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## **CALIFORNIA**

**Home of Hope** || *Supported by the Penn Jersey District Hillsborough, CA*

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Home is Hope (HOH) is a California-based nonprofit that brings security and skills to vulnerable South Asian children through supporting high quality educational programs across India. They focus on children who have been orphaned, abandoned, or have disabilities. Their dedicated HOH team, all with strong roots in India, identify organizations that exemplify integrity, accountability, and commitment to impactful change. They raise funds for these projects and complementary programs, like their innovative Educate to Empower program, and monitor their progress as they serve India's most vulnerable children. With minimal overhead, as they are entirely volunteer driven, they have brought incredible change to the lives of over 100,000 of India's youth.

Their projects spread over multiple states in India, and now serve over 30,000 children of all ages. All projects provide quality education for children, specifically girls, through four core areas: computer education, vocational training, disability and mental health, and k-12 education. Home of Hope projects bring safety and new opportunities by nurturing children, building their confidence, and providing well-tested educational opportunities –

especially for those who are deaf, blind, abandoned, orphaned, physically or mentally challenged, or otherwise disadvantaged.

## **GEORGIA**

**Hephzibah House** | | *Auxiliary ministry of the Wesleyan Church International*

Macon, GA

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Hephzibah assists the Georgia Department of Children and Families (DFCS) through the care of four teenage girls who have been rescued from sex trafficking. They provide medical care, clothing and a safe home for girls to heal from trauma.

The Program Director trains all staff on the latest trends in sex trafficking as well as providing them with the tools necessary to ensure every girl in the program has the best possible care available to them. Additionally, they have been able to coordinate conversations and joint efforts with partner churches and groups in both Canada and the USA as they attempt to address this trauma for children who are living in their own communities.

**Operation Liberate** | | *Supported by 12 Stone Church*

Lawrenceville, GA

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Operation Liberate exists to locate and free those victims who can't reach out. Operation Liberate conducts investigations in Metro Atlanta and the Southeastern U.S. as well as certain countries in Latin America. Since 2011, Operation Liberate has located hundreds of sex trafficking victims and been involved in the rescue of dozens. They have also identified dozens and dozens of traffickers by name and uncovered numerous criminal racketeering groups. They work to serve and assist law enforcement, not against it. Operation Liberate has also formed community outreach teams who regularly conduct

evangelism in neighborhoods that their investigators have identified as hotbeds of trafficking activity.

There are countless stories of redemption from their rescues. “Sarah was a fourteen year old who fell in with the wrong crowd. Her mother, growing increasingly concerned about the activities of Sarah's "friends" contacted Operation Liberate. After hearing the details, we agreed that it sounded like she was being groomed to be trafficked (Often a trafficker will romance his victim before lowering the boom). Their investigators got involved and within a very short time developed hard evidence that not only was Sarah on the verge of being trafficked away, but also regarding her would-be trafficker's current crimes. That information was used to effect his arrest and get him out of her life. Sarah has now distanced herself from these "friends" and is doing much better.”

## **ILLINOIS**

**Eden's Glory** | | *Supported by the Free Methodist Church*

Greenville, IL

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Eden's Glory is a restoration home for survivors of human trafficking. They offer up to two years of safe housing, health care, counseling services, spiritual mentorship, job skills and education-building through a trauma-informed, comprehensive, and holistic Christ-centered approach. They offer life skills and job skills classes through an individualized life plan, as well as providing strength-based, trauma-informed care and counseling. They also assist in providing and developing sustainable long-term housing, employment and a healthy support system, and engage community partners in volunteer opportunities.

The women they serve come from across the country. Their mission is to restore the lives of trafficking survivors so that they can thrive for the praise

and glory of God. They are committed to pursuing the glory of God in all work, strength-based, trauma-informed care, a Christ-centered approach to healing and restoration, ongoing development of community partnerships, and ongoing efforts to train and equip members of society.

## INDIANA

**Purchased** || *Supported by Indiana Wesleyan University and several surrounding Wesleyan churches*

Indianapolis, IN

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Purchased's mission is to educate, equip and empower the community to end modern day slavery. They focus primarily on three areas--educate, committed to raising awareness about human trafficking and sexual exploitation and inspire the community to join the local abolition movement, equipment, providing prevention education for young women at-risk for trafficking through the My Life My Choice program, increasing skills that help reduce their risk of exploitation, and empowerment, by pioneering a mentorship program called ALLIES, the first of it's kind in Indiana. They pair trained mentors with young female survivors of trafficking and sexual exploitation in hopes of supporting them in recognizing their value and worth and empowering them to make positive life decisions. They have served over 150 girls and have seen the impact that positive, healthy relationships can have on these young women.

A few girls chose to share some of their experiences:

“I chose to go down the road of being on the run, the drugs, the sex, and the attention. I'm just glad there is a group where we can discuss the dangerous roads that we shouldn't go down...” My Life My Choice Girl age 14.

“You guys come out of nowhere, swoop in with all this info and encouragement that yes helps me stay strong and have enough confidence in myself to make me believe that I won’t go back to my pimp...Sometimes it’s so hard to stay strong because I know that the easiest thing for me to do is go back to him when I’m struggling. I can go back and he’d have open arms. But I also know I don’t need him and I don’t need that life. I’m finally realizing that thanks to you guys.” - 17 year old girl, My Life My Choice.

“I think this class will help me cause I’m being alerted so if I go home and it happens or leads to what we’re talking about, I can stop it...before it gets to the point of having sex with people I don’t know.” -13 year old girl: My Life My Choice.

“I’m glad I’m in this class. I’m glad to be getting the help I need to finally put my old lifestyle to rest.” -14 year old girl: My Life My Choice.

Thank you for doing this class for us girls. Honestly, if this class wasn’t a thing I would have discharged here and continued with my bad behavior and stripping.” -14 year old girl: My Life My Choice.

**Restored** | | *Supported by Nehemiah Church*  
Indianapolis, IN

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Restored provides services to girls and young women victimized by sex trafficking and sexual exploitation. Their mission is to encounter children who have been extorted through sex trafficking and exploitation by providing them an avenue to find restoration through Christ’s love. Restored provides trauma-informed outreach case management, emergency housing referrals, trauma counseling/PTSD, legal services, safety planning, food/clothing, individualized services, and medical treatment. Along with providing victim services, they work to raise awareness and provide advocacy in hopes of ending human sex trafficking.

## KANSAS

**The Homestead Ministry** || *Supported by Westview Community Church*

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The Homestead was founded under the Westview Community Church. Their mission is to provide adult female survivors of sex trafficking with the opportunity for a life change and a new career path, and to introduce them to Jesus Christ. Each Homesteader develops their own 3-Phase Individual Growth Plan to help meet her long-term and short-term goals.

Their program activities include Bible Study, where they teach topics such as self-esteem, boundaries, identity in Christ, spiritual warfare, and trusting God, Homestead Small Group, which is a small support group meeting with other Homesteaders, Individual Counseling & Therapy, where each woman entering the program is set up with a drug and alcohol counselor as well as a mental health counselor in partnership with Pawnee Mental Health, Health Care, where each Homestead participant has access to primary care, in partnership with Via Christi Health Systems, and Life Skill Classes that are administered once a month, which include classes on Nutrition and Meal Planning, Hygiene, Finances, Relationships, Time Management, and Healthy Sexuality. Each Homestead participant also meets with a licensed trauma-informed therapist during her stay and is matched with 2 to 3 mentors to come alongside her as role models and healthy friends who offer practical help to accomplish the goals she sets in her individual growth plan;

The Homestead has the option for women to come with or without their children. They have been in operation for 5 years this July and have served 40 women. Once they are participants in this program, everything is free of charge and they receive holistic, wraparound services so every area of their lives moves forward in a positive way: physically, mentally, emotionally,

relationally, and spiritually. They also provide job apprenticeships for career training so when the women move on from the program they have a career path they can be proud of and that will sustain them financially.

## **MICHIGAN**

**The Alabaster Gift** || *Supported by the East Michigan District of the Wesleyan Church*  
Warren, MI

[www.thealabastergift.org](http://www.thealabastergift.org)

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The Alabaster Gift is committed to nurturing women who are currently and/or who have previously been involved in sexual and labor exploitation. The Alabaster Gift seeks to support victims to live lives of purpose, value, and choice. They offer “holistic renewal” through restorative programs, personal relationships, and extensive resource opportunities through a Drop-In Center purposed for exploited women. Additionally, The Alabaster Gift is dedicated to spreading awareness and education to schools, at risk people groups, businesses and the community. They regularly train law enforcement, counselors, and the medical community to bring a new understanding about the nature of human trafficking and exploitation.

The Alabaster Gift focuses on training, awareness and education, though their main priority is providing service through a Drop In Center for women. They are the first and only service provider to victims of sexual and labor exploitation in Macomb County (868,000 population, 3rd largest county in the state). They opened their Center last October and have enjoyed the blessing of regularly coming along side women on their journey to recovery.

They are a day program, not an overnight or shelter. There are only 3 other drop in centers in the united states who serve trafficked and/or exploited individuals, with two of them serving the homeless population primarily.

**Project Liberty** || *Supported by Faith Wesleyan Church in Lansing, MI*  
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Project Liberty assists and advocates in the identification, rescue, and recovery of victims of human trafficking. They cooperate with all levels of law enforcement and agencies and contribute valuable information to assist in the apprehension and prosecution of the trafficking perpetrators. They also bring Godly support and encouragement to families, praying with them and for them (if involved in victim's life) and to the recovering victims. They also bring awareness to communities that human trafficking is hidden in plain sight and educate people on warning signs.

One of their girls was only 14, and had agreed to meet a man online whom she thought was a 14 year old boy. When she agreed to meet him at a park in her town, she was kidnapped and taken to a larger city. After she was reported missing, her mother contacted Project Liberty. Their "task force was called in when her mom was so distraught and had nowhere to turn. Investigative services were given at no cost to search and locate her daughter by the Project Liberty Task Force that includes cooperating with FBI, Homeland Security, Local Law Enforcement, and volunteer Professional and Retired Private Investigators as well as community volunteers and resources". She was rescued and found with her head shaved by her traffickers, her appearance completely changed, she was drugged, beaten, raped and forced into prostitution.

Sandra Lawson, executive director of Project Liberty, said that her "heart is blessed for those found, but at the same time heavily burdened for so many more victims. Some are runaways some are not! Some are being searched for some are not. Some are "throwaways" on the streets with no place to go. They are targets who then become victims. Families or parents don't know where to turn. They need [Project Liberty's] support." She also reports and emphasizes that "Within 48 hours on the street, 1 out of 3 runaways will be approached by a trafficker and lured or taken into Modern-Day Slavery! Many of the victims are lured through the Internet and even sold on the Internet like ordering pizza to be delivered. Many are runaways from

Foster Care system and are never reported missing. If we don't find them we can't help them. We at Project Liberty cooperate with law enforcement to help locate missing young adults or runaway children from the grasp of perpetrators "grooming" them for the purpose of selling their bodies. This IS going on in the USA! There is HOPE."

## **NEW YORK**

**P.A.T.H. of Western NY** | | *Supported by Hamburg Wesleyan Church*

Depew, NY

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P.A.T.H. Inc. (People Against Trafficking Humans) is a faith based non-profit organization. Their mission is to end human exploitation through awareness, action and aftercare. The P.A.T.H. Enrichment Center is a safe place for lives to be enriched and hope to be restored through therapeutic support services. To raise awareness, they are dedicated to fostering communication and cooperation between local, national and international groups that work against exploitation. They take action by engaging the community in education and awareness through P.A.T.H. Awareness Nights, events, and advocacy. Individuals can participate in aftercare by joining Street Outreach in the City of Buffalo to provide care items and support to those in need. P.A.T.H. also has a Survivor Support Fund for survivors to provide basic needs, jobs, housing, transportation and other services.

The P.A.T.H. Enrichment Center is a safe place for lives to be enriched and hope to be restored through therapeutic support services. They work with any women or child that is vulnerable, traumatized or has been exploited. Their clients include victims of sex and labor trafficking, prostitution, drug addiction and refugees who experienced torture. They welcome people regardless of their circumstances. They aim to bring hope and healing by representing the love of Christ. Since the formation of the Enrichment Center in 2015 They have cared for over 200 women and children providing spiritual

care, creative arts therapies (music, art and dance), individual counseling, support groups, cooking classes, life skills training, job skills training and more.

A few months ago they had a client come to their center who was a victim of human trafficking that mentioned she was approached by a couple in the city of Buffalo who offered her a place to stay. The woman was pregnant so the client felt this was a safe situation as she needed a place to go. They ended up forcing her to engage in sex trafficking, asked to have sex with multiple men a day. One time a John purchased her, tied her up, locked her in a room and beat, tortured and assaulted her. She thought she was going to die as she came in and out of consciousness and prayed “God if you exist, please have someone find me”. She was found, eventually came to Their Center and said it was the first place she felt safe to share her story.

Sahara is another story. (Her name has been changed to protect her identity.) She came to America with her 3 children as a refugee escaping persecution, torture and violence hoping for a better life. She did not speak English and was understandably depressed because she had experienced so much loss and suffering. Sahara found it difficult to feel safe and accept services from providers. A partner agency introduced her to P.A.T.H.’s Enrichment Center at the beginning of this year and she has since blossomed into a thriving, vibrant woman! She told their partner agency that P.A.T.H.’s Center is a place where she feels safe and loved. She has shared that she feels genuinely cared about and valued. She is a very active client and is learning English and utilizing P.A.T.H.’s support for healing.

## **NORTH CAROLINA**

**Stand Against Trafficking USA** || *Supported by the North Carolina West District of the Wesleyan Church*

Shallotte, NC

<http://statusa.org/>

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StATUSA is a nationally recognized faith-based force of mercy that is dedicated to abolishing 21st Century Slavery. Their mission is to create a refuge

of hope for survivors, families, and communities as they fight to end sexual exploitation in the U.S. and help empower those affected by it. STATUSA supports the organizations that deal with the awareness and prevention of sex trafficking. They also provide a means of healing and restoration for the female survivors through community development through balanced programs combining the Christian Faith with trauma-informed care and evidence-based practices followed by trained community support. They meet survivors where they are with love, respect, understanding and emotional support and stay with them throughout their journey to restoration.

StATUSA believes that their mission is to “Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; defend the rights of others who have nothing” (Proverbs 31:8-9) and “... bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners.”(Luke 4:18) In order to accomplish this mission in the U.S., StATUSA is developing a three-phased approach: Phase 1, Community Collaboration Programs, Phase 2, Survivors Programs, and Phase 3, Community Support & Follow Up Programs.

Allyssa McKenzie, the Executive Director of StATUSA, shared a story of one of their girls.

“There was a young woman we had been helping. She was sexually abused by her uncle at age 7. Then at age 11 she got involved with a 21 year old who made lots of promises, so long as she would service the men in the community. He got her on drugs and she dropped out of school. She got pregnant at age 16, and her "boyfriend" went to prison. She then got involved with another "promise keeper" who convinced her to go to another town and take some other girls with her. Years passed and she was stuck....she tried to get away a couple of times but they always found her. They threatened her son, who she was only allowed to see once a year at a local McDonald's, and tormented her in every way. At age 27 she was arrested for trafficking other women, and selling them over the internet. That is when StATUSA stepped in.

She made huge progress and gave her life to the Lord. The law enforcement knew she was a victim and was willing to help her. There was one person standing in her way--her attorney. He didn't understand her case or

what the law said, so he advised her not to talk us anymore until after her court date. She currently in jail alone again with no support or good influence encouraging her. We are still fighting for her and will not give up. She doesn't see herself as a victim, she believes she deserves everything she gets. StATUSA believes that she has suffered enough and it is time for her to heal. Her story is similar to those that they hear and deal with all the time.”

**Transforming Hope** | | *Supported by New Hope Church, Durham NC Campus*  
Durham, NC

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The work of Transforming Hope focuses on the Triangle area of North Carolina (Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill) with domestic victims of human trafficking, as well as with those at significantly high risk for being trafficked domestically. One of the most impactful things that Transforming Hope has done is creating awareness that leads to active change. There have been some encouraging reports. For example, law enforcement are more equipped to recognize a true victim of exploitation and offer help instead of treating the individual as a criminal. They have influenced their community members to view the girls walking the streets with compassion and empathy instead of judgement. Over the last two years, Transforming Hope served on multiple local task forces where they are the only organization whose focus is anti-trafficking and whose presence acts as an advocate for trauma-informed, evidence-based wraparound care, specifically for trafficking victims in their community. Without them, this population would be overlooked.

In 2015, they helped change the law in NC to require schools to include sex trafficking awareness and prevention across the state. They are also on the UNC School of Social Work's Expert Advisory Group currently working to create a statewide curriculum and response for schools. In 2014, they trained local pediatric nurses and school nurses through Wake AHEC and are now on their Planning Committee to host a statewide conference on human trafficking. In 2016, they began building relationships with over 500 families in a lower income housing community in their area with a goal to prevent trafficking and

to educate residents on the dangers of this crime. As they have become more recognizable and trustworthy in their community, they have been able to work with residents individually as well. This year, they are also working with other organizations to open Durham's first emergency shelter for adult victims of human trafficking and Durham's first drop-in center for homeless and housing insecure youth ages 14-24.

## **WISCONSIN**

**Exploit No More** | | *Supported by Transformation City Church*

Milwaukee, WI

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Exploit No More was founded in January 2013 by several churches in the Milwaukee Metro area. Since its founding, ENM has engaged over 30 faith partners. In phase 1 of their mission, which took place from Spring of 2013 to 2016, they have provided training and prevention education, legislative advocacy and crisis help. In this brief time, ENM has made significant strides toward each mission objective: awareness, advocacy, and aftercare. For example, they partnered with the Milwaukee Police Department, WI Dept. of Justice, and Milwaukee District Attorney's Office to train over 497 individuals on victim identification and response protocols, equipped over 108 men through men's educational events and the No Regrets Conference to understand and fight the demand for child sex and pornography, targeted 172 hotels to equip hospitality staff with missing children posters and national trafficking hotline information from the National Human Trafficking Center, and trained service provider professionals and students at Milwaukee Rescue Mission, Mary University, UW-Milwaukee, and Concordia.

To advocate, they co-hosted advocacy training with the International Justice Mission, Benedict Center, Milwaukee District Attorney's Office and Inner Beauty Center, training 298 individuals in advocacy support, worked to develop a resource manual for first responders, medical professionals and law

enforcement as a member of the Greater Milwaukee Human Trafficking Task Force, engaged 25 partner churches and community organizations in the work Launched Finding Home, a collaborative program aimed at identifying safe foster families for exploited and at-risk youth, and had committee and policy appointments with Wisconsin State Human Trafficking Task Force, Human Trafficking Task Force of Greater Milwaukee, CAYSE Committee – Milwaukee County Children’s Court Comprehensive Approaches to Youth, and Wisconsin Anti-Trafficking Consortium.

To provide non-residential and residential aftercare, they assisted 15 families find help in Waukesha, Hartford, Delafield, Germantown, and Milwaukee, partnered with Inner Beauty Center for immediate victim support, researched and consulted with leading aftercare programs across the country to develop Their aftercare program, and purchased a home to begin licensed aftercare of underage victims of sex trafficking.

The next several years hold major growth for Exploit No More: a beautiful and peaceful home for underage girls who were trafficked for sex, called The Freedom House, is expected to be completed in the summer of 2017. In late 2017 they will be preparing to hire staff for the home, increasing financial strength through consistent philanthropy efforts from their supporters, engaging in more awareness, prevention, and advocacy activity, including working with other community allies to move programs and services forward, moving forward with the licensing process, and building more corporate support. Finally, the Freedom House will open in late 2017 or early 2018. By this time the licensing process should be complete and Exploit No More, thanks to their committed Freedom Fighters, will open a home to help children receive the care, hope, and restoration they need.