running. Rapha wants to eliminate that barrier for you, without any sacrifice of quality—FreeWill allows us to do that for you.

**The second thing accomplished by Rapha’s partnership with FreeWill is that it affords you a powerful opportunity to make sure Rapha’s work is provided for not only during your lifetime but after it as well.** During the process, FreeWill encourages you to consider a gift to Rapha International as part of your plans, to make sure Rapha’s mission is supported into the future. Bottom line: this is about your legacy. **We know many of you will want your children and your children’s children and the world to know that you stood up for the most vulnerable, the most forgotten, and the most exploited.** We know that you hope that the generations that follow you will do the same.

You don’t have to include Rapha in your estate plan to get these documents for free—we want you to have them regardless. For most of you, it will take less than a half-hour to answer all of the questions. FreeWill will take your answers and build your estate planning documents, making sure that all the legal requirements of your particular state are satisfied. Then, you print the documents and follow the instructions for how to sign them. It’s incredibly simple: just go to [www.rapha.org/freewill](http://www.rapha.org/freewill) and start the process today. **Because we love you, and we know you love the children Rapha serves.**



**DAVID PETERS**  
GENERAL COUNSEL/CPO

**FREEWILL**

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## **NON-PROFIT AND CORPORATE PARTNERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

Rapha International is grateful for our nonprofit and corporate partners, who desire to protect child survivors and offer them futures of hope and freedom.

*Charleys Kids Foundation is a nonprofit charity founded in 2010 by the CEO of Charleys Philly Steaks, Charley Shin. Charleys Kids supports programs around the world that empower at-risk youth in low-income communities by providing education, healthy food, and mentorship.*

**In 2019, Charleys Kids Foundation began partnering with Rapha International to underwrite a portion of the food budget for the children in our aftercare programs.** When children are brought through our gates in Cambodia, Thailand and Haiti, they are often suffering from issues related to poor nutrition. **Providing adequate and nutritious food is a basic way that we can begin to help heal their bodies while building trust along the way.** At Rapha International, we recognize that food is important nutritionally and emotionally. **The children we serve are often experiencing food security for the first time, and around the dining table, hearts begin to open as friendships are formed with staff and other survivors.**

**Thank you, Charleys Kids, and to all of our nonprofit and corporate partners who make such a difference in the lives of the children served by Rapha International.**





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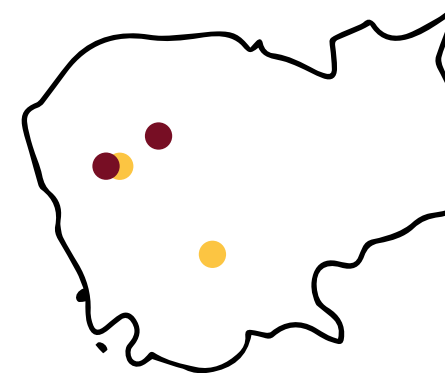
*I cannot wait to see what God has for my life. My life was changed by this awesome organization. I wouldn't be here today without them. They helped me to stand on my own. They helped me to find a real home. Through Rapha, I met so many people who truly love me and care for me. I don't want to imagine my life without them. I always pray for this organization and for the people who work for Rapha! Thank you so much for what you are all doing. May God continue to bless you.*

**CAMBODIAN SURVIVOR**



**RAPHA INTERNATIONAL PROVIDES AFTERCARE PROGRAMS IN 3 INTERNATIONAL COUNTRIES**

**CAMBODIA**



**THAILAND**



**HAITI**



- AFTERCARE PROGRAM
- KIDS CLUB PROGRAM

**BECAUSE OF PARTNERS LIKE YOU:**

- We are operating 4 aftercare campuses for child survivors
- We are operating 3 Kids Club programs for at risk children | 848 total kids sponsored
- We employ a staff of over 200 | Less than 10% working in the U.S.

**THE KEYS TO FREEDOM**

- **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

**THE FINAL KEY IS YOU. WILL YOU JOIN US?**

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## INDIANA PARTNER CHURCH UNDERWRITES NEW TRAINING CENTER

Rapha International is grateful for our partner churches! Rick Grover, Lead Pastor of East 91st Street Christian Church in Indianapolis, Indiana, had this to say about their partnership.

*“Several years ago, we sent a team from our church to Cambodia and saw first hand the incredible need and the amazing ministry of Rapha International. Our hearts and lives were forever impacted when we heard the stories of many young girls who were rescued out of human trafficking and are now receiving love, compassion, training, and hope in the name of Jesus. We carried these stories home to our church family, and they, too, were amazed at the powerful ministry. Two years later, when our church family was moving into a generosity campaign, we knew God was leading us to include Rapha International as part of this initiative. Stephanie shared the vision to develop a new vocational training program at their aftercare campus in Thailand, and we immediately agreed to help make that dream become a reality. We praise God that this program prepares young girls with a much-needed skill for the time they age out of Rapha International, and we are humbled that God has given us an opportunity to have a small part in a big vision.”*

**In addition to providing this beautiful and functional vocational training center for our Thai aftercare campus, the East 91st Street church family continues to partner with Rapha International on a monthly basis, which provides security for our programming and allows us to meet the needs of child survivors in a quality way.** Thank you to East 91st Street Christian Church, and to all of our church partners who make it possible for Rapha International to run to the darkest places with the light of hope and healing.



## FIRST FREEDOM TEAM LAUNCHES IN NORTHERN COLORADO

**In 2018 Jessica embarked on a journey to Cambodia with Rapha International that would start her life on a path she never expected.**

In early 2018, she had never heard of Rapha International. In March of that year, a simple conversation with a friend quickly turned into Jessica joining an awareness trip team. From that very moment it became obvious that God was working in her life. The team traveled to Cambodia that year, and God continued speaking to her throughout the experience and it intensified as she returned home.

***“He was telling me that I was meant to do something, something to help the children that Rapha serves.”***



**A few months later, God gave Jessica the idea to create a team that would advocate for Rapha and spread awareness of the plight that exploited children are facing.** This idea developed into what we now call the Rapha International Freedom Teams. **With the help of her friend Trista, Jessica created the Northern Colorado Rapha International Freedom Team!** They began setting up booths for Rapha International at local craft shows, car shows, and cultural events. They sold merchandise and talked to people about Rapha’s mission, personal experiences, and how they could partner with the work. The team also began hosting an array of their own fundraisers that benefitted Rapha International. They soon pitched the idea to the Rapha International, and we embraced this big vision. Together we have created a model that can be easily replicated all over the United States. **The NoCo Freedom Team’s goal is to create at least one Freedom Team in each state!**

*“In late 2018 I made the decision to give my life to Jesus. From the moment I heard the name Rapha International, I felt God’s presence. For the first time in my life I knew He was there guiding me. It has been a whirlwind of the most amazing kind of change in me and my family’s life. I am so blessed to have experienced, first hand, the impact that Rapha International has made, to have made lifelong friends, and to be a part of furthering this mission!”*

Join the dream of Jessica and her team to have a Freedom Team in each state.  
Contact her at [freedomteams@rapha.org](mailto:freedomteams@rapha.org).

**JESSICA**  
FREEDOM TEAM PARTNER





## AWARENESS

With approximately 200 international staff, our impact is global. In Haiti, Cambodia and Thailand our team of social workers visit 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 RISE Coalition (Regional Intervention of Sexual Exploitation), whose mission is to work together with organizations and agencies within local communities to increase public awareness, identify human trafficking cases, and connect identified victims with comprehensive social and medical services. Additionally, we serve on the Missouri Human Trafficking and Domestic Violence Commission, which aims to make Missouri courts more effective in addressing human trafficking and domestic violence.

## 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 [rapha.org/state-disclosures](https://rapha.org/state-disclosures).

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Love. Rescue. Heal.

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

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 engagement for all.



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