

RAPHA

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ADVOCACY HANDBOOK
HOW YOU CAN HELP



Thank You!

Thank you so much for connecting with Rapha and offering your time and energy to help fight human trafficking and abuse. Rapha's work would be impossible without a global community of advocates who raise funds and awareness. Thank you for being willing to be a part of that community- it means the world to us and to the children we serve together.

People often ask us, "How can I help aside from making a donation?" This handbook is full of ideas and resources for doing just that. We understand that not everyone is in the position to give financially and that there are many other ways to support Rapha's work. We do want to emphasize, however, that gifts of any size make a difference for the girls in our care. Our staff are positioned to work directly with survivors and vulnerable families. Equipping them to do that is a great and tangible way to fight trafficking and abuse.

On average, it costs \$4 per day to provide healthy meals for a girl in Rapha's care. If you can commit to giving \$4 per month, you will be responsible for the health and wellbeing of a girl at Rapha one day each month!

We hope this handbook helps you find ways to put your passion into action to bring healing, hope, and freedom to survivors of trafficking!



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LEARN MORE ABOUT TRAFFICKING & ABUSE

Learning more about trafficking and sexual abuse will equip you to be an effective advocate for Rapha and for survivors of trafficking everywhere!

Here are a few resources to help:

View the Polaris Project's training modules at polarisproject.org/training.

Read the most recent Trafficking in Persons report at state.gov/trafficking-in-persons-report.

Learn about Sextortion and online sexual abuse at thorn.org/sextortion.



Take the online Stewards of Children training through Darkness to Light to learn how to prevent and respond to child abuse at d2l.org/education/stewards-of-children.



ADVOCATE FOR RAPHA

Spreading awareness about trafficking and Rapha's work is essential to our mission. The more people know about us, the more the community of Rapha supporters grows.

Here are great ways to advocate for Rapha:

Like, follow, and share Rapha's content on social media.   @raphaitnl

Speak to your church, business, and community group about supporting Rapha. If you can open doors for us, our staff would also be glad to visit in person or virtually with any group willing to learn more about Rapha!

Host a dinner with family and friends and share about Rapha's mission. An informal dinner can be a great way to share about Rapha's mission and to let people know about the need to support survivors of trafficking!

Stay up to date on Rapha news by adding your name to our email list at rapha.org.



FIGHT TRAFFICKING IN YOUR COMMUNITY

The best way to combat and prevent trafficking in your community is to support vulnerable children. Children living in poverty, in the foster care system, or involved in the juvenile justice system are the most vulnerable to exploitation and trafficking. Find an organization that supports those children and their families in your community and volunteer your time. Do any of these organizations work in your community?

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Court Appointment Special Advocates (CASA) volunteers work directly with foster children and families to provide emotional support and legal advocacy. Visit nationalcasagal.org.

Local shelters, food banks, and community action programs strengthen vulnerable families. Providing material resources for families decreases the risks of exploitation and abuse.

The Boys and Girls Club of America and Big Brothers Big Sisters both provide mentorship and programming for vulnerable children. Visit bgca.org or bbbs.org.

Many other organizations, national and local, serve foster children and vulnerable families. Find one that is a good fit for you!



HOLD A FUNDRAISER

From bake sales to bike rides, Rapha supporters all over the US have used their talents to fundraise for Rapha. We are so grateful for the creativity and commitment! You can set up a fundraising page at rapha.org/fundraise, and all digital payments processed on that page will go directly to Rapha.

Here are some ideas to get you started:

Can you make something to sell? Rapha supporters have sold t-shirts, jewelry, baked goods, and all kinds of other things to benefit Rapha.

Events like 5k runs and bike rides are really fun ways to raise money and introduce people to Rapha's work. There are lots of tips and guides online to help you get started!

Sometimes the best way to raise funds is to ask for them. Host a dinner and ask people in attendance to invest in Rapha's work.



PRAY FOR RAPHA

It means the world to us to hear that our supporters are praying for Rapha's work—particularly for our staff and the children in our care.

Here are some prayer prompts to get you started:

Pray for each child in Rapha's care to find her unique path to healing, hope, and freedom.

Pray for protection against vicarious trauma for our staff who work tirelessly on the front lines everyday. Pray that they will find peace and joy in their work.

Pray for safety for everyone in Haiti and for an end to oppression and gang violence.

Pray for safety and provisions for refugees fleeing Myanmar, living in abject poverty on the Thai border near Rapha's prevention center in Mae Sot, Thailand.

Pray for peace and resolution of political and social uncertainty in Cambodia and Thailand.



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